

Railways minister seeks US investment in Bangladesh

BSS, Dhaka

Railways Minister M Nurul Islam Sujan yesterday urged the United States (US) government to invest in Bangladesh railways.

The minister made the request when US ambassador to Bangladesh Earl R Miller called on him at the Rail Bhaban.

During the meeting, they also discussed how the US government can assist Bangladesh Railway. The minister informed the envoy about the import of 40 US-made, broad-gauge locomotives.

Under the consignment, the country will supply the locomotive engines in five lots, containing eight engines in each, one of which has already reached the country.

Sujan requested the envoy to look into how US's modern technology can be used in Bangladesh's railway.

The minister also urged the US to come forward for building passenger coach and locomotive factories in Bangladesh.

Economic officer of US embassy in Bangladesh Jeffrey De Corse, Railways Secretary M Selim Reza, Bangladesh Railway Director General Direndra Nath Majumder and other high officials were present during the meeting.

N'ganj fire victim dies at DMCH

UNB, Dhaka

A burn victim, who suffered injuries in a fire in Narayanganj on Tuesday, died at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Mishal (28).

Mishal had received 90 percent burns, said Dr Partha Shankar Pal, resident medical officer.

The fire broke out on the top floor of a six-storey building around 12:30am at Masdair Patanger more area in Fatullah, said Station officer of Mondolpara fire service Belal Hossain.

Mishal's wife Mita (23), their one-and-a-half-year old child Minhaj and Mita's brothers Mahfuz and Sajib were also injured.



About forty people crowd on an engine-run boat, with not one life jacket in sight. Many are sitting on the edge of the boat, risking their lives to cross the Karnaphuli river. Hundreds like them commute in extremely risky conditions every day in Chattogram. The photo was taken near Patenga on Tuesday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

New committee of Old Cadets Association of Sylhet formed

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Ishtiaque Ahmad has been elected president of the Old Cadets Association of Sylhet (OCAS), said a press release.

Dr Samsad Rabbani Khan has been elected general secretary and Chayan Barua treasurer of the association.

The new executive committee was formed for 2021-2022 at its annual general meeting, urther.

The meeting held at Cadet College Club, Gulshan in the capital on February 26, 2021.

Former cadets of Sylhet Cadet College participated in the AGM, the press release said.

Jabbarer Bolikhela postponed in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Jabbarer Bolikhela, a traditional wrestling and fair, has been postponed this year due to Covid-19 pandemic, said organisers yesterday.

During a press conference at Chattogram Press Club, Jahar Lal Hazari, president of the fair committee, said Jabbarer Bolikhela has been organised at Laldighi Maidan in Chattagram every year since 1909 on the 12th of Bangla month Baishakh.

He said the committee postponed the event this year as huge number of people gather there that can worsen the coronavirus situation. It was not held last year too due to the same reason.

Hazari said if the situation improves, the Bolikhela will resume.

Death from stroke and cardiac arrests increased in 2020

Finds BBS report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The death toll from cardiac arrests and strokes increased last year compared to 2019, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) revealed yesterday.

Of the total deaths in the country, 17.9 percent died from cardiac arrest in 2019 whereas 21.1 percent of total deaths were caused by heart attacks in 2020, it said.

A total of 147,259 people died of heart attacks in 2019, whereas the number rose to 180,408 last year.

Mohammad Yamin Chowdhury, secretary of BBS, shared the information at a press conference.

The survey was conducted under the Monitoring the Situation of Vital Statistics of Bangladesh (MSVSB) project. He said about 8,248 people died of novel coronavirus till December 31, 2020.

"There is a slight difference between ours and DGHS data," said Yamin.

BBS has identified 75 causes of death in the last two years.

In 2019, a total of 822,841 people died of different causes and incidents. The number of deaths rose by 31,412 in 2020.

Death from stroke almost doubled to 85,360 from 45,502 in the last two years, reads BBS statistics.

According to BBS, the estimated population of the country is 16.85 crore, and the crude birth rate was 18 per thousand population in 2020. On the other hand, the crude death rate in 2020 was five per thousand population, slightly up from 4.9 in 2019.

Talking to the Daily Star, Mohammad Tusher Mahmood, researcher of Dhaka Medical College, opined that lifestyle and eating habits are responsible for heart attack and stroke.

United Hospital observes World Kidney Day

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United Hospital Renal Care Center has organised a forum with kidney patients entitled "Staying Well with Kidney Disease", marking World Kidney Day today, said a press release.

The event was attended by kidney patients and their family members, who shared the story of their well-maintained lifestyle. About 40,000 people are infected with kidney disease in the country every year, it said.

Mohammad Faizur Rahman, managing director and chief executive officer of United Hospital, spoke on the occasion. He highlighted sincere efforts of all the physicians in kidney treatment.

Dr Md Nurul Islam, Dr Tanveer Bin Latif and Dr Tania Mahub, Dr Shagufa Anwar, director, Communication and Business Development, United Hospital, also spoke.

MARKING HISTORIC 7TH MARCH Photo exhibition on Bangabandhu's life and work concludes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A three-day photo exhibition on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's life and work, marking the historic 7th March, concluded at Sylhet's Shilpakala Academy on Tuesday night.

The exhibition, inaugurated on March 7, was jointly organised by Bangladesh Photo Journalist Association in Sylhet and Sylhet Zilla Shilpakala Academy. Hundreds of people visited the photo exhibition during its three-day run.

In the closing ceremony, AZ Rowshan Jabin Ruba, panel chairman of Sylhet Zilla Press Club; Al Azad, president of Sylhet Zilla Press Club; Swarnalata Ray, president of Sylhet Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Bappa Ghosh Chowdhury, president of Electronics Media Journalist Association (EMJA) were present among others.

At the closing ceremony, speakers said that Bangabandhu's life and work is still extremely influential to Bangladesh's nation building process, and the next generation needs to be taught more about the legendary leader.

They said that Bangabandhu visited Sylhet many times during his lifetime. The history of those times must be collected and protected by photo journalists. Among the organisers, Ashit Baran Das Gupta, cultural officer of Sylhet and Sheikh Ashraf Alam Nasir, president of Bangladesh Photo Journalist Association in Sylhet division, also spoke during the closing ceremony.



Shahnaz Begum, one of six women journalists awarded by Dhaka Reporters Unity for their contribution in journalism, receives a crest from Maleka Banu on Tuesday. The other awardees are Mahmuda Chowdhury, Farida Yasmin, Nadira Kiron, Sharmin Rinvi and Angur Nahar Monty.

PHOTO: BSS

Inspector

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They said they had been asked to come to the office and had no other information. Maruf Sikder said he used to work as a fourth-grade employee at a local newspaper office, but has been unemployed since the onset of the pandemic.

Meanwhile, sources in the Divisional Office of Narcotics Control said that it is true that Maruf was beaten and tortured. However, there are two more cases against Maruf, including a drug case.

Maruf said that he was arrested by the police in 2018 on suspicion of being involved in a fight. He was also arrested by police on suspicion of being involved in a drug operation, but Maruf claims he had nothing to do with it.

Meanwhile, Inspector Abdul Malek Hawlader said that Maruf was only "interrogated" in the drug case.

"Yaba pills were recovered from him. The allegation that the drugs were planted is false," he said, adding that the video that is circulating has been edited.

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relieved of such a suffocating situation. "If we don't get united then none will ensure our voting rights and peoples' welfare will not be ensured."

Termining Digital Security Act as "black law", the BNP leader demanded immediate scrap of the law as it gagged the freedom of expression and has become "a tool of torturing dissenting voices".

Another mayoral candidate of the party Ishaq Hossain said more than a thousand party leaders and activists were abducted in the fight for democratic rights.

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e-Tender Notice (LTM Tendering Method)

Memo No. 233

Dated: 09/03/2021

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This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

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