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Case filed against unnamed

BIWTA 'hides' name of other vessel involved

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Government bodies concerned apparently want to hide the name of the bulk carrier that rammed a passenger launch in the Shitalakkhya in Narayanganj on Sunday killing 34 people.

Around 60 hours after the accident, an official of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority yesterday filed a case with Bandar Police Station accusing unnamed persons.

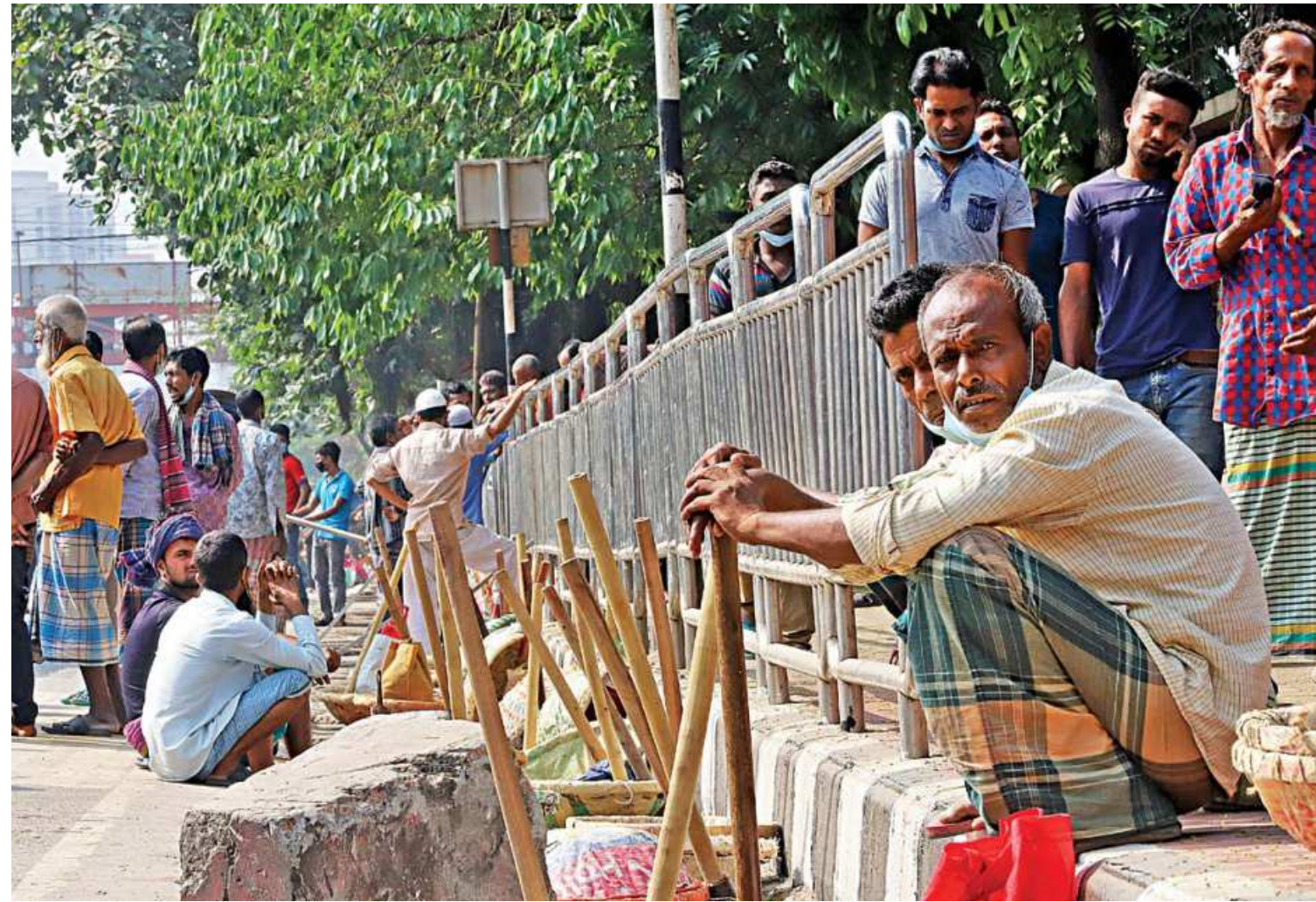
"Names of the cargo vessel and its owner could not be known. So, the case has been filed against unnamed persons. Now, police will trace the cargo vessel and its owner," said Babu Lal Baidya, assistant director of BIWTA at Narayanganj Launch Terminal, who lodged the case.

On Monday, Babu Lal told journalists that they came to know after a primary investigation that the passenger launch was rammed by tanker SKL-3.

Asked about it, he yesterday told The Daily Star that he had learnt that the name of the vessel from others. But it was not confirmed.

In the case statement, the plaintiff alleged that a cargo vessel was being operated recklessly with the aim to kill people, said Dipok Chandra Saha, officer-in-charge of

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Abdul Sattar, in his mid-40s, along with many other men and women, has been sitting in front Natun Bazaar opposite the American Embassy from 6:00am-9:00am in search of work for the past three days since the government imposed a "lockdown". As some businesses had to temporarily stop operation, many day-labourers have not been able to earn enough for their families. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



INDRA MOHAN RAJBONGSHI (1946 - 2021)

End of a life devoted to singing

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Ekushey Padak recipient and Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra artiste Indra Mohan Rajbongshi passed away yesterday at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital in the city after he tested positive for Covid-19.

He was 75. Born in Dhaka, Indra Mohan belonged to a family with five generations of singers. His wife Deepti Rajbongshi and son Dipankar Rajbongshi are

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ATTACK ON POLICE STATION

Police file case against 3,000 to 4,000 people

12 arrested in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Around 12 people were arrested yesterday in connection with the unprecedented attack on Saltha Police Station and the upazila parishad in Faridpur on Tuesday's night.

Md Mizanur Rahman, sub-inspector of Saltha Police Station, filed a case with the station against 88 identified persons and another 3,000-4,000 unidentified persons in the case. Mizan was injured in a mob attack in Fukra Bazar area around 6:30 pm on Monday.

The arrestees are Abul Kalam Sheikh, 35, and his brother Md Ripon Sheikh, 32, Md Elias Mollah, 27, Md Sohidul Islam, 32, Md Rubel Hossain Fakir, 24, Md Yunus Matubbar, 60, Md Sojib Kazi, 19, Amir Mollah, 30, and Rabbi Matubbar, 19, and three 18-year olds.

Meanwhile, rumours of Akram Ali, principal of Bahirdia Madrasa, being picked up and two people being killed by police around 7:30 pm on Monday agitated people, who ransacked some

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Pakistan accuses India in UN



Devil quoting scripture. The cartoon was published in the Hindusthan Standard on April 9, 1971.

APRIL 8, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BRIDGE REPORTED DESTROYED

Bangladesh independence forces said today they had blown up a rail bridge linking the army held cities of Dhaka and Chittagong, destroyed an airfield near

Comilla and captured an army depot holding nine tonnes of arms and ammunition.

AIR STRIKES ANNOUNCED

The Pakistan government announced today that it had mounted air strikes on "hostile pockets of armed infiltrators" in East Pakistan and had also raided "roadblocks erected by

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PM to attend D-8 Summit virtually today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The 10th D-8 Summit is going to be held today with hopes of a stronger global partnership for enhancing the power of youth and technology.

The summit will be attended by Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

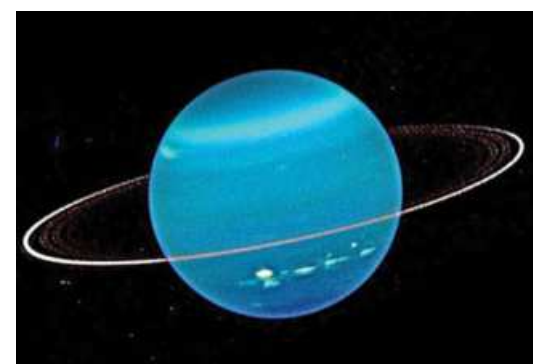
Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will lead the Bangladesh delegation at the summit.

In the summit, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will hand over the chairmanship of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, also known as Developing-8, to Hasina for the next two years.

The objectives of D-8 are to improve member states' position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at an international

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Scientists discover X-rays coming from Uranus



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Astronomers have detected X-rays from Uranus for the first time, in findings that could help them learn more about the seventh planet from the sun.

In a study published by the Journal of Geophysical Research, scientists from the UK, France, America and China said they had detected X-rays emitted by the planet thanks to visuals taken by Nasa's Chandra X-ray Observatory, a space telescope.

They studied observations taken in 2002 and 2017 by the Chandra observatory, detecting X-rays

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HEFAJAT ATTACK

OC of Shalla suspended

Derai OC also transferred for negligence in duty

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Officer-in-Charge of Shalla Police Station Nazmul Haque has been suspended while OC of Derai Police Station Ashraf Islam transferred for negligence in duty during Hefajat-e-Islam's mayhem unleashed on Hindu houses in Noagaon village of Shalla upazila on March 17.

Superintendent of Police in Sunamganj Mizanur Rahman confirmed this to

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PRAYER TIMING APRIL 8

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:40 12:45 4:45 6:21 7:45
JAMAAT 5:15 1:15 5:00 6:24 8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

RIDE SHARING SERVICE

Bikers stage demo, urge govt to lift restrictions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Motorcyclists, who operate their vehicles under different ride-sharing services, staged demonstrations in different parts of the city yesterday.

They demanded the continuation of their services from the authorities amid the weeklong restriction imposed to contain the spread of coronavirus.

The protesters alleged that although the government allowed different means of public transport to ply on the city roads from yesterday, many of them were barred to carry passengers by on-duty traffic police.

Furthermore, traffic police imposed a "fine" to different amounts when they tried to come out and carry passengers only after experiencing economic hardship in the past couple of days, they added.

Around noon, more

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A number of buses plying the Banani airport road after restrictions on public transport were relaxed on the third day of the government-imposed "lockdown", causing heavy traffic in some areas of the capital. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

COUP IN MYANMAR

Security forces kill 13 protesters

Chinese-owned factory set ablaze; group compiles junta rights abuse dossier

AGENCIES

Myanmar troops fired at anti-coup protesters yesterday, killing at least 13 people and wounding several, media said, as a series of small blasts hit the commercial capital Yangon and a Chinese-owned factory was set on fire.

The country's military ruler said the civil disobedience movement was "destroying" Myanmar.

More than 580 people have been killed, according to an activist group, in the turmoil in Myanmar since a February 1 coup that ended a brief period of civilian-led democracy. Nationwide protests and strikes have persisted since then despite the military's use of lethal force to quell the opposition.

Security forces opened fire on protesters in the northwestern town of Kale yesterday as they demanded the restoration of Aung San Suu Kyi's civilian government, domestic media said.

A resident of the area and the Myanmar Now news outlet said 11 people were killed and several wounded.

Reuters could not independently verify the toll.

Two protesters were killed in the town of Bago near Yangon, Myanmar Now said.

At least seven small explosions were heard in Yangon, including at government buildings, a military hospital and a shopping mall, residents said. There were no casualties and no claims of responsibility.

The US Embassy in Yangon said it had received reports

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