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"How did this
happen to
me? What will
happen to our
children?"

NADIRA PARVIN

Wife of Ahsan Kabir Khan, who
was run over and killed by a
garbage truck yesterday



A student of Holy Cross College chants slogans yesterday during the students' demonstration at the capital's Farmgate demanding justice for Notre Dame College student Nayeem Hasan who died after being hit by a garbage truck of Dhaka South City Corporation on Wednesday.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

"The people and the government are hostages to transport sector leaders... They think the government has to meet their every demand and the people have to accept them."

ILIAS KANCHAN

Road safety campaigner

Zahangir loses post of mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

KHALEDA'S TREATMENT
Next few days 'very critical'

Says her physician

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is "still in critical" condition, doctors said yesterday, adding that they were yet to find all the sources of her bleeding.

They said some sources were identified and bleeding from those was stopped temporarily. Some blood clots were also removed.

"We [physicians] are trying our best to keep her vital organs working. She should be sent to a multispecialty medical centre for advanced treatment," AZM Zahid Hossain, personal physician of Khaleda, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Suffering from multiple

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REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA and JAGARAN CHAKMA

Local Government Division temporarily suspended Mohammad Zahangir Alam from his mayoral post of Gazipur City Corporation yesterday.

He was suspended from the mayor post over allegations of graft, power abuse and rules violation.

Seven days ago, he was expelled for life from the Awami League for making derogatory comments on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

After his suspension from the mayoral post, the Local Government Division (LGD) appointed a three-member mayoral panel with two councillors from general seats and one from reserved seats.

Zahangir was asked to hand over his responsibilities to the panel in three days, said LGD officials.

In a press briefing, Tazul Islam, minister for the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, yesterday said, "There are allegations of land grabbing, involvement in activists against the public interest, misuse of power and public money."

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Exciting ride ahead

Experts see both challenges and opportunities as the country on way to graduation from LDC

HASSAN, president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

The country's image has brightened as it has fulfilled all three necessary conditions for graduation: human development, economic vulnerability and per capita income, Rahman said.

The brightened image will bring better prices from the international clothing retailers, according to Hassan.

"Graduation has challenges but the sector is also ready to face those challenges -- we have a lot of time to prepare."

For instance, the primary textile sector is building its capacity to be able to supply more and more raw materials to domestic apparel manufacturers, Hassan added.

"We wanted to graduate and finally we got it. We are happy," said Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi, adding that his government is taking preparation to face the graduation challenges.

Already a high-powered committee with seven sub-committees are working under the prime minister's office to face the challenges of LDC graduation, Munshi said.

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DSCC, DNCC VEHICLES
Chaos-driven

Proxy drivers, lack of registration common for both corporations

HELEMUL ALAM

Almost 60 percent garbage collecting vehicles of Dhaka South City Corporation are driven by contractual or proxy drivers, said a DSCC source.

Besides, most of the DSCC vehicles are not registered with the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA). Similar situation also prevails in Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), the source added.

The sorry picture of the two city corporations came to the fore following the tragic death of Nayeem Hasan, a 17-year-old student of Notre Dame College, on Wednesday. A DSCC garbage truck hit him in the city's Gulistan area.

After arresting Russel Khan, who was driving the vehicle at that time, police said he was not a designated DSCC driver.

According to a DSCC press release, Iran

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DEMOCRACY SUMMIT
US possibly invited 'weak democracies'

Says foreign minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US has perhaps invited the "weak democracies" to the first phase of Summit for Democracy and that is why Bangladesh is not in the invitation list, said Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen.

He made the comment while talking to journalists after attending a discussion on climate change on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

The minister said, "Bangladesh has a stable and transparent democracy for the last several years. Citizens can vote here in a free and fair manner."

In addition, he said he did not believe that Bangladesh was excluded.

"They [the US] will hold the summit in two phases -- one in this year and another the next... Maybe we will be invited to the second phase."

As it was mentioned that the US was a valued partner in development,

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Boatmen waiting for passengers on the banks of the Buriganga in the capital's Keraniganj area. While the High Court has passed many orders for the protection of the country's rivers, the Buriganga continues to be a victim of pollution as dyeing factories in the area dump their toxic wastes right into the river. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

BHASHAN CHAR RELOCATION UN looking to plug the gaps

UN Resident Coordinator
Mia Seppo says in interview
with The Daily Star

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The UN is looking to strengthen the operations of national NGOs that have been providing support to the Rohingyas on Bhasan Char, said outgoing UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo.

"We will build on what national NGOs are doing on the island -- we can complement the critical work that is being undertaken by bringing in technical expertise, facilitating coordination between humanitarian actors, and addressing protection gaps to safeguard the Rohingya," she told The Daily Star in a recent interview.

In her four-year stay in Bangladesh, she led the UN Country Team's response to the Rohingya crisis and the coronavirus pandemic. She will soon join her new assignment in Zimbabwe.

"We are also working with the government to make sure that the next round of relocations, planned before the next monsoon season, will be peaceful. There is no need to create panic and fear."

The government has so far relocated nearly 20,000 Rohingyas to Bhasan Char from the crowded camps in Cox's Bazar where security concerns have risen after the killing of Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah last month.



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