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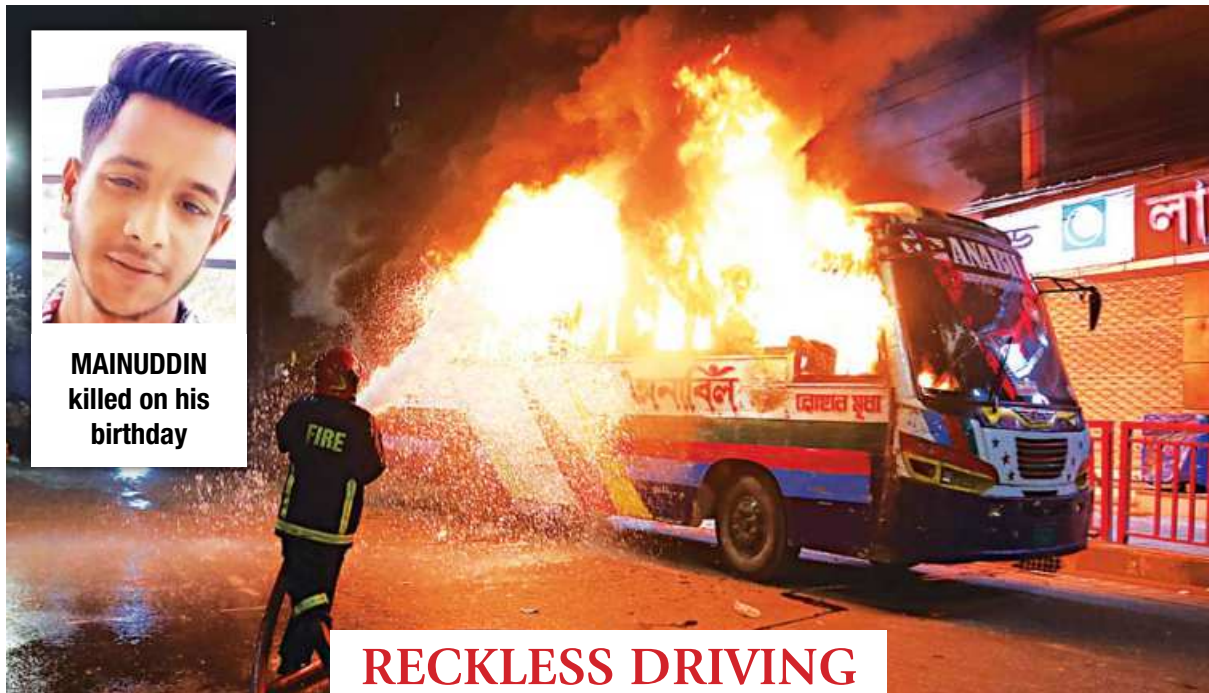
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MAINUDDIN  
killed on his  
birthday

## RECKLESS DRIVING

# Another student killed

Protesters block road and set fire to 9 buses in city's Rampura

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another student was run over and killed by a recklessly driven bus and a mob in protest vandalised and torched 9 buses on DIT Road in Rampura late last night.

Witnesses said the bus belonging to Anabil Paribahan hit Md Mainuddin Islam, 19, around

9:50pm while he was crossing the DIT Road. As he fell on the ground, the bus went over him.

The bus heading towards Malibagh was racing with another bus, witnesses this paper spoke to claimed.

Soon after the news of Mainuddin's death spread, several hundred of his neighbours from

East Rampura rushed to the spot and blocked the road. Many locals and pedestrians joined them.

The protesters then vandalised at least 10 buses and set at least nine of them on fire.

Police then resorted to charging truncheons to disperse the protesters. Locals claimed that at least 20

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## KHALEDA'S HEALTH No bleeding in 2 days but risk remains

She can bring in doc from abroad, says Momen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health condition of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, now undergoing treatment at Evercare Hospital, is still unpredictable, say doctors.

Although she did not suffer bleeding over the last two days, her condition did not improve during this period, they add.

"Madam has already suffered bleeding three times. She is now under constant monitoring at the Critical Care Unit [CCU]. It is tough for us to say when her health condition may improve," AZM Zahid Hossain, personal doctor of Khaleda, told The Daily Star yesterday.

He, however, said the BNP chief was at risk of further bleeding.

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# Savar tannery estate MUST SHUT DOWN

Environment ministry agrees with JS body as it runs without clearance for 10 years

"The [environment] ministry will send a letter to the industries ministry and BSCIC in line with the decision [taken yesterday]."

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER  
MD SHAHAB UDDIN



RASHIDUL HASAN

The environment ministry yesterday agreed to its watchdog's recommendation to shut down the Savar Tannery Industrial Estate immediately as it has been running without environmental clearance for the last 10 years and it lacks the facilities to treat all its liquid waste.

In a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry also recommended that the estate in Hemayetpur, on the outskirts of the capital, should not be allowed to operate until it gets a fresh clearance.

Environment Minister Md Shahab Uddin, who was present in the meeting, agreed with the JS body and said they would work in line with the recommendation on shutting down the estate soon.

After the meeting, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, head of the parliamentary committee, said the tannery estate has been running without any environmental clearance for 10 years and has been causing severe pollution to environment.

"In presence of the minister concerned, the meeting decided that the estate will have to apply for a fresh environment clearance. But before that it will have to shut down immediately. It won't be allowed to operate anymore," said Saber, a lawmaker from the ruling Awami League.

He said the estate would be able to go into operation again only after getting the clearance upon meeting all necessary requirements.

"Today's [yesterday's] decision is that the Savar Tannery Industrial Estate will have to

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A traveller in PPE arrives at the Sydney airport as countries brace themselves for the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## CHECKING OMICRON Decision on travel curbs comes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A high-powered meeting involving several ministers will sit today to weigh on slapping on yet another international travel ban to keep the new potentially more contagious Omicron variant of the coronavirus out of Bangladesh.

Fresh directives on the virus curb measures inside the country will be hammered out at the meeting scheduled for 11:00am.

The development comes at a time when the Omicron variant, described as a variant of concern that poses "very high" global risk by the World Health Organisation, is popping up all over the world.

First detected in South Africa, as many as 17 countries have reported cases of the new coronavirus variant at the time of filing the report.

This has prompted several countries to impose a travel ban on passengers from southern Africa.

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## UP CHAIRMAN POSTS

# AL men bag 53pc, independents 45pc

5 lives lost in 5 dists, BGB man, child among dead

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Awami League candidates performed not as well in the third phase of the union parishad elections compared to previous two phases.

In the third phase held on Sunday, ruling AL candidates won 53 percent of the chairman posts, shows Election Commission (EC) data unveiled last night.

In the second phase on November 11, they won 56 percent of the posts. They won 76 percent in the first phase held in two parts in June and September.

Earlier, the EC announced that 1,007 UPs would be going to polls on Sunday, but elections to some UPs were not held or were suspended due to cases and other issues, an EC joint secretary said.

The EC announced the unofficial results of 992 union parishads yesterday.

Elections to 833 UPs were held on November 11 and 364 on June 21 and September 20.

Independents fared well in the third phase as they won 45 percent of the chairman posts. They won 40 percent of the

positions in second phase and 24 percent in the first phase.

According to EC statistics, AL chairman candidates were victorious in 525 unions in Sunday's elections. At least 99 of them were elected unopposed.

It also shows that 446 independents won. Of them, one was elected unopposed.

Party insiders said more than 250 independents are AL rebels.

Seventeen Jatiya Party candidates, and one each from Islami Andolan Bangladesh, Workers Party of Bangladesh, Jamiat Ullamaye Islam Bangladesh and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal won in the third phase.

## POLLS VIOLENCE

Five more people, including a BGB member and a child, died and four others were injured in violence over UP polls in five districts over the last two days.

With the latest deaths, at least 58 people have been killed in polls-related violence over the staggered UP elections that began in June.

In Rangpur, an injured youth died at Rangpur Medical College Hospital early

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## Zahangir sued in DSA case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Gazipur City Corporation's suspended mayor Mohammad Zahangir Alam

has been sued under the Digital Security Act (DSA) for making derogatory comments on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Liberation War martyrs.

Advocate Mohammad Omar Faruk Asif, also a member of the Awami League sub-committee on Information and Research, yesterday filed the case under section 21 of the DSA with the cyber tribunal of Dhaka, Public Prosecutor Nazrul Islam Shamim told The Daily Star.

With this, at least five cases were filed after

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## OMICRON COVID VARIANT

# WHO flags global risk

Japan, Australia reverse border easing; Fauci urges vaccines as US on 'high alert'

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The World Health Organization (WHO) said yesterday the Omicron coronavirus variant carried a very high risk of infection surges as more countries closed their borders, reviving fears over economic recovery from the two-year pandemic.

Airlines were scrambling to limit

the impact of the variant on their networks, while delays in bookings threatened an already fragile recovery for global tourism.

The WHO advised its 194 member nations that any surge in infections could have severe consequences, but said no deaths had yet been linked to the new variant.

"Omicron has an unprecedented

number of spike mutations, some of which are concerning for their potential impact on the trajectory of the pandemic," the WHO said.

"The overall global risk related to the new variant of concern Omicron is assessed as very high."

Further research was needed to understand Omicron's potential to

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## স্মরণে

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