

ROAD ACCIDENT Ctg doctor succumbs to injuries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Samina Akter, who was undergoing treatment in ICU at Chattogram Medical College Hospital following a road accident on Tuesday, succumbed to her injuries yesterday.

The 40 year-old was critically injured as a CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit a rickshaw carrying her at the city's Kazir Dewri.

Samina, mother of a son and a daughter, worked as a medical officer at Bangabandhu Memorial Hospital, said her niece Nanziba.

CMP opens service centre

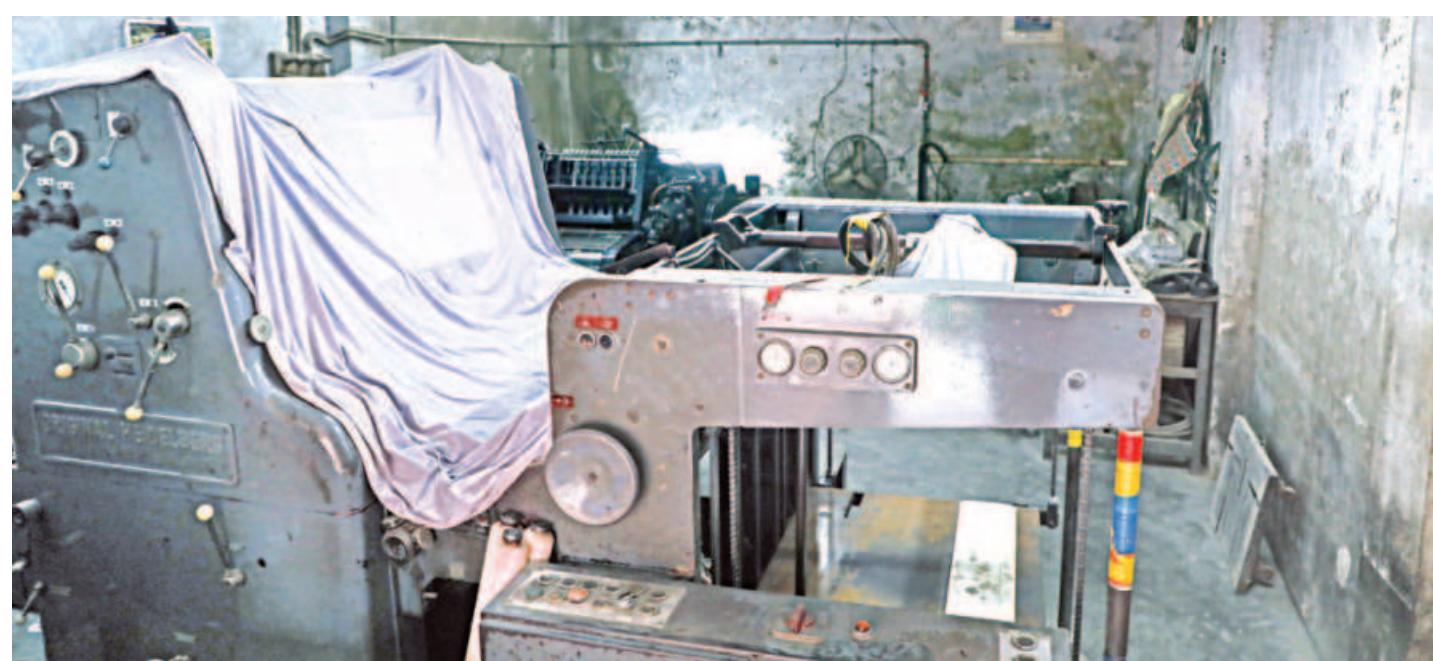
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Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) introduced "CMP Service Centre" in the port city's Agrabad yesterday morning.

CMP Commissioner Saleh Mohammad Tanvir inaugurated it in front of Sonali Bank Agrabad Corporate Branch of Kadamtali under Double Mooring Police Station.

At the centre, people of any police stations under CMP can file general diary (GD) for missing documents and mobiles and pay traffic fines from any traffic zones from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Documents of seized vehicles will also be delivered from the service centre.



Capital Press stands as a worn-down establishment at the old town's Begumbazar, bearing the stories of the glorious and tumultuous times of the Language Movement.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

The Language Movement did not just come to be. Behind the historic movement, that brought about a turn of events for Bangladesh, are a million stories – of people, of premises, of places. In this 10-part series, we explore some of the places and premises vital to the movement. Establishments that we've lost to time, buildings that today bear no sign of the glories they once played host to. For part six, we take you to Capital Press and Pioneer Press, the major publishing presses for the movement.

Dusty memoirs of history

A rusted Capital Press still stands, while Pioneer Press has been lost to time

DIPAN NANDY



Capital Press and Pioneer Press – two names that carry significant historical value when it comes to the Language Movement. All major publications of the movement saw light from these two presses in the old town. The first leaflet of the movement got printed from Capital Press, while the first bulletin got printed from Pioneer.

They weren't just mere presses. They were also places for secret meetings for activists and believers of the cause.

However, nothing much remains of these old establishments to tell the tales of

glory. Capital still stands at Begumbazar, all worn down. Pioneer, which stood on the opposite alley of "Sawgat" headquarters in the old town's Patuatuli, was abolished some seven years ago.

A rusty signboard makes it even harder to find Capital at present. It's situated at 50-51, Begumbazar of Old Dhaka, which comes right after crossing the central jail.

Despite all the wearing out, successors of Ibrahim Khalil Khan, owner of Capital

and an earnest supporter of the movement, have held the fort.

"Capital Press was a regular hangout place for poets and writers. The press helped form the Language Movement for what it was, and I was a regular presence at those sessions," reads a memoir written by AM Golam Mustafa, a veteran of the movement.

Poet and activist Hasan Hafizur Rahman was prompt in publishing the first leaflet from Capital, right after the shooting on February 21, 1952.

Reminiscing this memory in a Bangla Academy publication, he wrote, "Right

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'Real life Bajrangi Bhaijaan' Bangladeshi youth, lost in India, reunites with family

STAR REPORT

Liton Bhumij's family in Bangladesh had begun to lose hope of finding the 25 year-old with special needs, when an activist found him at a tea garden in Assam's Cachar – years after Liton accidentally entered Indian territory in 2017.

Sujan Debroy, the activist, said his friends in Bangladesh had posted Liton's pictures and details on social media. After finding Liton, he did a Facebook live to trace his family. Sujan managed to get in touch with the family three years back. But paperwork got delayed due to the pandemic and Liton was eventually sent home on Tuesday, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

"It took time to communicate with the immigration officials of both countries and suddenly the pandemic struck," said Sujan. He said the Bangladesh high commission completed formalities for Liton's return last week but it still was not easy. Sujan said they somehow convinced him to accompany them to the Sutarkandi border, where Liton's family received him.

Liton's teary-eyed mother, Reena, and brother,



Liton's family received him at Sutarkandi along the India-Bangladesh border.

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Milon, identified him in the presence of security forces from the two countries before deportation. She said three years back, someone showed her a video of her son in India when they had lost all hope. Sujan said, "It felt like the movie 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' when so many people through social media got involved and we finally managed to send the person back."

A video of the reunion went viral on social media. He recognised his mother but did not call her "Ma" and instead addressed her as his mother-in-law. He referred to his brother as a friend. The family is seen in the video laughing over it.

Punish polluters, river grabbers Demand green activists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Green activists in Habiganj yesterday demanded proper investigation and punishment of those involved in grabbing rivers and causing industrial pollution.

The demands were made at a roundtable, organised by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolok (Bapa) at Habiganj Town Hall to address the issue of Industrial pollution in Habiganj.

Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN) founder Dr Nazrul Islam said factories, set up for gas exploration, are polluting environment while river pollution continues unabated.

Besides environmentalists, teachers from different universities, social and political leaders, journalists and people from different walks of life participated in the event.

Bapa President Sultana Kamal said awareness is the key to save the environment and Habiganj rivers.

Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bapa, said in the last few years, many small and big industries have sprung up in the vast areas of Madhabpur and Sadar upazilas of Habiganj. Industrial wastes from those are causing serious environmental pollution.

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