



People trying to get on a truck, left, in Savar's Hemayetpur around 10:30am yesterday to reach their homes for the holidays. A motorcyclist, top right, is being prevented from using the Dhaka-Mawa-Bhanga expressway near a toll plaza in Munshiganj as a seven-day ban on bike movement on highways was enforced from yesterday, aiming to ensure road safety during the Eid rush. Holidaymakers are seen catching a bus, right bottom, at Gabtoli to go to Paturia ferry terminal in Manikganj.

Body of news portal editor found on river bank

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Locals yesterday found the body of the editor of an online



on the bank of the Gorai river in Jaduboyra area of Kumarkhali, Kushtia. Hasibur Rahman Rubel,

editor of Crime Vision BD, went missing five days ago.

According to his family members, Rubel was working at his office in Kushtia town around 9:00pm on July 3 when SEE PAGE 7 COL 1

Start safe repatriation of Rohingyas immediately

UNHRC tells Myanmar, adopts resolution

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UN Human Rights Council yesterday adopted a resolution, calling for Myanmar to immediately commence voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable repatriation and reintegration of all Rohingya Muslims in

Expressing grave concern at the reports of serious human rights violations and abuses in Myanmar, particularly against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, the council reiterated the importance of conducting international, independent, fair and transparent investigations into gross human rights violations and abuses in Myanmar, according to a statement of the Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva.

The resolution was presented on behalf of all countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The Western countries had opposed the resolution with the provision for calling for immediate repatriation, saying that the conducive environment was not yet there and that restoration of democracy in Myanmar was the first priority. Those countries, however, did not oppose the resolution later.

The resolution adopted at the 50th session of the council also urged Myanmar to cooperate fully with and grant full, unrestricted and unmonitored access to all UN mandate holders and human rights mechanisms.

About 750,000 Rohingyas fled a military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017 and not a single Rohingya returned home despite repeated efforts that also involved China. The US, meanwhile, determined the atrocities as genocide against the Rohingya.

The International Court of Justice, following the genocide case filed by The Gambia, ordered Myanmar to prevent any

genocidal acts in Rakhine State. The Human Rights Council in Geneva requested the UN high commissioner for human rights to monitor and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations made by the

Independent International Fact-finding

Mission, including those on accountability. It also requested the high commissioner to present a verbal update to the Human Rights Council at its 55th session and a written report at its 56th session -- each to be followed by an interactive dialogue - and a written report to the UN General

Assembly at its 78th session. The council also decided to hold at its 53rd session a panel discussion on measures necessary to find durable solutions to the Rohingya crisis and to end all forms of human rights violations and abuses against the Rohingya Muslims and

other minorities in Myanmar.

3 Biman officials suspended over plane collision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman has suspended three officials and staffers, including a principal engineer, for their involvement in the recent collision between two aircraft at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport's hangar.

Those suspended are: Harun-ur-Rashid, principal engineer, Shah Haque Newaz, engineer, and Nurul Alam, junior technical officer, Tahera Khondoker, Biman's General Manager (Public Relations), told The Daily Star.

The wings of two Biman aircraft – a Boeing 787 Dreamliner and a Boeing 737 aircraft – were damaged after a collision on July 3.

The Dreamliner crashed into the Boeing 737 after it landed at the airport for maintenance.

Two sent to jail for rape of minor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two men were sent to jail yesterday for raping a 14-year-old at the Karatoa riverbank in Dinajpur's Ghoraghat upazila.

The arrestees are Sapan Chandra Roy, 25, son of Bishu Chandra Roy of Jolapara village, and Morsalin Islam, 22, son of Sirajul Islam of Purbapara village, police said.

Quoting the case filed by the victim's father, Abu Hasan Kabir, OC of Ghoraghat police, said the girl, along with her 10-year-old cousin, went to the Karatoa riverbank during load-shedding in

the area around 7:30pm on Wednesday. There, she met with a male friend. The two were chatting when Sapan and Morsalin appeared and scared the boy off.

They then forced her to a jute field and raped her. Upon her cousin's screams, locals rushed to the spot but the culprits had fled by then.

The two were arrested during midnight raids and were produced before a court, which sent them to jail yesterday afternoon.

Man kills brother 'for torturing wife'

UNB, Khulna

A 28-year-old man was killed after being hit on the head by his elder brother in Khulna's Khanjahan Ali area early yesterday.

The dead, Parvez Sheikh, of Khulna city, was physically torturing his wife around 12:30am at their house, said Kamal Hossain, OC of Khanjahan Ali police station.

Rubel Sheikh, elder brother of Parvez, hit the latter with a bamboo stick to save his sister-in-law from torture, leaving him dead on the spot, said

The body has been kept at the Fultola Health Complex, and no arrest has been made so far, he

Lift sanctions against Russia

Hasina said the US-imposed sanctions have reduced should think about it." the availability of goods, people in the US, Europe, the UK and the rest of the Bangladesh to overcome." world are also affected by the sanctions.

and developed countries are affected by the uninterrupted, she said. restrictions, and the US should understand this, she said, questioning if sanctions were effective at production, we need Ito Naoki were honoured

"The developed countries

She said the Ukraine by Bangladesh, while the just when Bangladesh was Rohingya repatriation. shipping costs have gone up. recovering from the shock Not only in Bangladesh, but of the pandemic. "This has massive burden for us. All Ukraine war broke out. become a great challenge for

shipping of goods from one People in developing country to another and international trade must be

> increase food production. Hossain and Japanese "But to boost food

related materials. We are not getting those."

The PM then urged the international community including those imported war and sanctions came to play a more active role in

> "Rohingyas are the countries are facing The war should not affect pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war."

AMBASSADORS **AWARDED**

Bangladesh Ambassador Bangladesh is trying to to Poland Sultana Laila Ambassador to Bangladesh

for Diplomatic Excellence" for their contributions to diplomacy.

Sultana played important role in dealing with the exodus of hundreds of Bangladeshis as the Russia-

Aniroan Niogi, Iormei difficulties due to the counsellor of Bangladesh embassy in Poland, was given a certificate in recognition of his contribution.

Naoki was honoured for playing an important role in boosting bilateral relationship between Japan and Bangladesh. He joined the event virtually from Osaka.

all in hurting a particular fertiliser, diesel and other with "Bangabandhu Medal More steps mulled to cut power demand

recommended setting the thermostats at 25 degrees Celsius at every government office, reducing the use of air conditioners at religious establishments, wrapping up social events like weddings by 7:00pm.

meeting

Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, prime minister's energy adviser, said, "The decision on school hours will be made by the education ministry."

Briefing journalists after the meeting, held at the Prime Minister's Office, he said they failed to find alternatives and that the load shedding would continue at least until September.

After September, three coal-based power plants will come into service, he added.

He said, "... this crisis can

consumption of electricity."

He said government officials could go for "home to generate 22,348MW office" once or twice a week. Asked how long the

power cuts would be in certain areas of the country, shortage of 500MW."

would be tough, Tawfiq said, adding that the Dhaka Power Distribution Company has a (BPDB) data. mobile app on load shedding. "We are working on a

formula to let consumers know about load shedding beforehand," he added. Power rationing started

started getting less than required natural gas.

responsibly and maintain because of high prices and they are taking all measures austerity to reduce the this has caused a gas-supply shortage.

Bangladesh has a capacity

around 52 percent of it from gas-based power plants, 27 percent from furnace oilbased, 5.86 percent from he said, "We now have a diesel, 8.03 percent from coal, 1 percent from hydro, Implementing the prime 0.5 percent from other minister's directive of renewable energies, and scheduled load shedding 5.27 percent is imported, according to Bangladesh Power Development Board

> Replying to a query, Tawfiq refuted the allegation that the government had prioritised LNG imports over local gas reserves.

"Gas production was on June 30 as power plants 1,800 mmcfd [million cubic feet a day earlier and it is now over 2,700 mmcfd. We The country has decided trust Petrobangla and Bapex be overcome with collective not to buy LNG from the officials, the geologists and efforts. Everyone should act international spot market engineers are also experts ... \$130 a barrel from \$80.

to increase gas production," he added.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid yesterday again hinted at hiking fuel prices.

"The oil that we used to buy for \$70-\$71 has now become \$171 and it's always going up," he said in an audio message to the media.

"...Using our own money, we have been giving subsidies. It seems, we have to go for price adjustments at some point," he added.

The day before yesterday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the price of furnace oil was only \$708 per tonne before the Russia-Ukraine war and now it is \$1,080 per tonne. LNG was \$10 per MMbtu and it is now \$38. Coal prices rose to \$278 a tonne from \$187 and diesel

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Journey south easier, north still a hassle

but this time about 95 to travelling on the roofs of 100 launches will leave crowded trains. the terminal, according to Alamgir Kabir, joint director of the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority.

dozen trains heading for northern destinations were running behind schedule by one to four hours. Failing to get train

Meanwhile, about a

tickets, many were seen Dhumketu

Chilahati-bound The Nilsagar Express was delayed by two and a half hours as the Kamalapur Rail Station authorities brought down passengers from the rooftop. At 6:30 pm, it was running four hours and 13 minutes behind the schedule.

risking their lives by Rangpur-bound Rangpur Express, Panchagarh-Ekota bound Express, Rajshahi-bound Express and Sylhet-bound Javantika Express were running between schedule by one to two and half hours.

Masud Sarwar, station manager of Kamalapur Rail Station, gave different ehind the schedule. reasons including the Rajshahi-bound rush of passengers for the Express, schedule disruption.

Earlier in the day, an increased number vehicles on the Dhaka-Tangail Highway created a 20-kilometre-long tailback near the Bangabandhu

However, normal traffic flow resumed after 1 pm yesterday, reports our Tangail correspondent.

Eid-ul-Azha would be celebrated on Sunday and yesterday was the last workday before the festival.

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