

## Biker killed in Ctg road crash

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A motorcyclist was killed as a truck ran over his bike in Chattogram yesterday morning.

The accident happened around 10:30am in front of a petrol pump in Hathazari upazila, said police.

Syed Russell (35) from Hathazari's Chhipatoli union died on the spot.

Russell was leaving the petrol pump after refuelling his bike when the truck hit him, said Hathazari Model Police Station OC Ruhul Amin, quoting eyewitnesses.

On information, police rushed to the spot and detained the truck, but its driver fled the scene, he said.

The body was sent to Chattogram Medical College morgue for autopsy.



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

An open space in Rayerbazar area has been turned into a dumping zone by locals. A broken down pick-up has also been deemed to be one of the pieces of garbage there. Due to a lack of authorities' intervention, the situation remains unchanged. This photo was taken yesterday.

## 'Limitations' hinder freeing rivers from pollution

Says state minister for shipping

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday said the country's rivers cannot be freed from pollution due to "many limitations".

He said this while replying to journalists at the premises of Rajshahi divisional commissioner's office, before attending a divisional workshop on a study centring Atrai, Ichhamati, Boral, Mahananda and Punarhaba rivers.

"Bangladesh could not collect the equipment [needed to free the waterbodies from pollution]," he said.

He said the government took up a project to collect equipment to tackle river pollution.

The upazila, district and divisional level committees are working to free the waterbodies from illegal occupations,

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## Myanmar situation barrier to regional cooperation

Says foreign secretary at 'Bay of Bengal Conversation'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The unresolved Rohingya issue and Myanmar's political situation stand in the way of harnessing the full potential of inter-regional connectivity and cooperation in South and South-east Asia, said Masud Bin Momen, foreign secretary of Bangladesh.

He made the comment in a discussion on "Evaluating the State of Trade and Connectivity in South and East Asia" on the second day of the regional conference "Bay of Bengal Conversation" yesterday.

The three-day conference has

been organised by Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the capital.

Momen said the existing rail connectivity between India and Bangladesh has substantially contributed to people-to-people contact and trade prospects.

Bangladesh is exploring prospects centring power and energy cooperation through bilateral links between India, Bhutan and Nepal, he said.

Momen also hoped for a connection between Nepal and Bhutan through inland waterways,

which Bangladesh and India are enjoying at present. Besides, Bangladesh is eyeing direct shipping and coastal link with Malaysia, Sri Lanka and other regional countries.

"We are carefully looking at the potential of BIG-B, an initiative of Japan, Belt and Road Initiative, and Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. We are very much on track to facilitate trade, as we have thought out prospects of regional connectivity and devised appropriate policies," he said.

But the Rohingya issue and the

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## Water-vessel workers to start countrywide work abstention

They demand raising minimum wage

DWAIPAAYAN BARUA, Ctg

Water-vessel workers are set to observe an indefinite, countrywide work abstention from the end of this month to press home their demand for hiking minimum wage.

General workers under the banner of "Noujan Sramik Sangram Parishad" have decided to start the abstention from 12:01am, November 27, if their demands are not met within the day before.

Their demands include minimum monthly wage of Tk 20,000; Tk 10 lakh compensation in case of death on duty, natural or accidental; issuance of "landing pass" for India-bound workers and others.

Khalilur Rahman, convener of the parishad, told The Daily Star that on request of general workers, they took the decision at a meeting in Dhaka on November 15.

Workers under this banner are regularly

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## Rajshahi BNP alleges police excess

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Leaders and activists of BNP have accused law enforcers of harassing them, ahead of the party's rally on December 3 in Rajshahi's eight districts.

However, police officials have refuted the allegations, saying that they are arresting those who are accused in criminal cases and are involved in criminal activities.

Plain clothed detectives arrested Nadim Mustafa, a former BNP lawmaker, from his Pathan Para house in Rajshahi city yesterday morning, after an arrest warrant was issued in connection with a 2015 murder case.

Police said the warrant was issued in August, as Nadim failed to comply with a High Court order to surrender before a lower court after his six-month

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## TVs flying off shelves in Ctg amid world cup fever



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Newly married Shraboni Sen, a diehard Brazil supporter, convinced her husband to buy a large LED television to enjoy her favourite team's matches on the big screen. So, the couple went down to an electronics store at the port city's Jamal Khan area.

Shraboni's husband Dilip Sen, a banker by profession, is a supporter of Germany.

Talking to this correspondent on Sunday, he said this year's tournament is special for him, as he'll enjoy it with his beloved wife for the first time.

Television sales have increased in the last couple of weeks in Chattogram, thanks to the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

Attractive promotional offers and discounts are being rolled out by retailers, including tours to Qatar and cash discounts.

Besides, many customers patiently

waited for the world cup season for buying new televisions at a discount, even though they aren't sports enthusiasts.

"I had a 24-inch television, but I felt like buying a 43-inch one. So, I was waiting for the discounts ahead of the world cup," said Tapash Barua from Chawkbazar area.

Nazrul Islam, Chattogram zonal sales manager of Transcom Electronics, said sales increased by almost 30 percent after the company declared promotional offers.

The demand for 32- and 50-inch TVs is the highest, Nazrul informed.

Electronics and home appliance company Singer also launched a campaign, under which customers will get a chance to get their TV for free by registering via SMS, said Syed Nizam Uddin, manager of a Singer outlet at Moulvi Pukur Par area.

Minister Group and Sony-Rangs have also announced some deal of their own.

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02.	754422	e-GP/R/W-02/KURD/2022-2023	Repair of damaged pavement with Aggregate Base Type-2, Carpeting and seal coat work at (14+400 to 16+700) Km of Sadarpur Bazar-Halsha Rail Bazar (Z-7465) Road under Road Division, Kushtia during the year 2022-2023.	07-12-2022 at 16:00 hours	08-12-2022 at 12:35 hours

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