



GULSHAN BUILDING FIRE Death toll now 2, probe on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The modern apartment building in Gulshan that caught fire on Sunday lacked a “fire safety plan”, a fire service probe has found.

“This is a modern building but during our primary investigation, we found that it has different types of problems. We are not disclosing the details for the sake of investigation,” said Lt Col Mohammad Tajul Islam Chowdhury, head of a five-member probe committee, after visiting the fire-ravaged building.

The building authorities had a no-objection certificate from the fire service during construction, but they failed to get the fire safety plan which is required under the Fire Prevention and Extinction Act, he added.

Fire service-approved Fire Safety Plan indicates that a building has been inspected and working fire safety measures are in place as per the norms and regulations.

Lt Col Tajul said the residents of any building should

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ANWAR NEVER GOT TO SEE HIS CHILD'S FACE -- PAGE 3



US President Joe Biden walks next to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as he arrives for a visit in Kyiv, Ukraine yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Putin's war plans 'dead wrong'

Says Biden during surprise visit to Ukraine, pledges new military aid

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US President Joe Biden made an unannounced visit to Kyiv yesterday, and said President Vladimir Putin was “dead wrong” in his plans for the offensive in Ukraine.

He also promised President Volodymyr Zelensky that Washington would stand with Ukraine as long as it takes.

Biden, in aviator sunglasses, strode side-by-side with Zelensky, in green battle fatigues, through central Kyiv to a gold-domed cathedral, on a bright winter

morning pierced by air raid sirens.

“When Putin launched his invasion nearly one year ago, he thought Ukraine was weak and the West was divided. He thought he could outlast us. But he was dead wrong,” Biden said.

“The cost that Ukraine has had to pay is extraordinarily high. Sacrifices have been far too great ... We know that there will be difficult days and weeks and years ahead.”

Outside the cathedral, burnt-out Russian tanks had been placed as a symbol of Moscow's failed assault on the capital at the outset of its invasion, when its forces swiftly

reached the city's ramparts only to be turned back by unexpectedly fierce resistance.

Since then, tens of thousands of Ukrainian civilians and soldiers on both sides have died, cities have been reduced to rubble and millions of refugees have fled. Russia claims to have annexed nearly a fifth of Ukraine, while the West has committed tens of billions of dollars in military aid to Kyiv.

The US president promised a further \$500 million worth of weaponry plus tighter sanctions on Moscow ahead of the first

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Dainik Dinkal stops publication Press Council rejects its appeal against declaration cancellation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dainik Dinkal, a broadsheet Bangla daily, halted its publication yesterday, a day after Bangladesh Press Council rejected an appeal against the cancellation of the declaration of the pro-BNP newspaper by the Dhaka district administration.

“We have not published the daily today [yesterday] as the press council upheld the order of the district administration,” Dinkal Managing Editor Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas told The Daily Star last night.

Terming Dinkal the mouthpiece of the BNP, party Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir protested and condemned the cancellation of the declaration.

“The district administration cancelled the

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METRO DISRUPTION People urged not to fly kites, sky lanterns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The metro rail authorities yesterday urged people to avoid flying kites or sky lanterns within at least a one-kilometre radius of the metro rail line to prevent possible accidents during operations.

Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd (DMTCL), the operating agency of the metro rail, issued a circular hours after metro rail operations were halted for half an hour yesterday morning.

The metro rail is operating between Uttara and Agargaon using high-powered electric lines and kites, sky lanterns or gas balloons can pose huge risks of accidents

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Med diet 'linked to improved cancer treatment response'

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Patients who eat a Mediterranean diet, rich in whole grains, nuts, fish and vegetables, may have an improved response to treatment for melanoma, a serious form of skin cancer.

Adopting the diet which includes foods rich in fibre, unsaturated fat, antioxidants and polyphenols, was positively associated with the person's response to a treatment called immune checkpoint blockade (ICB), researchers say.

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New 6.4-magnitude quake hits southern Turkey

AFP, Antakya

A 6.4-magnitude earthquake was recorded yesterday in Turkey's southern province of Hatay, the hardest hit by a February 6 tremor which left more than 41,000 dead in the country, the disaster response agency AFAD said.

The quake hit the town of Defne at 8:04pm (1704 GMT) and was strongly felt by AFP teams in Antakya and Adana, 200km to the north.

AFP teams felt the tremor also in Lebanon and Syria.

The disaster management agency said on Twitter another 5.8-magnitude tremor followed three minutes later and its epicentre was Samandag district in Hatay.

An AFP journalist reported scenes of panic in Antakya, adding that the new tremors raised clouds of dust in the devastated city.

The walls of badly damaged buildings crumbled while several people, apparently injured, called



Turkish gendarmerie patrols the streets after a 6.4-magnitude quake hit the Hatay province in southern Turkey yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

for help.

On a street in Antakya, Ali Mazlum, 18, told AFP: “We were with AFAD who were looking for the bodies of our family when the quake hit.”

“You don't know what to do... we grabbed each other and right in front of us, the walls started to fall. It

felt like the earth was opening up to swallow us up.”

Mazlum, who has lived in Antakya for 12 years, was looking for the bodies of his sister and her family as well as his brother-in-law and his family.

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