

Life lost amid irregularities

Biman captain goes to sleep leaving cockpit 'unmanned'; passenger has heart attack, no call for emergency

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The captain of a Biman flight was napping in the crew rest area, leaving the cockpit of a Boeing 777-300ER technically unmanned, when a passenger had a heart attack.

No medical emergency was declared and the plane landed in Dhaka four hours after the incident. The passenger, Kabir Ahmed, a migrant from Noakhali, was pronounced dead on arrival at a city hospital.

This happened on January 15/16 during an overnight flight to Dhaka from Jeddah.

Aviation rules allow captains to take rest on flights longer than 8 hours but a relief crew, which is usually on standby, takes over.

There was no relief crew as this was only a 6-hour flight. The cockpit is supposed to be manned by two pilots capable of flying the plane independently if required.

On this particular flight, Captain Dilkar Ahmed Tufail was the pilot in command. He had Irfan Ul Haq beside him who was under training and not qualified to fly the Boeing.

The flight was actually Irfan's test flight.

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PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

England batter Dawid Malan, who kept his calm in tricky Mirpur pitch to clinch a three-wicket victory against Bangladesh in the first ODI of the three-match series, raises his bat after completing his hundred at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Malan seals nervy win in opener

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unbeaten hundred from Dawid Malan helped England take the lead in the three-match ODI series as the visitors registered a hard-fought three-wicket win in the first ODI against Bangladesh at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The home side's bowlers did their best to defend a modest target of 210, keeping the visitors under constant pressure. But Malan stood firm and remained unbeaten after scoring 114 runs off 145 balls with the help of four sixes and eight fours.

It was Bangladesh's first defeat in the opening match of a bilateral ODI series at home since 2016, when they were also beaten by England.

Malan, a familiar face in Bangladesh's domestic circuit, utilised his knowledge and experience in adapting to

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DEATH OF 10-YR-OLD Lone suspect makes puzzling claims

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The elderly woman accused of killing a 10-year-old house help made some contradictory claims about the cause of the girl's death, police said.

During her one-day remand at Shahjahanpur Police Station yesterday, Farhad Badhan Mou, 69, told officers that the girl died because she was sick.

When the officers asked her about the numerous injury marks on the girl's body, she said the girl's elder sister, who also worked at the house, tortured her.

Mou was arrested on Monday, hours after police recovered the body of the victim from a hearse parked near a hospital in the capital's Moghbazar.

Shah Alam Md Akhtarul Islam, additional deputy commissioner (Sabujbagh Zone) of police, said it seemed that the girl was killed two days before the decomposing body was found.

Sub-inspector Rafiqul Islam, who is investigating the case, said he learnt from people in the neighbourhood that in recent weeks, they frequently heard the girl crying in the first floor flat.

Some of the neighbours told the officer that Mou would loudly ask the girl to eat properly and say innocuous things whenever they knocked on the door to see what was happening.

He added that Mou's behaviour was strange and her way of living seemed unusual.

She told interrogators that she did not have any earnings to pay the rent of Tk 16,000 and cover other expenses and a lawmaker from the capital used to give her money.

She also told police that she was from Sri Lanka and she came to Bangladesh in 1974 after marrying a Bangladeshi man.

She has been living alone in a two-room flat in the capital's Shantibagh for the last 17 years. Her only

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DATA PROTECTION ACT Constitutional rights of citizens are at risk

Say speakers at a roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The draft data protection law will not only interfere with the citizens' constitutional rights but will also negatively impact the economy in irredeemable ways, speakers at a roundtable in the capital said yesterday.

Barrister Sara Hossain came down on the draft. Noting that there are already concerns over a lack of protection for online expression, she said it was particularly important to put in place stringent safeguards to ensure protection of the people's rights while framing this new law.

The discussion, held at The Daily Star Centre, was organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust and the Institute of Informatics and Development, a public policy institute that promotes informed public participation in the public policy process.

The speakers said the law threatens the rights of citizens by broadly

exempting actors "preventing crimes", without actually defining what it constitutes.

Dr Gitara Nasreen, professor of journalism and communication at Dhaka University, said, "If a law can be abused and misused, why should it exist?"

She added that the law must clearly define all its clauses.

"Instead of focusing on digital literacy, we are going towards control."

Barrister ABM Hamidul Misbah, founder of Bangladesh Intellectual Property Forum, observed that the law made the protection of personal data a privilege, as opposed to a right that citizens should have.

"A privilege can be taken away at any point," he noted, adding that the law allows the government to use citizens' data in any way needed should it be in the interest of the general public, without explaining what that means.

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Revised primary scholarship results out

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Directorate of Primary Education published the revised results of Primary Scholarship Examinations 2022 last night.

Hours after publishing it, the directorate on Tuesday suspended the results citing "technical errors".

A notification signed by DPE Director General Shah Rezwana Hayat yesterday expressed regret for their unintentional mistake.

However, the revised results has created confusion among students and parents.

The parent of a student of Mohammadpur Model School and College said that his son got scholarship in the talent pool on Tuesday but he got a regular scholarship yesterday.

A parent of a student of Dhitpur Government Primary School of Netrakona said his daughter got scholarship in the general category on Tuesday but now she is in the talent pool.

A student of Borai Government Primary School of Jaipurhat did not get any scholarship on Tuesday and now he is in the general category.

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Scientists uncover earliest insects

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Scientists believe they have uncovered the earliest insects to be covered in pollen, dating back to around 280 million years ago.

Paleontologists in Russia discovered fossil remains of ancient earwig-like insects, known as tillyardembiids, in a lagoon near the village of Chekarda, about 1,600km from Moscow.

These tillyardembiids, which hail from the Paleozoic era from around 542 to 250 million years ago, were found covered in pollen from seed-producing, non-flowering plants known as gymnosperms.

This was long before flowering plants became more common, sometime between 100 to 50 million years ago.

The scientists said their findings, published in the journal *Biology Letters*, predate the earliest known pollen-covered insects by 120 million years.

They also believe the behaviour of these tillyardembiids could be seen as a precursor to insect pollination.

Dr Alexander Khramov, a senior researcher at the Paleontological Institute, Russian Academy of Science in Moscow, told the PA news agency: "Our discovery sheds light on the early evolution of insect pollination."

"It provides direct, smoking-gun evidence of pollen dispersion by Paleozoic insects."

Dr Khramov and his colleagues found a handful of extinct tillyardembiids with pollen preserved on their heads, thoraxes, legs and abdomens.

He said fossils such as these are rare to find.

Dr Khramov told PA: "To uncover them (the tillyardembiids), palaeontologists like me split the

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PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Little Riaz had been suffering from stomach pain for several days. His mother rushed him to Khulna Medical College Hospital from Narail only to find out that no doctors are seeing outpatients for the day as all healthcare officials across Khulna went on a 24-hour strike from 6:00am yesterday to protest a police official's attack on Prof Dr Sheikh Nishat Abdullah, professor and head of the burn and plastic surgery department at Shaheed Sheikh Abu Naser Specialised Hospital.

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