

Miner dies in accident

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A worker employed at the state-run Maddhapara Granite Mining Company Limited (MGML) died after falling into a stone crushing machine on Thursday night.

The deceased is Md Habibur Islam, 35, from Shahpara village in Parbatipur.

He was an employee of Germania Trest Consortium, a contracted company working with MGML, said Managing Director Abu Daud Mohammad Fariduzzaman.

Md Harunur Rashid, in-charge of Maddhapara Police Investigation Centre in Parbatipur, said Habibur was assigned to the stone crushing section.

The accident occurred when his dress got stuck in the conveyor belt while working.

He was declared dead at Rangpur Medical College Hospital around 9:00pm on Thursday.

Police handed over the body to the family members yesterday.



JOYFUL ESCAPADES... a group of children leap into the inviting water, as an opened sluice gate becomes their gateway to bliss. Their carefree spirits and unwavering courage embody the essence of childhood, as they find solace and exhilaration in the cool embrace of nature. The photo was taken near Nishipur Sluice Gate in Khulna's Terokhada upazila.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Wasa DMD

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reaching out to the board members for further information.

This development comes after the former Wasa board chairman, Golam Mostafa, was removed from his position on May 21.

Sujit Kumar Bala, also a professor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, replaced him as the new board chairman.

Golam Mostafa had lodged a written complaint against Wasa MD with the local government ministry on May 17.

Hope restored

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of the Baralia union parishad, said, "There will be no waterlogging as the canal got re-excavated after nearly a decade."

"At least 1,500 hectares of land in aforementioned unions will convert into agricultural land. The farmers will now be able to grow vegetables alongside paddy as the canal will ensure access to freshwater for irrigation. With time, the socio-economic status of the area will improve," said Shahab Uddin, sub-assistant officer of the upazila's Department of Agricultural Extension.

Showkat Ibne Shahid, executive engineer of the WDB Chattogram, said, "The excavation works are almost done. Farmers will be able to cultivate Aman paddy from the next season as there will be no waterlogging following rains. They will also have access to freshwater for irrigation."

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Hindus leaving country for lack

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Hindu community have gradually been leaving Bangladesh after independence.

The BNP leader made the remarks while speaking at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club arranged by the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Kalyan Front.

Gayeshwar, the chief advisor of the platform, said Hindus are not leaving the country by marching together in groups like in the 1964 riots. "But they're leaving every day and we may not guess it. If we look at the statistics, we see that the number of Hindus is gradually decreasing."

He said around 37 percent population of the territory of Bangladesh were Hindus in the 60s, but it has

now come down to less than 10 percent. "That means the number of Hindus is decreasing gradually."

About the reasons for the exodus of the minority community, the BNP leader said Hindus lack social security and are being deprived of their civil rights enshrined in the constitution.

Besides, he also said the administration does not give much importance to the complaints of religious minorities.

"The administration does not monitor the rights and security issues of the minorities. The sad fact is that the people of the minority communities in Bangladesh are neglected everywhere, including the court and administration,"

the business association. We will lose this natural resource for good if measures are not taken immediately."

The local land office does not receive any funding from the government to clean the pond, informed Raqib Ahmed, local union land assistant officer.

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Century-old pond

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"In case of a fire, we opted for the pond water to save the market. It was our lifeline. What will we do now to combat such incidents," said Aayed Ashraf Tanvir, general secretary of Robirbazar Club.

Masuk Ahmad, president of Rabirbazar Traders Welfare Association, said, "To clean and restore the pond, I have brought up the issue to the upazila administration several times on behalf of

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They described him as a people's historian, cultural critic, social and media analyst, political analyst, columnist, editor, translator, organiser and activist.

His overall work can be characterised by his relentless opposition to various forms and forces of oppression and injustice, speakers added. A cultural programme including poetry recital and dance performance was held prior to the discussion.

the BNP leader said.

Gayeshwar said many Hindus of the country choose India as their second home as they fear they may not be able to stay in their birthplace. "They (Hindus) hold this mentality due to the failure of the administration and the state machinery. The state has failed to gain the trust of all communities that Bangladesh is for all of its citizens."

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comments about the foreign countries.

"After coming back from America, she said that America wants to oust her. We do not expect such a comment from the prime minister," Fakhrul said. The Dhaka north city unit of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal organised the event.

"They (govt) say that the elections were fair during their rule. I want to make it clear no fair election was held under this government. The next election also won't be fair if this regime stays in power," he said.

The BNP leader once again urged the government to step down by handing over power to a neutral caretaker government. He alleged that the government has completely taken away people's all rights, including the right to franchise, to cling to power.

Hasina pays

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Secretary Obaidul Quader inaugurated the day's programme by hoisting the national and party flags and releasing pigeons and balloons. Awami League was formed on this day in 1949, which later transformed into the biggest political party of the country to lead struggles for freedom, the Liberation War and all democratic movements.

People suffer

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found that there was no bank at the land port.

Later, he had to go to Burimari Bazar with the help of a local.

Nur Alam Siddique, 55, a traveller from Sherpur area in Bogura, echoed the same. "It's such a large land port but there's no bank booth here," he added.

Sayeduzzaman Sayed, president of Clearing and Forwarding C&F Agents Association, said they have informed the port authorities about the issue but to no avail.

Gias Uddin, assistant director of Land Port Authority in Burimari, said a room in the two-storey office building has been allocated for a bank, which will be opened soon.

He also informed that 600-700 passport holders travel to India through the border every day.

Man kills niece

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well. On that day, Sumon, allegedly made a phone call to her father, demanding Tk 50,000 and threatening to kill Tulin if the money was not provided.

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Migration loan sees brisk growth

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they ran campaigns at local-level such as Technical Training Centres (TTCs) where aspirant migrants undergo training and District Manpower and Employment Offices (DEMOS) where they come for various services.

There was also publicity on Facebook and YouTube that resulted in migrant workers knowing more about the bank's services, they added.

Ferdous Khair, an assistant general manager and zonal head of the bank's Chattogram zone, said they reached migrant workers at TTCs and DEMOS on a regular basis.

"Now, migrant workers are gradually knowing about the bank's services," he told this newspaper over the phone recently.

He said in future they want to introduce online service for loan application submission.

The Probashi Kallyan Bank was launched by the government in 2011 to ensure various banking services among outgoing and returnee migrant workers.

At present, it offers at

least eight loan schemes, half of those is to support economic reintegration of returnee migrants, according to its website.

These are "migration loan", "rehabilitation loan", "Bangabandhu Obhibashi Brihot Poribar loan", "special rehabilitation loan", "self-employment loan", "women migration loan", "woman rehabilitation loan", and "general loan".

These loans are provided at interest rates ranging from four to nine percent. Since its inception till June 2022, the bank disbursed Tk 1,683.82 crore in loan among 93,541 people. Of the amount, Tk 1,323.72 crore was in migration loan among 80,243 people.

It opened 20 new branches in 2020-2021 and another 17 in 2021-2022, taking the number of total branches to 100 from the previous 63, says the bank's latest annual report.

At present, the bank has 102 branches all over the country, as per its website.

An official at the bank's head office recently said 18 more new branches were expected to be inaugurated

A checklist for Eid

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spraying before commencing journeys to prevent the migration of infected mosquitoes to other districts through vehicles.

City corporations should increase their anti-mosquito drives around bus terminals, Saifur said.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), 40 dengue patients have died so far till yesterday this year, while the total number of cases is 6,339, of which 1,404 are from outside Dhaka.

According to entomologist Manzur A Chowdhury, the dengue situation in the country has reached a concerning level with widespread transmission already occurring. He noted that while typically viral patients during Eid would contribute to local transmission, this year is different as local transmission has already begun.

Some viral patients may

travel to districts where the dengue virus has not yet disseminated, increasing the risk of local transmission in those areas. Manzur emphasised the significance of using mosquito nets both during the day and at night to prevent mosquito attacks wherever individuals may be.

He criticised the government for failing to effectively control Aedes mosquitoes, claiming that their surveillance efforts and anti-mosquito campaigns were insufficient and emphasised the need for year-round anti-mosquito campaigns to prevent reproduction.

He urged the removal of potential breeding sites, such as pots, abandoned tyres, broken basins, and commodes, and urged the authorities to collect such refuse as soon as possible and demanded the availability of insecticides for public use and urged students to wear protective apparel (shorts with long sleeves and long pants).

It's just a little

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several students said Mahin has been occupying a room at the college dormitory for years, even though he is an outsider. Contacted, Mahin said he just slapped Imran to control the situation. "Somehow, a little blood was spilt," he added.

"This is disappointing that he is complaining about the incident. I was never a student of the college, but was involved in BCL politics at Tilagarh, where the college is, and I often got involved in several

issues at the college. I have never occupied any room at the hostel," he said.

College Principal Abul Anam Md Riaz said, "I am well informed of the incident and visited the injured student at the hospital. The hostel supervisor is on leave and we will take action about the outsider's entry into the college..."

"No outsider is staying at the hostel by occupying rooms. No one complained in recent times. But still, we will look into the matter," he added.

Convict

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Tejgaon and started working as a video editor of a private organisation, the Rab official said.

On February 27 in 2006, a Jhenidah court awarded capital punishment to Tuhin and 20 others for carrying out the bomb attacks.

Following an appeal, the High Court later commuted the sentence of 14, including Tuhin, to life in prison and acquitted seven others.

According to court sources and law enforcers, the convicts carried out bomb attacks in several places, including at the district judge's court on August 17, 2005.

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