



ONE-POINT MOVEMENT BNP to unveil it at July 12 Dhaka rally

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The BNP is going to make the announcement on its one-point movement demanding resignation of the government and election under a caretaker government from a rally in the capital on July 12.

Party Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir will make the announcement from a rally in front of its Nayapaltan central office on the day, said party sources.

The decision was finalised at a meeting of the BNP standing committee at the party chairperson's Gulshan office last night.

In the morning, the party held a closed-door meeting of its front and associate bodies at its Nayapaltan central office where acting chairman Tarique Rahman, who virtually joined the meeting from London, hinted that a rally will be held in Dhaka on July 12.

After the meeting at Nayapaltan, Fakhrul met Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan residence. He went to her office from there and joined the standing committee meeting.

"We will make an announcement on our one-point movement programmes from a rally on July 12. Instructions have been given to stage a show of strength,"

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A pick-up unloading crates and sacks near a sign that says "vehicles not allowed to stay stationary"; a woman dropped off of a bus getting ready with her bags to cross the road; and another man nonchalantly walking on top of the divider -- all taking place at the mouth of the Mayor Hanif Flyover in the capital's Jatrabari area yesterday morning. Such carelessness by drivers and pedestrians alike can lead to major accidents.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

KILLING OF 7 REFUGEES Rohingyas in panic at camps

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

Panic is consuming Rohingyas in the refugee camps of Cox's Bazar following the killings of seven in three incidents within 36 hours at Camp-8 of Ukhiya.

Though the security in the camps has been beefed up after the killings, Rohingyas still feel insecure.

"We hear gunshots every night. We fear that we may also become victims of violence," a Rohingya leader told The Daily Star yesterday.

The killings happened hours after International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor Karim AA Khan visited the same camp on Thursday to take testimony from Rohingyas who fled to Bangladesh in 2017 to escape a military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

Meanwhile, the Armed Police Battalion (APBn) 8 and 14 in joint drives throughout Friday night detained six suspects in Camp-8 over the killings of five Rohingyas in a gunfight, said Faruq Ahmed, assistant superintendent of police of APBn-8.

Rafiqul Islam, additional superintendent of police

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Trucks kill more during this Eid rush

299 die in 277 accidents over 15 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

This Eid, unlike previous years, not motorcycles but trucks, pickups, and lorries were involved in most road accidents.

This change resulted from an increase in crashes involving cattle-carrying vehicles as well as the continued unrestricted movement of freight trucks.

The findings were revealed by the Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity during a press conference held yesterday at the Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association auditorium in the capital.

A total of 277 road accidents claimed the lives of 299 people and left 544 injured during the 15-day home rush surrounding the Eid holidays, according to the "Road Accident Monitoring 2023

on Eid-ul-Azha".

Additionally, there were 25 railway-related accidents, resulting in 25 fatalities and 10 injuries. Meanwhile, waterway accidents accounted for 16 deaths, 15 injuries, and six missing persons.

The report was compiled by members of the Road Accident Monitoring Cell of the Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity, who analysed news articles published in reputable national and regional dailies and online news portals.

The report notes that around 30-35 percent fewer people travelled than anticipated during Eid due to several factors, chief among them the high transportation costs. During this time, only eight percent of all trips were made on motorcycles.

Compared to last year's Eid-ul-Azha,

road accidents decreased by 15.16 percent, fatalities by 33.11 percent, and injuries by 42.27 percent.

The most frequent type of accident involved trucks, pickups, and lorries, which resulted in 93 fatalities and 193 injuries.

These vehicles were responsible for about 31.76 percent of all road accidents, 31.10 percent of fatalities, and 35.44 percent of injuries.

Following closely behind, motorcycles were involved in 32.85 percent of all accidents, resulting in 94 fatalities (31.4 percent) and 77 injuries (14.15 percent).

Rail accidents claimed 25 lives and injured 10 individuals, while waterway accidents resulted in 16 deaths, 15 injuries, and 36 missing persons.

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BUSINESS

A new era dawns in trade with India

Bangladesh is set to join a global effort that is seeking to cut over-dependence on the US dollar when it comes to settling foreign trades as the country commences to use the rupee to carry out bilateral transactions with India from July 11.

The move may extend some respite to importers since they will be able to open letters of credit in the rupee to source a portion of the products from the neighbouring country.

STORY ON BI

Astronomers discover 'shooting stars' on the Sun

CNN ONLINE



Astronomers have discovered a phenomena similar to shooting stars on the sun, a new study reveals.

Observations from the European Space Agency's Solar Orbiter (SolO) unveiled never-before-seen falling star-type events, or meteor-like fireballs, occurring within the plasma displays known as coronal rain.

The findings will be presented this week at the National Astronomy Meeting (NAM 2023) by lead author Patrick Antolin, assistant professor at Northumbria University.

While it does not include real water, coronal rain is a

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Undersea oil pipeline goes offline

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Only three days after it began operation, the country's first undersea pipeline went out of service on Wednesday afternoon due to a "fault".

Between 7,000 and 8,000 tonnes of crude oil was pumped through the pipeline from a deep-sea mooring point to a storage facility in

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