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#### 3 STUDENTS' DEATHS IUT, BRTC, PBS to blame: Buet team

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The Buet team, formed to investigate the deaths of three Islamic University of Technology (IUT) students due to electrocution, has held the university authorities, BRTC, and Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS)

responsible for the incident. The incident occurred on Saturday in Udaykhali of Sreepur upazila, Gazipur, when the victims, along with 400 others, were traveling to Matir Maya Resort for a picnic.

During a site on Monday, Buet Prof Ziaur Rahman Khan told reporters, "The narrow road leading to Matir Maya Resort has been raised by three feet during its latest renovation, but the power transmission line, installed around 20 years ago, was not adjusted accordingly."

Syeda Fawzia

Ally passes

away

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Chittagong College

and Badrunnessa College,

Dhaka, passed away on

Mustafa Ali, niece of the

celebrated writer Syed

Mujtaba Ali, and sister of

the late SM Ali, founding

editor of The Daily Star, she

was deeply admired for her

contributions to education

She passed away at

4:30pm on November

25 while in hospice care,

surrounded by loved ones.

Her namaz-e-janaza was

held yesterday after Zohr

prayers at Azad Masjid in

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Monday at the age of 83.

Daughter

and society.

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Bangladeshi workers face abuse abroad, leaving them physically and mentally scarred

MD ABBAS

Md Iman Mollah, 49, of Manikganj, left for Malaysia six months ago with a dream -- to change his fate and secure a brighter future for his children, wife, and family.

But instead, he returned home broken, his dreams shattered. Imam was paralysed from the overwork. Moreover, not getting the promised salary left him mentally unstable.

On the night of October 25, a fragile Iman arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

For his family, the sight was heartbreaking. The man who had once left with high hopes, now returned as a shadow of himself, carrying only the weight of unfulfilled dreams and a future that now seems more uncertain than ever.

"We don't know what would happen to my father. He stays silent

He went to Oman in good health, determined to make a better life for himself and us. But now, he needs constant help just to move around.

> SIDDIQ AHMED brother of a returnee

She faced relentless abuse and is now almost mentally unstable. She can barely work. We don't know what the future holds for her.

Relative of a female returnee

and cannot even recognise us sometimes," Iman's younger son Md Robin Mollah told The Daily Star.

Iman first left Bangladesh to seek better fortune in Malaysia 15 years ago. But he had to come back a year ago with physical ailments.

His family treated him with whatever savings they could with the money he sent home.

"As he got better, he decided to go back to Malaysia six months ago, this time on a construction worker visa. But now he returned in a more fragile condition," said Robin, a former madrasa student now desperately seeking work to support his family.

"My family now survives solely on my sister's income. She works at a kindergarten school. We struggle daily to put food on the table, and now we face the additional burden of my father's medical costs," he added.

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#### Nahid urges media to play due role

BSS, Dhaka

the media to play a responsible in role

resisting Information Broadcasting Adviser Md Islam vesterday Nahid has

said the ousted fascist government hatching conspiracy continuously to create an unstable situation across the country. "The government has

given full freedom to the mass media so that journalism can flourish properly in the country," he said.

The adviser said this while exchanging views with the leaders of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) at the seminar room of his ministry at the secretariat in Dhaka.

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# **COURT CORNER**

## **SONADIA ISLAND** Lease of forest land, 'ecologically critical area' stayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court vesterday staved the lease agreement for allocating 8001.70 acres of notified forest land and 2,712 acres of ecologically critical area (ECA) at Sonadia Island in Cox's Bazar.

The agreement was signed between Cox's Bazar district administration and Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA) on May 27, 2017, allegedly for the purpose of setting up an eco tourism park in the island.

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### **DEAL WITH ADANI** Govt directed to conduct inquiry, form committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court, in the full text of an order, issued three directives over the government's electricity purchase deal with India's Adani Power Limited in 2017.

The four-page full text of the order, which was delivered by the HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debasish Roy Chowdhury on November 19, was released on Monday.

In the full text, the bench directed the government to enquire into the process of SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

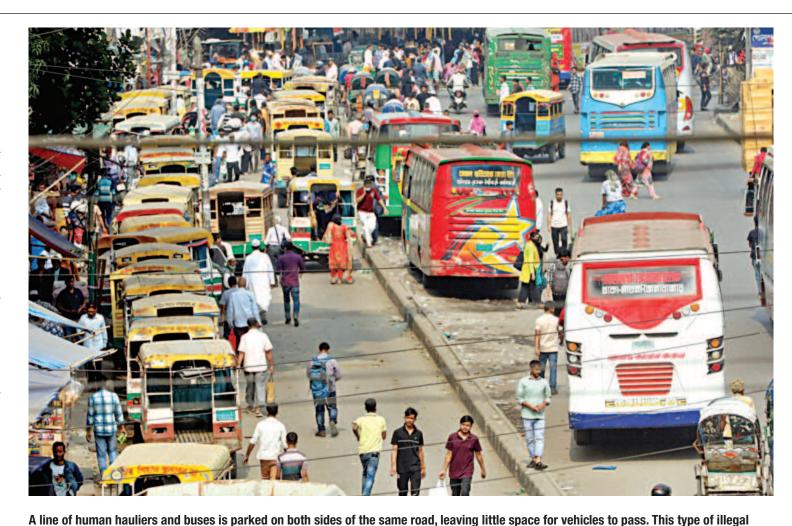
## HC questions govt inaction to install drug incinerators

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule questioning the government's inaction and failure to install Drug Disposal Incinerator Machines, fitted with appropriate air pollution control devices, in every district to destroy seized drugs in order to protect public health.

In the rule, the court asked the respondents to explain why they should not be ordered to take immediate steps to install the devices in every district to comply with emission standards and ensure that such incineration is not be

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parking remains a persistent issue plaguing the capital. The photo was taken at Golap Shah Mazar in Gulistan yesterday. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



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