

Four of a family killed

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charge of Ramu Police Station.

Witnesses said the auto-rickshaw was attempting to cross the level crossing at Dhalirchara around 1:30pm. The Dhaka-bound Cox's Bazar Express hit the auto-rickshaw and dragged it around a kilometre from the spot.

ABM Kamaruzzaman, divisional railway manager, Chattogram division, said, "It was an unauthorised, unmanned level crossing." Talking to this correspondent, Akhtar Hossain, assistant station master at Ramu Railway Station, said the train left the station around 12:30pm for Dhaka.

Protesting the incident, locals halted the movement of Dhaka-bound Porjotok Express, and railway communications became normal around 5:00pm, Akhtar added.



Protesters burn dummies depicting US President Donald Trump and Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro during a demonstration condemning US government trade taxes and sanctions on Brazil, near the US consulate, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

Germany says 'very insufficient' aid entering Gaza

AFP, Berlin

The amount of aid entering Gaza remains "very insufficient" despite a limited improvement, the German government said on Saturday after ministers discussed ways to heighten pressure on Israel. The criticism came after Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl visited the region on Thursday and Friday and the German military staged its first food airdrops into Gaza, where aid agencies say that more than two million Palestinians are facing starvation.

Germany "notes limited initial progress in the delivery of humanitarian aid to the population of the Gaza Strip, which, however, remains very insufficient to alleviate the emergency situation," government spokesman Stefan Kornelius said in a statement.

Man 'beaten to death'

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home and beat him severely in front of his wife and children. They then took him and his wife to the Basabo camp. He was tortured there too," he alleged.

"By around 4:00am, Nazrul lost consciousness. Officers then gave his wife Tk 2,000 and told her to take him to Mugda General Hospital," he added.

Aklima then took her husband to Mugda Hospital. Later, with assistance from Khilgaon police, he was transferred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he was declared dead.

Nazrul's cousin Didar Hossain said some army men came to his brother's house and conducted a search. They beat him and later took him and his wife to the Basabo camp after midnight. A few hours later, they made Nazrul's wife take him to Mugda hospital.

At DMCH, another relative said, "Even if he had a case against him, is this how

a person should be treated? They could have just arrested him. What will happen to his wife and children now?"

Contacted in the evening, the Inter Services Public Relations Directorate (ISPR) said they would comment after learning about the incident. However, they did not respond to further calls as of filing this report at 1:45am today.

Daud Hossain, officer-in-charge of Khilgaon Police Station, told The Daily Star they were informed of the death by the hospital authorities. "A police team visited the hospital. We have asked the deceased's wife to come to the police station so we can learn more about the incident," he said.

Asked about the allegation of torture, the OC said, "Once we speak to the wife and gather more information, I will be able to comment on the matter."

No case was filed as of filing this report at 1:45am today.

'How can you decide on women without them?'

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the demand." Maheen Sultan, a member of the women's commission, said a letter from the chief adviser and their commission had urged the consensus commission to consider the women's commission's report. "But it remained silent. Later, we were told it wasn't within their 'terms of reference', so it couldn't be included.

"In fact, the consensus commission's vice president openly said in several forums that it would be an 'elite body'. We never asked for that. We asked for civil society representation -- a genuine citizen's voice. It appears women's issues are not a priority."

She added, "As voters, we were neither given space nor value. From the outset, it seemed the commission assumed women have nothing to contribute to constitutional and electoral reforms -- a view that is both ignorant and deeply insulting."

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said she was surprised at the commission's decision to engage only political parties -- many of whom, she noted, were barely known to the public.

"Why did the commission only speak to political parties? Do they alone represent us? None of them represent women. No citizen platforms or women's groups were consulted. Is this an acceptable process?"

Referring to the exclusion of the women's commission report, she

said, "Now we hear it wasn't in their terms of reference. How is it acceptable to leave out 50 percent of the electorate from discussions about their own political rights?"

She also criticised the consensus commission's composition. "There was no inclusion of women from the start, as if women's experience and intellect weren't enough to be part of a self-proclaimed elite group."

"This club does not represent Bangladesh, a country shaped by class, region, profession, and language. A small committee of six or seven people cannot make such critical decisions. We reject this process outright."

She also slammed the Cabinet's inaction, especially that of advisers from the women's movement, for allowing the recommendations to be shelved -- despite the chief adviser calling them practical and worth implementing.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Fauzia Moslem said an organised anti-women sentiment has been gaining strength since the political transition began, gradually eroding long-standing gains of the women's movement.

"Immediately after the uprising, we began to see a shift -- starting with the policing of women's clothing, then harassment, mob violence, women losing jobs, the removal of quotas, and finally the rejection of our commission's recommendations."

"Even women seeking justice in dowry cases are

now told to go through mediation first. These are not isolated incidents. They point to a consistent, growing anti-women agenda. The government may not have formally rejected our demands, perhaps in the face of women's protests, but now uses polite excuses like 'It's not in the terms of reference'."

Fauzia warned, "This hostility is being nurtured and normalised. If we don't stop it now, we risk losing everything we've fought for."

Naripokkho President Gita Das expressed disappointment over the sidelining of the women's commission's report, despite the chief adviser praising it as a document of international standard.

She questioned why the consensus commission's terms of reference, which are not constitutionally fixed, cannot be amended to reflect women's needs. Highlighting the persistent gender gap, she said political parties continue to ignore women in both leadership and representation.

Dr Khandker Golam Mozammel, research director at the Centre for Policy Dialogue, warned that the post-election scenario could become even more hostile to women's rights and status. "I fear the future political landscape will become even more challenging for women."

He suggested drafting a women-centric manifesto to present to all parties ahead of the polls -- one that ensures women's participation beyond election day.

Human rights activist Khushi Kabir said the country has been slowly pushed toward a "moderate Islamic state" since the 1970 election. She warned that women and minority groups are increasingly isolated as Bangladesh moves toward a single-religion, single-ideology model.

Shahjadi Fananna Kotha, a student leader from East West University, noted that no political party in Bangladesh is led by a woman. She criticised major parties and organisations like Jamaat-e-Islami, Hefazat-e-Islam, and BNP for ignoring women's issues, and said even newer parties like the NCP have little female representation despite their rhetoric.

She also pointed out that many women who played key roles in the July movement remain unacknowledged, facing online harassment, character assassination, and intimidation. At the end of the discussion, a list of demands was placed. These included a call for the consensus commission to engage women meaningfully; for the July Charter to fully incorporate the women's commission's recommendations; and for an urgent review of the Charter with women's participation.

Other demands included consulting more women activists, especially university-based; holding direct elections for the reserved seats for women in parliament; and clear commitments to women's rights in political party manifestos.

'Tk 1 lakh offered'

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The victim's mother said they went to the Saint Martin Police Outpost, but officers refused to file a complaint.

Shafiqul Islam, in charge of the outpost, said the family had come to the camp but did not file anything. "They spoke to Teknaf Police

Station's duty officer and said they would go there. We've not received a formal complaint yet, but we are looking into the matter."

This newspaper tried calling Abdullah for comments, but his phone was switched off. His brother Abdur Rahim's phone was also off.

Boeing plane 1 in 3 Gazans going days

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after the deal is signed, subject to the consent of the US.

"So, in accordance with our rights to information [Right to Information Act], and based on the US' consent, we will definitely disclose the agreement," he said, adding that there will be a joint statement once the deal is signed.

"There is nothing against the country's interest actually."

He made the remarks during a conversation with Golam Morteza, minister (press) at the Bangladesh embassy in Washington, who shared the comments on his verified Facebook page for the media.

"Its success or failure will depend on our capacity and competitiveness. To get fruits from this, we need to boost our capacity and competitiveness. I have heard that there is no room for complacency. I hundred percent agree with this. Under no circumstances, we have no room for complacency," Bashir said.

Bangladesh imports food products worth \$15-\$20 billion and the US is a large producer of agricultural products. Bangladesh has mainly talked about reducing the trade deficit with energy and agricultural products, which Bangladesh already imports.

Bashir said the trade deficit with Bangladesh is about \$6 billion. Bangladesh can try to reduce the trade deficit of \$2 billion by increasing the import of cotton, soyabean, corn, and

in Khan Younis, says Palestinians in the besieged territory are faced with "tragedy and torment" amid Israeli bombardment, forced starvation and a complete feeling of insecurity.

"With the cats away, the mice will play -- except that it's not just a mouse, but an engineered Israeli genocidal chaos," he told Al Jazeera, stressing that safety is "nowhere to be found" in Gaza.

"We are not just referring to the fact of constant fear of the Israeli bombs being dropped on our heads, but the fact that there is a total security and power vacuum that leaves us here unsure and uncertain of our own safety," al-Najjar said.

He described that even walking in the street and going to buy a bag of flour or some other basic necessity makes people feel uncertain whether they will be able to return home safely.

In March, Israel blocked food aid from entering Gaza. It eased the blockade in late May, after which the controversial Israel- and United States-backed GHF took over aid distribution in Gaza.

But GHF has been accused of grave rights violations and the targeting of civilians. The UN says more than 1,300

Palestinians have been killed trying to get food from the GHF's aid hubs. Many have been purposefully shot by Israeli soldiers or US security contractors hired by GHF, according to testimonies from whistleblowers published in the media.

With starvation across the Strip spreading, international outcry over images of emaciated children and increasing reports of hunger-related deaths pressured Israel to let more aid into the Gaza Strip earlier this week.

The Israeli military last week began a daily "tactical pause" of its military operations in parts of Gaza and established new aid corridors.

US President Donald Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, also travelled to Gaza on Friday to inspect the GHF aid distribution site, together with Mike Huckabee, the US ambassador to Israel.

Several Western and Arab governments began carrying out aid airdrops in Gaza earlier this week, to feed more than two million inhabitants. But aid agencies have said they are deeply sceptical that airdrops could deliver enough food safely to tackle a deepening hunger crisis in Gaza.




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Businessman tortured

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Mofiz allegedly coerced a cheque worth Tk 1 crore from them. The businessman was later released with death threats if he revealed the information to anyone, according to the complaint.

"My husband fled the area out of fear -- we are left with nothing," Asma told The Daily Star.

Tipu's business has

nearly shut down.

"We are completely devastated -- I want justice."

The Daily Star could not reach Jony for comments despite repeated attempts.

"I am not the person you are looking for -- I am not in a position to talk," Mofiz said.

Abhaynagar Police Station OC Abdul Alim said necessary action will be taken after investigation.

Female SAD coordinator quits politics

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movement. My respect for the martyrs remains unwavering."

Those who disrespect women and use politics for vile personal gains should be held accountable and their masks should be unveiled, she added.

Contacted, Rafy said he is not part of SAD, so he no longer has the jurisdiction to take any

action against anyone from the platform.

Neither Rassel Ahmed nor Rezaur Rahman could be contacted over the phone.

Earlier on July 27, SAD suspended the activities of all its committees across the country except its central committee amid allegations of extortion against some of its leaders and activists.



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