

DHAKA

Relocate training flights from Dhaka to prevent disasters

Urge aviation experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The jet crash at Milestone School and College in Uttara's Diabari is a wake-up call to prevent similar incidents in the future, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.

The seminar, titled "Aviation Emergencies and Civil Risk: Rethinking Disaster Preparedness in Bangladesh", was organised by The Bangladesh Monitor, a fortnightly journal, at a Dhaka hotel.

Capt Tanvir Khurshid, chief of technical at Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said commercial flights regularly face difficulties, including holding aircraft in the sky due to military operations on the lone runway at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

"Things become critical during bad weather," he said, adding that flights often miss slots at foreign airports because of delays caused by military aircraft operations at Dhaka airport.

He suggested that military training flights could be shifted to other airports instead of using one in the densely populated capital. "We don't see joint military-civil operations on a single runway in other countries," he noted.

Capt Tanvir also said while Dhaka airport previously handled a small number of flights, around 350 flights now operate daily.

He warned that joint military-civil operations on a single runway could increase the risk of mid-air collisions.

Mofizur Rahman, managing director of Novoir,

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Pedestrians struggle to navigate Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue as footpath development work from Farmgate to Karwan Bazar drags on. Instead of a phased approach to minimise disruption, the entire stretch has been dug up simultaneously, worsening the public inconvenience. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

HC acquits GK Shamim in graft case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday acquitted expelled Jubo League leader Golem Kibria Shamim, widely known as GK Shamim, and his seven bodyguards from a money laundering case in which he was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment by a lower court.

It also scrapped the lower court verdict that sentenced his bodyguards to four years' imprisonment, Deputy Attorney General Md Hemayet Ullah told The Daily Star.

The bench of Justice ASM Abdul Mobin and Justice Md Jabid Hossain delivered the verdict following appeals filed by GK Shamim and the other accused, challenging the trial court judgement.

Advocate Mosaddek Billah, a lawyer for the accused, told The Daily Star that his clients will get released from jail following the HC verdict if they are



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Dengue death toll climbs to 95 amid surge in cases



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least three dengue patients died while 408 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till yesterday morning, indicating an alarming trend in the outbreak this year.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), two of the deaths occurred in areas under Dhaka South City Corporation, and one in Dhaka North City Corporation.

With these, the total number of dengue-related deaths has risen to 95, while confirmed cases have reached 23,220.

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10 'diseases' plague the health system

Ministry says reform plans include decentralisation, stronger primary healthcare

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health ministry has identified 10 major "diseases" in the healthcare system and has taken or planned measures to address them, aiming to improve the country's overall healthcare.

If healthcare reform is not at the centre of planning, all other reforms will become meaningless, the ministry said yesterday.

"We promise that change is coming and reforms have already begun," said Prof Sayedur Rahman, special assistant to the chief adviser for the health ministry.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum said, "We are undertaking various initiatives to bring positive changes to the country's health sector. We hope the benefits of these efforts will become visible in the coming days."

They were speaking at a press conference held at the Shaheed Abu Sayed International Convention Centre in the capital to highlight the ministry's achievements over the past year and outline future reform plans.

Prof Sayedur said they have identified 10

major problems in the health system, describing them as "diseases".

These are the absence of merit, knowledge, and competence in the system; excessive centralisation; overreliance on specialised

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treatment and neglected primary healthcare; lack of transparency and a culture of impunity; unmotivated and demoralised healthcare providers; absence of critical thinking and proper mindset; erosion of ethics and conflicts of interest; overdependence on external actors; weak leadership and poor management; and

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Ex-CJ Khairul sent to jail after remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque to jail yesterday on completion of his seven-day remand in a case filed over manipulation of the Supreme Court verdict on the caretaker government system.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Saifuzzaman passed the order after Md Khaleque Miah, a sub-inspector of Shahbagh Police Station and also the case's investigation officer, produced him before the court after his remand period ended in the case.

On July 30, another Dhaka court placed him on a seven-day remand. Yesterday, no lawyer was present at the court to defend him.

On July 24, a team of the Detective Branch of police arrested Khairul from a house in Dhaka's Dhanmondi.

JULY KILLINGS IN ASHULIA Prosecution seeks indictment of 16 accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday urged the International Crimes Tribunal-2 to indict 16 people, including a former Awami League lawmaker and a former Dhaka range DIG, for their alleged involvement in the killing of seven people during the July uprising in Ashulia.

Six of the victims were reportedly set on fire, with one of them still alive at that time.

The prosecution read out the charges against the accused before the three-member tribunal headed by Justice Nozrul Islam Chowdhury and made the plea as the day was scheduled for a hearing on charge framing.

The tribunal set August 13 for the next hearing, when it will hear from the defence lawyers.

Eight of the accused are in custody. They are -- former Savar circle additional SP Md Shahidul Islam; former Dhaka district additional SP Abdullahil Kalif; former DB inspector Aralat Hossain; former Ashulia sub-inspectors Aralat Uddin Abdul Malek and Sheikh Abzalul Haque; former assistant ASI Kamrul Hasan; and constable Mukul Chokder. All of them were present in the dock.

The other accused -- former AL lawmaker from Savar Muhammad Saiful Islam; former Dhaka range DIG Syed Nurul Islam; former Dhaka SP Md Asaduzzaman Ripon; former Ashulia police OC AFM Sayed; inspectors Muhammad Masudur

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A rickshaw-van lies abandoned on a waterlogged road in Katalganj area of Chattogram city after it overturned. Following incessant rainfall since Wednesday night, several parts of the port city experienced severe waterlogging yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Rain leaves Ctg waterlogged, portion of bridge collapsed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chattogram city experienced severe waterlogging in several low-lying areas yesterday following continuous rainfall since Wednesday night, disrupting daily life for thousands of residents -- particularly office-goers, workers, and students.

Meanwhile, a portion of a bridge over the Sheetal Jharna Canal on the Oxygen-Bayezid road collapsed early yesterday, blocking one side of the road and causing severe traffic congestion.

It has been really difficult to commute due to gridlock caused

by the bridge collapse, said Arafat Hossain, a college student.

Faisal Shahriar, a businessman from the Fatehabad area, said, "I almost missed my flight due to the jam caused by the sunken bridge. Fortunately, I made it to the airport just in time and caught my flight to Dhaka."

Meanwhile, several areas in the port city, including Muradpur, Bahaddarhat, Agrabad, Katalganj, the Wasa intersection, and GEC Circle, got submerged due to the downpour, with knee-deep water reported in many places.

According to the Ambagan Weather Office, Chattogram

recorded 81mm of rainfall in the 24 hours till 9:00am yesterday.

"The monsoon is currently active over the region. Rain is likely to continue in Chattogram until tomorrow," said Mahmudul Alam, a meteorologist at the regional weather office.

The continuous downpour has also raised the risk of landslides in hilly areas. Warnings have been issued, and residents in vulnerable zones have been advised to move to safer locations, he added.

Raihan Uddin, a lecturer at a private college, said, "I had to wade through knee-deep water in

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HC scraps ICT case against Shahidul Alam

STAR REPORT

The High Court yesterday scrapped the proceedings of a case filed against internationally acclaimed photographer Shahidul Alam. The case was filed under the controversial section 57 of the ICT Act, 2006 in which he was behind the bar for 107 days.

The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Tamanna Rahman Khalidi delivered the verdict after holding hearing on a petition filed by Shahidul last year, challenging legality of the case proceedings.

The HC quashed the proceedings against Shahidul Alam on the grounds that the case is still now at the investigation stage and has not been placed before the court concerned for trial and such cases cannot run under the relevant provisions of the law, said Qazi Zahed Iqbal, a lawyer for Shahidul.

The allegations brought in the case are not covered by the law, he added.

On August 5, 2018, Shahidul, founder of Drik Gallery and Pathshala South Asian Media Institute, was picked up from his Dhanmondi home during a movement for safe roads.

Police lodged the case and produced him before a Dhaka court the following day. On November 15, 2018, HC granted him bail, and he was released from Dhaka jail the next day.



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