

Bangladesh: Banani fire death toll reaches 25

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The death toll in the fire at FR Tower in Dhaka raised to 25, police said on Friday as the authorities resumed the detailed search in the morning. Police deputy commissioner (Gulshan Zone) Mustak Ahmed at around 9:40 told media that 19 bodies were kept in different hospitals and six bodies found during the search in different floors of the building. A total of 24 bodies were handed over to their relatives in the meantime. Identities of the deceased were not disclosed by the police or other authorities as the fire service and civil defence officials said they would be continuing search and rescue operations at eighth to 11th floor of the building until Friday morning.



Deceased Sri Lankan national Nirosh Vigna Rajah, 28, worked with Scanwell Logistics in the building, said Banani police station officer-in-charge BM Forman Ali. The formalities of the

handover of the bodies were underway, he added. The families and the police identified eight of the deceased as Parjez Hossain, 47, of Gopalganj, Mamun, 36, of

Regent Air Express. Amina Yesmin, 40, of Molvibazar who was on the ninth floor, Abdullah Al Faruk, 35, who was on the 10th floor, Maksudur Rahman, 36, of Gendaria, Rezaul Karim Kazi, 42, of

Asif International, Mizanur Rahman, 35, and Rumki, 35.

The fire broke out at about noon on Thursday at the 22-storied building, which housed many offices.

The source of the fire could not be established yet, officials said.

Visiting the spot at about 11:15 on Friday, public works minister SM Rezaul Karim said that murder charges would be filed against the persons responsible for killing in the fire incident.

About 66 per cent buildings in the city have been constructed flouting building code, he said.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) mayor Atilul Islam said this was the time to take action against errant building owners.

DNCC will take immediate action against the building owners, he said.

GST Authority clarifies on change/transfer in ownership of sole proprietorship

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The Goods and Services Tax, GST Authority has clarified that transfer or change in the ownership of business will include transfer or change in the ownership of business due to death of the sole proprietor. In a circular, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, CBIC said, that the transferee or the successor will be liable to be registered with effect from the date of such transfer or succession, where a business is transferred to another person for any reasons, including death of the proprietor.

It said, the applicant will be required to mention the reason to obtain registration as death of the proprietor, in the registration form, GST REG-01 to be filed electronically in the common portal. The legal heir of the dead sole proprietor will be required to give application for cancellation of the existing registration.

The GST Identification Number, GSTIN of transferee to whom the business has been transferred is also required to be mentioned to link the GSTIN of the transferee with the GSTIN of sole proprietor, if the business is continued by any person being transferee or successor of business, it shall be construed as transfer of business. In case of transfer of business on account of death of sole proprietor, the transferee or successor will file Form GST ITC-02 in respect of the registration to be cancelled. CBIC said, a mechanism has been specified for transferring unutilised input tax credit.

In another circular related to verification of applications for grant of new registration, the CBIC said there have been instances when registration gets cancelled due to one reason or any other reason, such businesses prefer to apply for new registration rather

than applying for revocation of cancellation of registration. It said, there is possibility that such person might not have furnished requisite returns and not paid tax for the tax periods covered under the old or cancelled registration.

It added that such persons would be required to pay all liabilities due from them for the relevant period in case they apply for revocation of cancellation of registration. Hence, to avoid payment of the tax liabilities, such persons may be using the route of applying for fresh registration. One can take separate registration on the same PAN in the same State.

CBIC has asked its officials to exercise due caution while processing such applications. It clarified that not applying for revocation of cancellation of registration will be deemed to be a deficiency and could be reason for rejection of application for new registration.

Indian missile fired before Mi17 V5 chopper crash

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Investigators have found that an Indian air defence missile was fired shortly before the crash of a Mi17 V5 helicopter at Budgam, near Srinagar on February 27, which resulted in the deaths of six air force personnel and a citizen on ground. The investigators are examining the sequence of events which preceded the crash. The final moments preceding the crash, including if the IFF (Identify, Friend or Foe) systems were switched on or not, are being carefully looked at to determine what went wrong. The air force brass, highly placed sources told ET, has made it clear that it would not shy away from initiating court martial proceedings against personnel if they are found blameworthy in the inquiry.

ET has learnt that the focus of the investigation now is to determine if multiple layers of safeguards meant to protect assets from friendly fire failed and how systems need to be improved to prevent any such incident in the future. Sources said that the missile – believed to be of Israeli origin – was activated after an air defence alert was sounded over Jammu and Kashmir, besides other parts of the border, after a over 25 Pakistani air force jets were detected along the border on the morning of February 27.

The alert, sources said, indicated that Pakistani jets may be trying to breach the border for a strike on Indian military targets and there were concerns that armed UAVs available with that country may also have been deployed. A slow moving target like the Mi 17 V 5 helicopter could potentially be mistaken for a low flying armed UAV homing into an air base, according to these

sources. "When an air defence alert is sounded, several things take place. There are a set of rules that transport aircraft and helicopters need to follow and there are set entry and egress routes demarcated for aircraft flying. Also, aircraft are to switch on their IFF (Identify, Friend or Foe) systems," sources told ET.

They added that all angles are being probed to determine if lapses took place and where. A senior officer is conducting the court of inquiry into the crash and has been given access to all inputs available with ground controllers as well as the actions of the helicopter in the ten minutes that it was in the air. As reported by ET, the chopper crashed in the 10-minute span when IAF jets were engaged in an aerial battle with the Pakistan Air Force fighters, along the Line of Control in the Nowshera sector, and air defence systems were on operational alert. Command and control systems were under immense pressure as reports of attempted intrusions were sounded along the border.

The Indian side officially acknowledged the crash but has not mentioned it in official statements on the aerial battle and the current conflict with Pakistan. In its official statement, the Pakistani military acknowledged the aerial battle over Nowshera but said its fighters were not involved in the chopper incident.

Mi17V5 is one of the sturdiest choppers in service across the world and is not usually prone to technical faults of catastrophic nature. Eyewitness reported that a loud explosion was heard in the air before the chopper crashed in a trail of smoke, indicating a possible catastrophic external event contributed to the incident.

Assam CEO Mukesh Sahu launches Enajori initiative in Guwahati

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Assam Chief Electoral Officer Mukesh Sahu launched the Enajori initiative in Guwahati. It is a special initiative for persons with disabilities with an aim that 'No Voter to be Left behind'. It is a joint initiative of CEO Assam and Social

Welfare Department with an objective to make Lok Sabha Elections accessible to Persons with Disability, PwD voters.

Under this initiative comprehensive mapping of PwDs will be done in consultation with Booth Level Officers, Divyang Sarothis and a woman mascot-Chandrabhabha, to facilitate the PwD voters for barrier-free and

inclusive accessible elections.

Social Welfare Department will entrust field officials under the leadership of District Disability Co-ordinator and District Social Welfare Officer to conduct the mapping which includes escort during the poll day, counselling and to make aware of ethical and informed voting.

PM Modi addresses election rally in Koraput, Odisha

Agency Odisha, March 29,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the progress of Odisha and the country will speed-up when both the governments at the Centre and the state are from the same party. Addressing a public meeting in Jeypore in Koraput district today, PM said that educational facilities for students, medicines for patients, employment for youth, irrigation for farmers and JanSunami for the common man is the agenda for the development of BJP.

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PM said that the MSP was available for only 10 forest produces before 5 years but now it has been increased to 50 and the MSP has also been increased three-fold. Modi said that to provide employment to the youth and women, Self Help Groups are being empowered and under MUDRA Yojana, they are being given collateral free loans.

He also criticised the BJD government saying that the state government has looted the people through chit fund companies. PM criticised the opposition saying that they are insulting the success of Soldiers and Scientists.

Agency New Delhi, March 29,

Supreme Court today issued a notice to the Centre and the Election Commission (EC) on a plea seeking initiation of contempt proceedings for alleged violation of its judgment directing all candidates to declare their criminal antecedents to the poll panel before contesting elections.

A bench, comprising Justices R F Nariman and Vineet Saran, also sought a response from the three deputy election commissioners, law secretary and the cabinet secretary for not complying with its judgment dated 25th September 2018.

In September last year, a five-judge Constitution bench had unanimously held that all candidates have to declare their criminal antecedents to

the EC before contesting polls and had called for wider publicity, through print and electronic media about the antecedents of candidates.

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I have Lost my Cell Phone (Redmi Note 4) bearing IMEI no. 866134038385381 ALONG with Sim Card bearing no. 6009072760 at Sabalongba Awang Leikai, Thoubal at around 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on 23rd March 2019.

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Contact: 8837474473

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Ningombam Mayai Leikai
PO & PS Thoubal

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