

3 die in wall collapse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three construction workers died and seven others were injured when two walls collapsed in the city's Gulshan and Shyampur areas yesterday.

Witnesses said two construction workers died when a wall collapsed on them around 4:25am after a truck rammed it while unloading construction materials at a house on Road-8 in Gulshan-1.

The dead were identified as Abdul Motlib Falu, 37, and Swapan Miah, 25. Six other workers were also injured in the incident.

"The workers were either resting against the wall or sitting near it," a police sub-inspector said quoting a witness.

Police retrieved bodies of the two dead and sent the injured to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH). The injured

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Khaleda greets Hasina on Eid

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia greeted Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina on the occasion of the Eid-ul-Azha, sending an Eid card to her yesterday.

Prime Minister's Assistant Press Secretary Mohiuddin Khan Mohon

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Prayer Timing		
January 9		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-30	5-35
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

VOTER LIST

Minority voters' exclusion sparks clash in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least six people were injured in a clash between Sramik Dal and Sramik League in Reazuddin Bazar in the city yesterday during a demonstration against reported exclusion of minority people while preparing voterlist.

The clash ensued when Sramik League, workers wing of the Awami League, and other front organisations of the main opposition were staging the demonstration, sources said.

Witnesses alleged ruling alliance cadres Barma Akram and Akber led by Sramik Dal General Secretary Mohammad Salim on

Saturday intervened in enumeration on Tamakimundi Lane.

They encircled enumerator Mohammad Solaiman and barred him and his staff from listing the minority people, the witnesses added.

As reporters prior to yesterday's demonstration were making queries about the allegation, cadres of Sramik Dal, workers wing of ruling BNP, swooped on the demonstrators.

Witnesses said the cadres also roughed up Kamal Dey, staff reporter of the Bhorer Kagoj, and Anurup Das Titu, photojournalist of the Suprabhat Bangladesh, during the clash.

Chittagong Union of Journalist (CUJ) leaders including General Secretary Shaheed Ul Alam, Bhorer Kagoj Chittagong bureau chief Omar Kaiser and Jubo Dal leaders including Abul Hashem Bakkar rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The injured include Hawkers' League Senior Vice-president Jahid, Kalam, Mobin, Sramik Dal leader Mohammad Salim and Idris Munna.

A Hindu trader speaking anonymously said about eighty ruling

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Cattle markets cause traffic congestion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traders of most of the temporary cattle markets in the capital have illegally occupied adjacent roads, footpaths and open spaces, resulting in heavy traffic congestion.

Traffic jams have gripped the entire city in the last couple of days as the cattle traders stretched their business over the roads beyond the DCC approved land.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has selected 14 pieces of land for the cattle traders ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha this year.

A mobile court led by Magistrate Nazmul Ahsan raided Nayabazar cattle market in Old Dhaka yesterday and cleared North South Road.

The traders had illegally captured about half-kilometre stretch

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PHOTO: STAR

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE... A cow and a goat are tied with the same rope as the latter is offered "free" to the buyer of the cow at the Golapbagh cattle market in the capital yesterday.

US helicopter crashes in Iraq: 12 killed

5 GIs die in separate attacks, French hostage freed

AFP, Baghdad

A US military helicopter has crashed in Iraq, killing all 12 passengers and crew on board, the US military announced yesterday.

The crash in a remote area of the country on Saturday night was one of the deadliest such incidents involving US military aircraft in Iraq following the US-led invasion of March 2003.

The announcement followed news that a French hostage kidnapped by insurgents in Baghdad a month ago and threatened with

death had been freed.

A US spokesman said the cause of the crash of the Black Hawk near the restive city of Tal Afar in north-western Iraq was under investigation, adding that there was severe weather at the time the helicopter went down.

"A coalition helicopter crashed in a sparsely populated area 12km east of Tal Afar shortly before midnight (2100 GMT), killing passengers and crew," a statement said.

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10 killed as 2 buses collide in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

At least 10 people were killed and 20 others injured when two buses collided head-on in Sherpur on Dhaka-Bogra Highway yesterday.

Police and witnesses said a Dhaka-bound bus collided with a Bogra-bound bus at Mohipur, some 20km off Bogra town, at around 8:30am, leaving seven passengers dead on the spot. Three others succumbed to their injuries at Mohammad Ali Hospital in Bogra.

The accident might have occurred due to dense fog, they said.

The deceased were identified as Zahidur Rahman, 40, teacher of Sherpur DJ High School, his wife

Nasrin Jahan Lipi, 25, Masudul Alam, 32, a businessman from Dhunat upazila, Kanika Sarker, 25, a student of Government Sadat College of Tangail, Masud Alam, 28, from Bhaluka in Mymensingh and Arif, 28, helper of one of the buses.

The identities of the other four could not be known immediately.

Informed, police rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area. They rescued the injured and sent them to Sherpur Upazila Health Complex and Mohammad Ali Hospital.

Meanwhile, relatives of the injured alleged that in the name of rescuing, some people took away

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