

## Two killed in road accidents

### STAR REPORT

At least two people were killed and 13 others injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka and Gaibandha yesterday.

BDNEWS from Nawabganj reports: One person was killed and four others, including two children, were injured in a road accident at Panalia on the Dhaka-Bandura

highway in Nawabganj upazila under Dhaka yesterday.

Witnesses and police said a rickshaw passenger China Begum, 35, died on the spot as a speeding bus hit her rickshaw from behind at around 10:00am.

The injured Sufia, 12, Sagar, 5, Sohan, 3, were accompanying her. The rickshawpuller Shafiullah was also injured.

The agitated mob seized the bus and its driver and handed them over to police.

Our Gaibandha correspondent adds: A woman was killed and nine others sustained injuries in two road accidents in Gaibandha yesterday.

A speeding truck from Bogra hit one Shilpi Begum, 28, while she was crossing the highway at Kalitola police box point, leaving her dead on the spot. The truck managed to flee soon after the incident.

Meanwhile, nine people were injured when a loaded truck hit a motorcycle at Indererpar on Gaibandha-Shaghata Road. Of the injured, five were admitted to a local clinic in critical condition.

## CUJ biennial confce today

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The biennial conference of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) will be held at the Chittagong Press Club auditorium at 11.00am today.

Transparency International of Bangladesh (TIB) Chief Prof Mozaffer Ahmed will attend the conference as chief guest.

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Secretary General Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) President Altaf Mahmud and other senior leaders are expected to be present at the function.

Meanwhile, the CUJ will stage a demonstration with black flags protesting the Chittagong-tour of Bangladesh Press Council Chairman Justice Abu Saeed Ahmad this morning. They will observe the programme at 9.00am in front of Chittagong Circuit House, where he is scheduled to attend a seminar on 'Human rights and policies for journalism'.

The CUJ has taken up the programme as Justice Saeed took a move to formulate a black law to abase freedom of journalism, said a press release.

The biennial election of CUJ will be held tomorrow.

Polling will take place from 9.00am to 4.00pm with one hour break from 1.00pm.

A total of 197 voters will exercise their franchise to elect new executive committee for next two years (2006-2007).



Visually impaired students take part in a cultural competition on the premises of Blind Education and Rehabilitation Development Organisation (BERDO) in the city on Sunday. The BERDO organised the event to mark the Independence Day.



14-Party stages a demonstration in Barisal city yesterday protesting police action on Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President Hasanul Haque Inu in the capital.

## Three more JMB men arrested

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Three Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) members, including an Ehsar member, were arrested in Dinajpur and Gaibandha yesterday.

Our correspondent from Gaibandha reports: Police yesterday arrested one JMB 'Ehsar' member from village Cheragidaha under Shaghata upazila.

Police said Lutfur Rahman, a schoolteacher and son of Faizer Rahman of village Barokona under Shaghata upazila. Lutfur is the elder brother of most wanted Bogra JMB commander Mamunur Rashid Mamun.

Police will produce him before the court today seeking remand for interrogation.

After the arrest of outlawed Islamist outfit JMB kingpins, commanders and Ehsar members are gathering occasionally with view to regrouping Shaghata, police said.

Simulbari Qawmi Madrasa of village Barokona here was a den of JMB when Ahle Hadits Andolon Bangladesh (Ahab) chief Asadullah-Al-Galib and Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) chief Siddiqui Islam Bangla Bhai frequently visited the areas for recruitment, local people said.

Police said the JMB activists are regrouping in remote shoal areas along the Brahmaputra basin at

Shaghata upazila.

Our Correspondent from Dinajpur adds: Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police arrested two people suspecting them to be JMB members at the Dinajpur court area in Dinajpur yesterday. The arrestees are Haidar Ali 28, son of Abdul Hasnat of village Ghugumari under Rowmari upazila of Kurigram and Jamal Munshi, 26, son of late Nazrul Islam of village Masua-Khail

under Shariatpur.

Acting on tip-off, Rab arrested Haider and Jamal on Dinajpur court premises. Police said they were moving suspiciously at the court area in the morning. Police said they are quizzing the arrestees.

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