

Schoolboy electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangul

A schoolboy was electrocuted and another seriously injured while hoisting Argentina's flag at Mirzapur upazila in the district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Zahid Hassan, 14, son of Pahelee Sikdar of Gandhabba Para village.

Witnesses and family sources said Zahid, a student of class eight of a local high school, and Mohammad

Shawheen, 10, a student of class four of a local primary school, were electrocuted while they were trying to hoist a flag of their favourite team on top of a green bamboo pole at around 1:00pm. At one stage, the bamboo came into contact with an electric wire, leaving the two seriously injured.

Locals rushed them to Mirzapur Kumudini Hospital in critical condition where the on-duty doctors declared Zahid dead.



Members of family and civil society line up at Hatkhola in the city yesterday as part of 'Blue for Peace' programme demanding trial of the killers of slain Awami League leader and former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria.

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5 killed in Savar road accident

UNB, Savar

At least five people, including an elderly woman, were killed and 30 others injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a truck near Sipur bus stand yesterday.

Truck driver Parash Ullah, 40, and bus passenger Sona Banu, 80, were identified among the dead.

Police and witnesses said the accident took place on Nabinagar-Kaliakoir road at noon when a Gazipur-bound truck collided head-on with a Dhaka-bound bus from Pabna.

Three of the bus passengers, including Sona Banu, and truck driver Parash Ullah died on the spot in the violent collision, says a witness.

Thirty-one passengers of the bus were injured in the accident. They were admitted to Gono Swasthya Hospital here. Of them, an unidentified injured man succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

Police recovered and sent the bodies to the hospital morgue. A case was filed.

Meanwhile, a man was killed and three people were injured in a road accident near the Staff Quarters in the district town early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Karim, 35, son of Abul Khayer of Sipur area in the town.

Witnesses said Karim, a hotel employee, was killed on the spot when a Rajbari-bound microbus from Magura knocked him from behind at about 5:30am while he was going to his workplace on a bicycle.

Three passengers of the microbus were injured, one critically, as its driver losing control over the steering hit a roadside tree.

Of the injured, Jewel, 22, and Manjurul Hassan, 25, have been

Australia offers 20 scholarships for CHT students a year

The Australian government will offer 20 scholarships for indigenous students of Chittagong Hill Tracts a year to study in Australia, says a press release.

Australian High Commissioner Douglas Foskett and UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Renata Lok Dessallien, signed an agreement on behalf of their respective sides in this regard at the Australian High Commission yesterday.

After signing the agreement, Douglas Foskett said, "This funding underscores Australia's strong commitment to supporting development and confidence-building in the CHT. Under this scheme, Australia will provide 100 scholarships to students from CHT over the next five years, at a cost of up to 10 million Australian dollars. Graduates of the programme will be able to make an important contribution to the development of one of the most needy regions of Bangladesh."

Renata Lok Dessallien said, "This scholarship initiative will significantly enhance the role of CHT people in their own development. The area will reap many benefits when the returnees begin to play important leadership and technical roles within the CHT institutions and their own communities."

To be provided in collaboration with the UNDP-Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (UNDP-CHTFD), the programme will offer 20 scholarships a year during 2006-10 for Masters, Bachelors and Certificate/Short Courses for indigenous young people.

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