

11 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least eleven people were killed in separate road accidents in Dhaka, Comilla, Manikganj, Sirajganj and Pabna yesterday.

The victim was identified as Amir Hussain, 25. UNB from Comilla adds: Three people were killed as a private car and a covered van collided head on at Harikhola in Chandina upazila in the district yesterday.

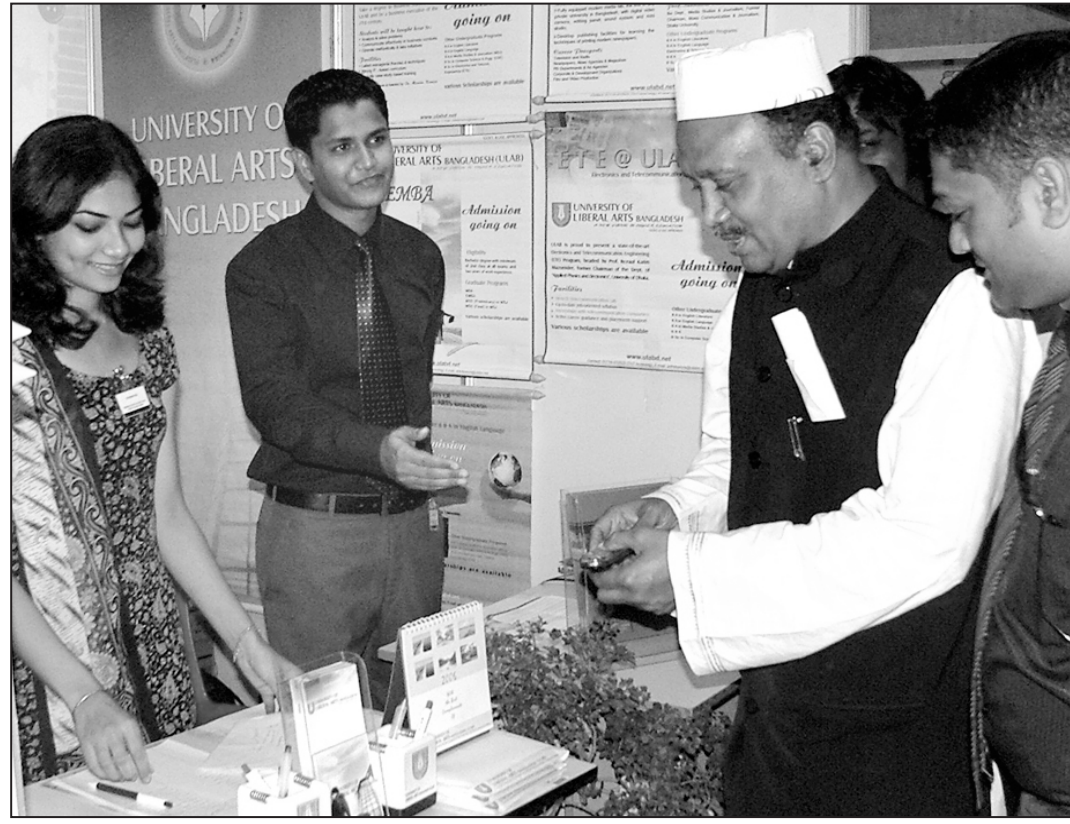
The dead were identified as Dewan Abdul Jalil, 40, a field worker of Shivalaya Upazila Livestock Office and inhabitant of Mirzapur village in Tangail district and Sona Banu, a hotel worker and inhabitant of Tepra under Shivalaya Police Station in Manikganj.

identity of the deceased could not be known immediately. On the other hand, Shariful of Gopalganj district died on the spot when a Bogra-bound coach from Dhaka hit him from behind at Mulbari.

HYPERTENSION New drugs have less side-effects Study reveals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Drugs currently taken by people with high blood pressure should be replaced with newer and more effective medications, experts said. According to a recent study conducted in the United Kingdom, while beta-blockers help many people control blood pressure and cut associated risks of strokes, heart attacks and death, other treatments work better and have less serious side-effects.



Chittagong city Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury visits a stall after inaugurating a three-day 'Emerge Education Fair-2006' at the auditorium of Engineers' Institution in the port city yesterday.

Saarc centre to assess state of oil pollution in Indian Ocean region

BSS, Dhaka

Saarc Coastal Zone Management Centre in the Maldives has launched a programme to assess the state of oil pollution in the Indian Ocean region. Bangladesh High Commissioner Mijarul Quayes inaugurated the programme in Male on Sunday, according to a message received here.



ADB Country Director Hua Du exchanges views with journalists at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium yesterday.

MOHAMMADPUR GENEVA CAMP 'People live miserable life'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 40 percent of some 230 Urdu-speaking families having seven to 21 members in each family are living roughly in 80 square feet space at Geneva camp in the city's Mohammadpur area, revealed a study yesterday.

hugely garbage which is not cleared by the city corporation, he added. Though the water supply is adequate, it is often filthy with bad smells, Foyzal said quoting the residents for whom water and sewage are two main problems.

Moderated by Dr ASM Atiqur Rahman, professor of social welfare department of Dhaka University, the programme was also addressed by Dr C R Abrar, professor of international relations department of Dhaka University, Taherunnesa Abdullah, project director of Democracy Watch, and Dr Latifa Akhand.

Transport strike in Sylhet from tomorrow

Owners, workers divided over strike call

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A section of transport owners and workers will enforce an indefinite strike in Sylhet from tomorrow to press their 11-point demand. Sylhet Zila Sarak Paribahan Malik-Sramik Oikya Parishad announced the strike at a press conference at Sylhet Press Club yesterday afternoon.

The study was conducted on 230 families at the Geneva camp on May this year by the third batch of GGTP. According to the study, houses at the camps are mainly semi-pucca with one bedroom where an average of 10 members live in a congested environment.

They are however conscious about the health of mother and child and 43 percent of couples use family planning devices, it added. According to the study people living at eight and nine blocks are still willing to go to Pakistan but the new generation thinks themselves as Bangladeshis.

It's a good news for diabetic patients in Bangladesh as a non-government organisation is going to cultivate stevia, a small green plant that could be used as an alternative to sugar, on a commercial basis. Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (Brac), a leading NGO which is the pioneer in developing stevia plant through tissue culture in its laboratory, is expected to go for commercial cultivation of the plant from December.

WEATHER TODAY Thundershowers likely UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Stevia to meet calorie-free sugar need of diabetic patients

BSS, Dhaka

Colonel Md Nabir Uddin of Bangladesh Army passed away due to a cardiac arrest on Sunday at Chittagong Cantonment at the age 52, says an ISPR press release. He left behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Lt Col Abdul Based Khan Lieutenant Colonel Md Abdul Based Khan of Bangladesh Army died in a road accident on Sunday at the age of 53, says a press release. He left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Govt trying to foil road march Says Hasina

UNB, Gopalganj

Criticising the government for the wholesale arrest of opposition leaders and activists ahead of their road march, opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged the government is trying to foil the opposition's peaceful demonstration programme. Hasina made the allegation while addressing a function marking the reopening of Sheikh Sahera Khatun Red Crescent Hospital at Tungipara that was reportedly closed by the BNP-led four-party government.

Today is the 4th death anniversary of National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan, says a press release. He was also a poet and served as vice-chancellor of a number of public universities. A discussion on the life and works of Prof Ali Ahsan will be held at the Russian Cultural Centre at 11:00am today.

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DHAKA TODAY Seminar Mechanical Engineering Division of the Institution of Engineers will hold a seminar on 'Shipbuilding Industry in Bangladesh: Prospects and limitations'. Venue: Institution of Engineers. Time: 5:00pm.



Save the Environment Movement and Bangladesh Photojournalists' Association hold a press conference on the formation of Environmental Watchdog at the association auditorium in the city yesterday.

Their demands include establishment of a truck terminal at a suitable place, development of two central bus terminals, removal of irregularities in toll collection on different bridges of Roads & Highways Department and steps to stop movement of unauthorised trucks and buses.