

Eight killed in road accidents



A passenger bus and a taxicab lie crashed after they fell off the Pakulla Bridge over Satiachara Goran canal on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Tangail after a head-on collision yesterday.

STAR REPORT

At least eight people, including a photojournalist, were killed and 19 others injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka, Tangail and Cox's Bazar yesterday.

UNB reports: Two people were killed in separate road accidents in the city during hartal hours yesterday. One of the deceased was identified as Mofazzal Hossain, 35. The identity of another, a rickshawpuller, could not be known immediately.

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) sources said Mofazzal sustained severe injuries when a speeding bus ran over him in front of Rampura TV Bhaban at about 7:00am.

He was rushed to DMCH where doctors declared him dead.

In another accident, the unidentified rickshawpuller was injured critically as a bus ploughed through his rickshaw near Sat Rasta crossing at Tejaon in the city at about 1:00pm. He was rushed to DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries at about 2:30pm.

Our Tangail correspondent adds: At least four people were killed and 15 others injured seriously in a road accident on Dhaka-Tangail highway at Pakulla under Mirzapur upazila in the district early yesterday.

Of the dead, two were identified as taxicab passengers Alamgir Hossain, 30, and Mohammad Jahangir, 28, of Par Bahulee village under Tangail Sadar upazila while the identities of two others could not be known till the filing of this report at 1:30pm.

Police said the accident took place at around 4:00am when a Dhaka-bound speeding passenger bus from Chapainawabganj collided head-on with a Tangail-bound yellow taxicab from Dhaka on Pakulla Bridge.

Both the vehicles fell under the bridge after breaking its railing. Three taxicab passengers died on the spot.

Locals and fire service men started a rescue operation and sent the injured people to Mirzapur Kumudini Hospital.

Police recovered the bodies and brought them to Mirzapur Police Station.

UNB from Keraniganj reports: A photojournalist was killed in a

road accident at Matuail on Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Tofazzol Hossain Khokon, 48, a photographer of Prottashar Alo newspaper.

Police and witnesses said a minibus crushed Khokon under its wheels at about 9:30am while he was going to his office by a motorcycle. Khokon died on the spot.

Local people seized the minibus but its driver managed to escape.

Police sent the body to Salimullah Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Our Correspondent from Cox's Bazar says: A policeman was killed and four others were critically injured when a microbus ploughed through a bus in Chakariya upazila on Cox's Bazar-Chittagong Highway yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Dilip Kumar Sharma, 50, Sub-inspector of Ukiya Police Station, son of Joy Chandra Sharma of village Baliyadhi, Mirersharai in Chittagong.

Cox's Bazar District Police Super sources said the accident occurred when a Cox's Bazar-bound microbus hit a bus at about 4:00pm, leaving five of its passengers critically injured. The injured were rushed to Sadar Hospital where doctors declared Dilip Kumar dead.

Dilip Kumar joined the police department in 1975, police said.

Critically injured were identified as Jesmin Ara, 40, and Momtaz Bagum, 25, of Chakoriya, Minhaz, 40, of Ukhia and an unidentified man.

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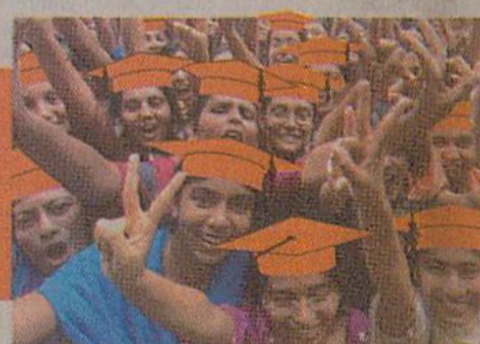
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