

4 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed and 26 others injured in separate road accidents in Tangail and Rajbari districts yesterday.

Our correspondent in Tangail reports: At least two people were killed and 25 others injured in a collision between two buses at Natiapara in Delduar.

Police and witnesses said the accident took place at around 9:30am when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Bogra collided head-on with a Tangail-bound bus from Dhaka on Dhaka-Tangail highway, leaving 27 passengers injured.

Fire service personnel and locals immediately rushed to the spot and began a rescue operation. They recovered the injured people and sent them to hospital.

Of the injured, Zaida Begum, 45, of Dhunat in Bogra and one unidentified youth, aged 30, died on the way to Tangail General Hospital.

Apu, a six-year-old girl who was serious injured, was sent to Dhaka.

Police seized both the buses but the drivers and helpers managed to escape.

UNB adds: Two rickshaw-van drivers were killed and another received injuries in a road accident near Basantapur Bazaar in Sadar upazila under Rajbari district yesterday noon.

Police said a Patuakhali-bound bus from Dhaka knocked down three van drivers, who were standing on the roadside on Rajbari-Faridpur highway.

They were rushed to Faridpur Medical College Hospital, but two of them -- Seken, 40, and Hashem, 38 -- died on the way.

Condition of another injured was stated to be critical.

Police seized the bus, but its driver fled away.

World Standards Day today

BSS, Dhaka

The World Standards Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere in the world today.

The theme of the day is "Standards: Big benefits for small business."

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI), the country's sole authorities responsible for monitoring the quality of local prod-

ucts, has drawn up special programmes to mark the day.

On the occasion, President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have issued separate messages.

In his message, the president said in this age of free economy, maintaining the overall standard of the local products is inevitable to make them sustainable in the global competition.

Khaleda Zia in her message said Bangladesh has already put its all-out efforts toward progress of small and medium enterprises to achieve its industrial development goals.

She said the precondition of industrial development of a country depends on expansion of its exports market and meeting local demands through producing quality goods.