



This car collided head-on with a truck, and was then engulfed in flames, injuring three people in Manikganj's Shivalaya upazila yesterday.

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Not enough books

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Moni Haider, an official of Bangla Academy, told The Daily Star that printing of the new edition of a book titled “Bhasha Andoloner Itihash, Koyekti Dalil” is going in full swing. “This book by Dr Ratanlal is also an important read,” he said.
The stall attendant said a book titled “Prothom Shaheed Minar o Piaru Sharder”, edited by Anisuzzaman is very popular among book lovers.
Asked if there’s a crisis of books on Language Movement, eminent writer Imdadul Haque Milon told

The Daily Star that Bangla Academy has published most of the books that were written on this topic. “Other publishers should bring more books on Language Movement. This would benefit younger readers,” he said.
Asked why books on the Language Movement are not being released, Milon said a lot of research is needed to write a book on this, which might be deterring writers.
Meanwhile a few school students were seen disheartened after not being able to find an appropriate read on the Language Movement. The parent of a

child mentioned that she was looking for a book that’s suitable for children, but couldn’t find anything.
Farid Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Knowledge and Creative Publishers’ Association and publisher of Shomoy Prokashon, said many publishers cannot bring out adequate number of books due to lack of enriched manuscripts.
Tariqul Islam Roni of Tamralipi publication said his house has published a book on Language Movement especially for children. “But more books like this are needed.”

3.9m children stunted

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said access and affordability to healthy food is difficult for most Bangladeshis.
Iftekhar Rashid, health specialist at the World Bank, said the government programme regarding nutrition in the past two-and-a-half decades was predominantly in rural areas.
Fernholz Manfried, team leader of the European Union Delegation to Bangladesh, hoped Bangladesh will renew its food and nutrition security commitments, which will be reflected highly in the eighth five-year plan.
He said effective role of the national parliament is required to overcome the challenges of malnutrition.
Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh

Harry Verweij said private sector partners should be included in addressing nutrition challenges.
World Food Programme Representative and Country Director in Bangladesh Richard Ragan said private sector stakeholders will also have to come forward.
Robert Simpson, country representative of Food and Agriculture Organization, stressed for undertaking more micro level nutrition policies.
Mujiul Haque Chunnun, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on Labour and Employment Ministry, said the government is working to ensure nutrition for the poor and

malnourished, especially children.
The government has taken steps to increase availability of protein-rich food, said Planning Commission member Zakir Hossain Akanda.
Bangladesh National Nutrition Council Director General Shah Nawaz said more than 20 ministries are involved in the nutrition programme. Some of the ministries have spent significantly high on nutrition, and it is required to see whether their expenditure was for the right people, he said.
Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Quayum said malnutrition is a major cause of stunting and it is a big problem in Bangladesh.

7-year-old killed in road crash

6 dead, 8 injured in other accidents

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed and eight injured in road accidents yesterday, report our correspondents and a news agency.
In Mymensingh, a schoolgirl was killed after a battery-run auto-rickshaw hit her at Duthnoi of Dhobaura upazila.
Mansura Akter (7), daughter of Monjurul Islam, was a first-grader at Duthnoi Govt Primary School, said locals.
Officer-in-Charge Ali Ahmed Mollah of Dhobaura Police Station said Mansura and other children were going home around noon. When they were standing in front of the school, the auto-rickshaw crashed into Mansura, killing her on the spot, he said.
On information, police recovered the body and seized the auto-rickshaw, but its driver managed to flee the scene.
A case was lodged and drives were underway to arrest him.
Elsewhere in the district, at least two people were killed and one was injured after a pick-up van and truck collided in Bhoraduba area of Bhaluka upazila.
The deceased are van driver Amirul Islam (30), and poultry trader Shamim Mia (35).
Quoting locals, police said the poultry carrying van hit the truck from behind after the van driver lost control over the vehicle, killing two on the spot around 3am.
On information, police and firefighters rescued the injured person and took him to the upazila health complex, they added.
Police also recovered the bodies and handed them over to family members. A case was lodged, and police seized the van.
In Tangail, two college students were killed and one was seriously injured after a bus ran over their motorcycle in Razabari area of Kalihati upazila at noon, said police.
The deceased are Imon (17) and Shawon (18), and the injured is Asif (18) – all students of Elenga Shamsul Haque College.
Locals rescued the youths and sent them to Tangail General Hospital, where doctors

declared Imon dead.
Shawon and Asif were referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, but Shawon succumbed to his injuries on the way there.
Police seized the bus but its driver and helpers managed to flee, they added.
In Manikganj, three people were injured as a car caught on fire after colliding with a truck in Tepra area of Shivalaya upazila.
Police said after the collision, the truck fell into a roadside ditch.
The injured are truck driver Abdul Aziz (25), his helper Sohag Apon (27) and car passenger Md Mofazzal (25). They were admitted to Shivalaya Upazila Hospital. Sohagh was shifted to Savar Enam Medical College Hospital after his condition deteriorated, they added.
Four firefighting units doused the blaze, which originated from the car’s battery, according to firefighters.
In Chattogram, Mohammad Ismail was killed following a collision between two covered vans at Takurdighirpar of Mirsarai upazila in the morning, reports BSS.
Police said after the accident, Ismail, who was helper of one of the vans, was taken to a hospital, where the duty-doctor declared him dead.
The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy, they added.
In Habiganj, Helena Begum (55) was killed on the spot and three were severely injured after a collision between a microbus and auto-rickshaw on Nabiganj-Aushkandi road of Nabiganj upazila around 1pm, said police and witnesses.
The injured – deceased’s husband Modarish Miah (60), son-in-law Mizanur Rahman and the auto-rickshaw driver – were rushed to the upazila health complex, reports BSS.
Later, the injured were taken to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital for better treatment.
Police seized the vehicles and filing of a case was underway.

Sajiba Khatun passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sajiba Khatun, mother of Mostafa Kamal, president of Dhaka Sangbadpatri Hawkers Bahumukhi Somobay Samity Ltd, passed away yesterday at her residence at Kalshi, Mirpur. She was 105 years old.
All directors, officials, employees and general members of the samiti expressed their deep condolence over her death.

Their wounds

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the programme and a member of a local social organisation, said authorities showed concerns only for around seven days after the incident.
“Since then, nobody from the government has shown any interest in helping locals and victims,” Rahman said.
Jarina, who lost two brothers and a two-and-a-half-year-old nephew in the fire, said the only compensation they received was Tk 20,000 along with the body bags.
“We haven’t seen a penny of the compensation money promised to us by the authorities,” Jarina said.
Families and locals will hold a press conference today followed by a human chain, demanding compensation for all the victims’ families.

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Charge framing

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The same court yesterday also granted bail to Farmers Bank’s former MD, AKM Shamim, and senior executive vice-president and former head of credit division Gazi Salahuddin after they surrendered before it, seeking bail.
On January 22, the court directed the authorities to publish advertisements in two national dailies asking SK Sinha and 10 others to appear before it by yesterday in a graft case.
On January 5, the same court issued arrest warrants against the accused as they were shown “fugitives” in the charge-sheets.

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