

Seven killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Seven people were killed in three road accidents in Sylhet, Netrakona and Barguna districts yesterday.

In Golapganj upazila of Sylhet, five people died and one was injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a CNG-driven auto-rickshaw on the Beanibazar-Sylhet road, reports our Sylhet correspondent.

The accident took place in Chowghari Bazar area, said police.

Three of the deceased were identified as auto-rickshaw driver Bahar Uddin (40), Md Jakaria (30), and Lal Miah (27).

Identities of the other deceased and the injured could not be confirmed till 3pm yesterday. All of them were passengers of the auto-rickshaw.

Harunur Rashid Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Golapganj Police Station, said, "The collision killed one on the spot, two others died on the way to hospital, while the other two died while undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. The injured is undergoing

treatment at the hospital," he said.

Police seized the bus, the OC said. At Chanduile Bridge of Kalmakanda upazila in Netrakona, a lorry driver was killed and his helper injured in a road accident early yesterday, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.

The victim was identified as Robi Hossain (25), of Durgapur upazila.

Quoting locals, Officer-in-Charge of Kalmakanda Police Station Mazharul Karim said a stone-laden lorry from Durgapur skidded off a road and fell into a roadside pond, killing Robi on the spot and injuring helper Nurul Islam (27) around 2am.

On information, police and fire fighters rushed to the spot, rescued the injured and recovered the dead body.

The helper was treated at Kalmakanda Upazila Health Complex.

The body was handed over to Robi's family members, the OC said. A case was lodged in this regard.

At Barguna's Amtali upazila, one was killed and at least 10 people were injured on Patuakhali-Kuakata road around 12pm yesterday, reports our

Patuakhali correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Md Khalilur Rahman (40), of Kanaimrodha village under Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila.

The accident took place while Khalil was going to Kalapara from Amtali upazila town by his motorbike. Suddenly, a passenger bus from Kuakata hit him from the opposite direction after the bus driver lost control, police said.

After the collision, the bus hit a roadside coconut tree, injuring at least 10 people.

Of the injured, three were sent to Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in critical condition, while the rest were taken to Amtali Upazila Health Complex.

Md Helal Uddin, OC (inquiry) of Amtali Police Station, said, "We have recovered the body from the spot and sent it to Barguna General Hospital for autopsy."

Police have seized the bus but its driver, supervisor, and helper managed to evade arrest, he added.

Govt spending Tk 3,280cr to protect coastal areas: state minister

UNB, Dhaka

The government is constructing 139 polders in the coastal belt to protect the areas from tidal surges and floods, State Minister for Water Resources Zaeed Farooque said yesterday.

Constructing the polders will cost Tk 3,280 crore. The development plan will be implemented with

financial assistance from the World Bank, Farooque told reporters after inaugurating tree plantation campaign in Lamchhari of Charbariar in Barishal Sadar upazila.

He said the construction work of 10 polders have already started in the first phase. Some 39 polders will be constructed in the next five years and the remaining ones in phases, he

said. Once the construction is complete, damage caused by floods and tidal surges will be reduced and coastal people will benefit, he said.

Later, Farooque -- on behalf of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina -- distributed relief items among flood-victims at Palashpur in Barishal city, said a press release.

Formulate law

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The study revealed that only 14 percent women responded that they filed complaints to their employers.

However, responses from employers were largely disappointing, as only two of the accused were fined, three were fined, and 10 were verbally warned for their actions, the study found.

The victims were also extremely reluctant to inform law enforcement

agencies about the incidences, with only 5.19 percent saying they filed complaints with the agencies. However, all of them said the agencies did not take any mentionable steps.

In light of the findings, speakers demanded that a separate law titled "Sexual Harassment Prevention and Protection Act" be promulgated as soon as possible.

They also recommended that

every organisation must have a sexual harassment prevention committee.

Fazle Rabbi Miah said, "We are working to formulate a separate law to prevent sexual harassment. We hope to present the bill to the parliament within this year"

The webinar was attended by officials from BRAC, Plan International Bangladesh, Nari Maitree, The Hunger Project, and Aparajeyo-Bangladesh.

Prisoner held

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the three prison guards fell asleep, said a hospital source, quoting officials.

Hospital and prison officials said Mintu fell sick in Tangail District Jail two weeks ago. He was shifted to central jail in Keraniganj and was later admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

He was taken back to Keraniganj jail a few days ago as his condition improved. He fell ill again yesterday.

Abdullah Al Mamun, jail super of Tangail District Jail, said they received the accused on August 13, and he fell sick on that night. He was being treated at a local hospital, but they referred him to DMCH, he added.

Lamia lies

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Dr Mehedi Nawaz, head of orthopedics at KMCH and a member of the medical board formed for her treatment, said as per the board's decision, they had asked for an MRI to determine the position of the bullet.

Asked why they sent the patient for MRI as it would not be possible due to the metal bullet, he said they were not aware that the bullet was metallic.

"We have asked the family to do a CT scan and an ultrasonogram; after getting the report, we will know the position of the bullet. If it is too close to a blood vessel, we cannot operate because we don't have an expert for that. Otherwise, we will operate on her on Monday, since tomorrow [today] is a holiday [Ashura]," he told this newspaper.

Contacted, KMCH Director Munshi

Reza Sikandar said his responsibility was to form a medical board, and he has done that. "The board will decide on her treatment," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Contacted yesterday evening, Lamia's mother said they did not go through with the imaging tests. "It has been too long and they are not doing enough. We are thinking of taking her to Dhaka, although we don't know yet exactly where to go for her treatment," she said.

Asked whether they were willing to wait till Monday for surgery, Reshma said, "They did not tell us about a surgery on Monday. What if it's too late and more complications arise?"

Asked if Yusuf Ali -- the man who fired the bullet -- checked in on Lamia, Lamia's grandfather Habibur said Yusuf's relatives visited her at the hospital. The contractor also said he

will pay for the treatment, and one of his brothers was in constant touch with them.

Asked if he would file a case against Yusuf, Habibur said, "The contractor did not shoot her on purpose. He shot to escape the extortionists."

Tariqul Islam, one of Lamia's neighbors told The Daily Star that Lamia and her mother was abandoned by her father when she was one year old. From then on, Lamia's mother worked as a house help to provide for her daughter.

Ashrafal Alam, officer-in-charge of Khulna Sadar Police Station, said Sheikh Yusuf Ali filed a case against 10 unidentified extortionists. No arrests have been made so far. The pistol used in the incident, 10 rounds of unused ammunition and two rounds of ammunition shells were seized.

Of uncertainty

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Ilias, the then BNP organising secretary, went missing along with his driver in the wee hours of April 18, 2012.

His car was found abandoned in Banani with all its four doors flung open.

Jhorna Khanam, wife of another enforced disappearance victim, said she knew her husband had maintained a savings account with a private bank, but she never went to see whether the account is valid and how much money he left with the account.

"I never go there as it is so painful," Jhorna, wife of Khulna district Chhatra Union ex-president Shamim Hossain, told The Daily Star.

Shamim was forced into a microbus in the morning of September 29, 2011, by five to six men at the capital's Purana Paltan Lane. Since then, Shamim has been traceless.

Shammi Sultana, wife of Khalid Hasan,

former president of ward-79 Dhaka City unit of Chhatra Dal, said her husband had a book business.

The family alleges that Khalid was picked up by plainclothes detectives in front of the gate of the old central jail on November 28, 2013.

"I never wanted to know where he kept his money and whether he had any bank account as I never thought even in my wildest dream that such a bad day would come," she said.

According to the rights body Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), around 600 people fell victims to enforced disappearance from 2007 to this year.

Many of them never returned while some came back home. Bodies of many were found later while many others were shown arrested in different cases days or months after they were allegedly taken away by plainclothes men.

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Hoping against

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Addressing the programme, Abrar Ilias, son of missing BNP leader M Ilias Ai, alleged that BNP leaders have been targeted in this regard.

"I haven't seen my father in last eight years... They could not return him," Abrar said, reiterating the demand for a stop to politics and culture of enforced disappearance.

Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder and trustee Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury; Dhaka University Professor Asif Nazrul; Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna; former Ducusu vice president Nurul Haque Nur and rights activist Nur Khan Liton, among others, spoke at the programme.

The speakers also echoed the victim families, and demanded an end to this culture of enforced disappearances, and punishment for those behind the incidents.

Don't pay heed

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The exams will be taken after the improvement of situation and the date will be announced through the media. Besides, the decision to reopen educational institutions will be taken when there will be suitable environment, said the handout.

It also urged people not to rely on any fake Facebook page or any other social media information.

A fake Facebook page named "Ministry of Education Board" posted, "Decision on HSC examination is final. The HSC examinations will start from October 15 maintaining health guidelines. The routine will be published on October 1 -- Ministry of Education," which is completely false and imaginary, it added.

It said the Ministry of Education has a verified Facebook page -- https://www.facebook.com/moebdgov.

The government on Thursday decided not to hold this year's Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations due to the pandemic.

Besides, there will be no Primary Education Completion (PEC) and its equivalent Ebtedayee examinations for 2020 and the students will be promoted to the next classes through class assessment instead.

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