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4 of a family killed in road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Five passengers, including four of a family, of an ambulance met a tragic end to their lives when it collided head-on with a truck in Kushtia Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victims were Mofiz Uddin, 57, his wife Arbi Khatun, 45, son Mohammad Ifat, 27, brother-in-law Mohammad Ali, and ambulance driver Tipu Sultan, 38.

Mofiz was from Daratana of Jashore town and driver Tipu from Narail's Lohagara upazila.

Mofiz's another brother-in-law Insan Ali, who was injured in the accident, was undergoing treatment at Kushtia Medical College Hospital.

Mofiz, his son and two brothers of his wife went to Pabna Mental Hospital to receive his wife. He hired the ambulance from Jashore.

Quoting the victims' relatives, Atiqul Islam, assistant superintendent of police (Kushtia Sadar circle), said Arbi became mentally unstable two years ago. She was admitted to Pabna Mental Hospital last year.

The police officer said the ambulance started its journey from Pabna to return to Jashore about 2:00pm.

He said the ambulance was involved in a head-on collision with the truck of Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation of Kushtia at Bittipara on Kushtia-Khulna highway around 3:30pm. The truck, laden with sacks of fertilisers, was coming from Jashore, he added.

The ambulance's front end was completely destroyed. All the five died on the spot.

Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Islamic University Police Station, said they were trying to arrest the truck driver, who went into hiding.



Ignoring rules and his own safety, a callous motorcyclist rides too close to the rail lines when a train approaches in the capital's Moghbazar Level Crossing area. Two motorcyclists died after being hit by a train a day before at the same spot. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

IPH, SSMCH directors made OSD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Institute of Public Health Director Dr Abdur Rahim and Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital Director Prof Dr Uttam Kumar Barua have been removed from their posts on different allegations and made officers on special duty.

The decision was announced in a circular from the Health Services Division yesterday, on the third working day after the health ministry issued a show-cause notice to Abdur Rahim asking explanation about his order to all IPH staffers to adhere to specific dress code.

A week ago, on Wednesday, Abdur Rahim issued a circular asking female Muslim employees to wear hijabs and to make sure that their clothes cover their ankles.

The circular said, "For Muslims, men must make sure their clothes do not cover their ankle joints... and women must wear hijabs in addition to making

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Austria mourns after terror attack

Two arrested after four killed in suspected Islamist attack in Vienna

AFP, Vienna

Austria yesterday said the only known gunman in a shooting rampage across Vienna that left four people dead was an Islamic State group supporter, as a manhunt was under way for other possible suspects.

The shocked nation began three days of mourning after what Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz described as a "repulsive terror attack".

One of the suspected killers, who was shot dead by police after Monday's attack, was a 20-year-old Islamic State group sympathiser with dual Austrian and Macedonian nationality, Interior Minister Karl Nehammer said.

He had been convicted of a terror offence in April last year for trying to travel to Syria, Nehammer told the APA news agency.

According to Nehammer, police are searching for more possible assailants who may still be at large, and several neighbouring countries have stepped up border checks.

"It's difficult for us at the moment to define whether the attack was carried out

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Constitution enacted



Ministers and MCAs offering prayers before the concluding session of the Gono Parishad on November 4, 1972.

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

In 325 days since victory in the Liberation War against the Pakistan occupation forces on December 16, 1971 the elected representatives of the people of Bangladesh enact and give to themselves a constitution on November 4, 1972 to chart out their destiny. The constitution will commence on December 16, 1972.

Speaking at the Gono Parishad during the third reading of the Constitution Bill today the Leader of the House Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman says this is the first time in history that Bangladesh as a nation made a constitution to hold aloft the banner of their sovereignty. This is certainly the greatest achievement of those who spilled their blood to secure the rightful place of the Bangalee language.

Bangabandhu recounts the genesis of the protracted resistance movement that culminated in the Liberation War on March 26,

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Govt mulling quarantining all coming from abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is mulling over quarantining all passengers from abroad as it prepares to fight a possible spike in novel coronavirus cases in the coming winter.

Besides, the government is considering to supply masks to the people for free to ensure everybody maintains health safety guidelines to remain safe from contracting the virus.

The issues were discussed at a special inter-ministerial meeting at the health ministry yesterday, with Health Minister Zahid Maleque in the chair, said a press release of the ministry.

Secretaries and top officials from different ministries and departments concerned joined the meeting both online and in person.

Speaking at the meeting,

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Bats 'can predict the future'

Reveals study of hunting technique



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Bats are extraordinary animals — they are the only truly flying mammal, and they are so adept at it that they can outmanoeuvre birds. They also pollinate plants, use echolocation like sonar to navigate through the darkest nights, are known to trade food for sex, and even know to self-isolate when they get ill.

But the latest scientific research into bats reveals these matchless mammals are such highly evolved creatures, they can accurately "predict the future", when it comes to tracking their prey.

So, while their oracular abilities may not be much use in a casino, bats are very skilled at predicting one thing — where to find dinner.

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MURADNAGAR MAYHEM Escalation is all they wanted

Outsiders attacked when FB post issue was being solved

KHALID BIN NAZRUL, Cumilla

The attackers who vandalised and torched four Hindu houses and a family temple in Korbanpur village of Cumilla's Muradnagar on Sunday, did so even as the issue that inflamed them -- a Facebook post that they said hurt religious sentiments -- was being resolved.

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 4

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-55 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-15
JAMAAT 5-30 1-15 4-15 5-34 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

6 more held over Jewel murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The committee, formed by the Lalmonirhat district administration to investigate the brutal killing of Shahidunnabi Jewel in Patgram's Burimari, did not find any proof of desecrating the Holy Quran.

The three-member body submitted the report to Deputy Commissioner of Lalmonirhat Abu Jafor yesterday noon.

Earlier, a National Human Rights Commission probe body said Jewel did not demean the holy book.

Meanwhile, six more people were arrested yesterday for their alleged involvement in the murder of Jewel, a former librarian of Rangpur Cantonment School and College.

The Holy Quran was not demeaned by Abu Yunus Md Shahidunnabi Jewel, who was beaten and burnt to death by a mob, said TMA Momin, who led the three-member probe committee.

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Fishermen in Chattogram preparing for deep-sea fishing as the government-imposed 22-day ban on fishing in the deep sea would end on Thursday. The photo was taken from Fishery Ghat area in the port city yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

SECOND WAVE LOCKDOWNS Austria, Greece, Portugal to join most of Europe

AFP, Vienna

Austria and Greece were set to become the latest European nations yesterday to impose spirit-crushing curbs to combat the coronavirus surge, with a deadly terrorist attack in Vienna ahead of a partial lockdown compounding the misery.

The virus has infected over 46 million people worldwide, with more than 1.2 million deaths, and the acute outbreaks in Europe and America are sparking further alarm about the state of the already devastated global economy.

Austria's cases in recent weeks have surged well past the levels recorded in the spring, forcing the government to impose a curfew between 8 pm and 6 am starting Tuesday until the end of November.

Chancellor Sebastian Kurz had announced the measures on Saturday, describing them as "dramatic interventions in our social life".

No meetings will be allowed between people from more than two households, and there will be limited curfew exceptions for care responsibilities and essential work travel. Universities and high schools will move to distance learning, but kindergartens and other schools will remain open.

A two-week lockdown was also set to come into force yesterday in Greece's second-biggest city Thessaloniki, with flights suspended and everything closed except schools. The restrictions follow localised lockdowns in the regions of Kozani and Kastoria earlier this month.

The Covid-19 crisis has deepened in Europe in recent

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