

6 killed, 25 hurt in road mishaps

By Staff Correspondent

At least six persons were killed and 25 others wounded in two road mishaps yesterday and the day before.

Four persons were killed when three trucks collided at Srimampur on the Dhaka-Archa Highway early Tuesday morning.

The accident occurred when an Archa bound truck collided with two vehicles that were trying to overtake each other, witnesses said.

The Archa-bound truck was carrying about 30 passengers while the two others coming from Benapole were loaded with apples.

Of the four victims, an unidentified man aged about 35 and one Montu, 30, died on the spot while Rajia Mia, 35 and another unidentified man succumbed to their injuries at Dharmat Health Complex and the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Our DMCH correspondent reports: Of the critically wounded three persons were admitted to the DMCH. Of them, two were identified as

Abul Hossain, 30, and Shamshuddin, 35, while the others could not be identified.

Of the other injured, 14 were admitted at the Dharmat Health Complex. They were Kiamuddin, 40; Asgar Ali, 21; Jalal, 25; Abul Hossain, 30; Kaimuddin, 40; Abdur Rashid, 28; Harun, 40; Abdul Jalil, 25; Ayub Ali, 50; Naitu Kumar, 20; Iqbal, 30 and Mohor Uddin 28.

Dharmat police rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies. All the bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue. Dharmat Police said that all the three truck drivers managed to escape after the accidents.

In another accident two persons were killed on the spot when a train ran over them, 250 metres off from Dhaka Cantonment Rail Station at about 9 pm Monday.

The victims could not be identified. Railway police recovered the bodies at about 1 am and sent them to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.



Chairman and members of the Trustee Board of the now defunct The Dainik Barta of Rajshahi called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. Information Minister Nazmul Huda, State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain and Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman were also present. — PID photo

PM assures help

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The resumption of publication of Dainik Barta was an electoral commitment of Begum Zia. The Prime Minister had initiated steps showing respect to her electoral pledge for resumption of publication of the daily.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda, State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain, Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman, BFUJ President Reaz Uddin Ahmed, BFUJ Secretary General Amanullah Kabir, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Muzammel Huq, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Abul Hossain and Ravi Ahmed were present during the meeting with the Prime Minister.

Khaleda concerned at Pak flood situation

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday morning had telephonic talks with her Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif expressing concern over the flood situation in his country, reports BSS.

ALWC : Amendments

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ing the proposed amendments to the party manifesto placed in the meeting by a sub-committee formed earlier.

Although yesterday's meeting witnessed no major dispute over the proposed amendments to the party manifesto there were hints that today's meeting might experience major difference of opinions on the proposals for amending the party constitution.

According to sources, a section of AL leaders wants to increase power of the party president while others maintained that the increase of power would affect the present balance of power between the president and other party officials.

The younger section of AL leadership want the party chief to assume more power while the elders favour collective leadership, sources added.

Meanwhile, the city unit of the party will hold its conference today. The city leaders including aspirants for the post of president and general secretary resolved that the

party chief Sheikh Hasina would select the leadership of the new committee, sources in the city unit told The Daily Star.

Mozaffar Hossain Paltu and Mohammad Hanif are the aspirants for the post of president while Hashimuddin Haider Pahari would contest for the post of general secretary.

The inaugural ceremony of the party's city conference will be held at the Engineers' Institution at 10 this morning.

CPB meeting Sept 22

By Staff Correspondent

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has decided to hold a public meeting and march from the Shaheed Budhijee Smriti Stadium to the Central Shaheed Minar on September 22 in the city with a call to resist terrorism and protect democracy.

Similar programme will be carried out by all the units of the party across the country.

One shot dead by muggers at Gabtoli

By DMCH Correspondent

A peasant, Abdul Quader, was shot dead and robbed of Taka 8,000 near Gabtoli cattle market in the city Monday night.

Abdul Quader, along with three others, came to Gabtoli cattle market from Jeonpur village under Manikganj district Monday to sell a cow.

When Quader was having meal at a restaurant near the market after he had sold the cow, four muggers stormed into the restaurant at 10 pm and asked for the money.

As Quader refused to surrender the money, one of the muggers shot at his right temple and decamped with Taka 8,000.

Businessman stabbed

By Staff Correspondent

A businessman, was stabbed at Minto Road in the city last night.

Shawpon, 25, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he was undergoing surgery till 11 pm of this report midnight last night. Doctors stated his condition to be critical.

Biman

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High Commission, British High Commission, Iraq Embassy, Ministries of Commerce, Power, Communications, Information, Shipping, Civil Aviation, Culture, Labour and Manpower, Law and Justice, Flood Control, Agriculture, Fisheries, Food, Jute, Industries, Religious Affairs, Petroleum, LGED, Asian Development Bank, Sonargoon Hotel, MISC, Army Headquarters, Air Headquarters, Export Promotion Bureau, High Commission of India, Padma Oil Company Ltd and the Polish Embassy.

Rajshahi hartal

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crowds thronged the streets of Rajshahi from early morning and brought out small processions all day long chanting slogans like "We want TV station in Rajshahi", "Resume publication of the Dainik Barta" and "No shifting of offices elsewhere".

Heavy contingents of police were posted at important places in the city but no unlawful incident took place during the strike.

Different cultural groups staged variety shows in the evening.

However, late in the evening, a few rickshaws camp out on the streets and a handful of small shops opened.

Meanwhile, our Bogra Correspondent adds: A dawn-to-dusk strike will be observed in Bogra town today (Wednesday) demanding installation of a TV station.

The strike has been called by the Bogra unit of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote.

The strike call followed a day-long hunger strike Tuesday organised by the Jote to drum up support for its demand.

The Midnight File

Myanmar frees 19 more politicians

BANGKOK, Sept 15: Myanmar military authorities released 19 more political prisoners today, the state-run radio Rangoon reported. The radio, in a broadcast monitored here, said 18 men and a woman were freed from a provincial jail in Maubin, a southern Myanmar town. None of the freed prisoners were identified and the radio gave no details of their arrests. More than 400 political prisoners have reportedly been released from Myanmar jails since April, when the ruling junta announced it would gradually free detainees who were not considered a threat to national security, reports AFP.

Indian forces kill 4 top Kashmir militants

SRINAGAR, Sept 15: Four top Kashmiri militants were killed by Indian security forces today, sparking street battles in Srinagar that injured at least 15 people, police and hospital sources said. Jammu and Kashmir state director general of police BS Bedi said the four were killed in an "encounter" with Indian paramilitary forces before dawn during a search operation in Srinagar, reports Reuters.

Assad for European role in ME peace talks

DAMASCUS, Sept 15: Syrian President Hafez al-Assad told visiting French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas he favoured greater European involvement in the Middle East peace process, his spokesman said today. "President Assad welcomed a French and European role to be played in pushing the peace process towards the aspired objectives," Jouban Kourich told Reuters.

Locals continue protest

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"no, no" and chanted anti-refugee slogans when Deputy Commissioner of Cox's Bazar told them that the camp would house only 10,000 refugees instead of 70,000 originally planned.

Presiding over the rally convener of RRAC Mahmudul Huq Chowdhury said the authorities must withdraw its plan to build the camp on about 100 acres of forest land ringed by densely populated villages.

"Our movement is not against the refugees or the government. We simply want to protect interests of local people," Chowdhury said.

The refugees are currently housed in 19 camps in the southern region of hills and forests along Myanmar border.

The authorities have decided to construct a new camp in Jummajpara to ease the overcrowding in the camps.

The RRAC launched its anti-refugee agitation on last Saturday when it enforced a dawn-to-noon hartal in the region. The next day about 1,500 people staged a demonstration in Cox's Bazar town, with roadblocks set up on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway on Monday.

In another development on Monday some angry refugees attacked and injured two government relief officials after dispute over counting of inmates at Dechuapalong camp.

The trouble erupted after a refugee insisted that he has seven family members, though the officials found only three present in the camp.

No need for new law

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net." The Cabinet approved the draft of the proposed ordinance Monday.

The proposed law seeks to set up special tribunals to try people committing offences like extorting money, creating blockade to resist the movement of vehicles, causing wilful damage to vehicles and other public and private properties, hijacking or snatching away money, valuables or vehicles, teasing the eyes, abducting children and women, creating anarchic situation or intimidating people, creating obstruction in buying tender documents or dropping thereof.

Dr Hossain, a member of the Awami League presidium, blasted Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for sponsoring the proposed ordinance saying: "Don't swallow the ill-advice of a section of your colleagues".

"The Prime Minister herself entertains the terrorists", he alleged.

"I had respect for her as a comrade in the long-drawn struggle against autocracy ...

Menon improves further

By Staff Correspondent

The condition of Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, MP, is steadily improving at the King's College Hospital in London, according to a party statement issued Wednesday.

His stomach and chest wounds are healing well. However, physicians have not yet removed the stitches, the statement said quoting a fax message sent by the UK branch of the party on Tuesday.

The attending physician at the hospital has discontinued giving antibiotics to Menon and he is only being given pain relieving pills, the statement added.

Police raid SM Hall again

By DU Correspondent

Police again raided the Salimullah Hall of the Dhaka University early Tuesday but failed to recover any arms or ammunition.

A large number of police including some plainclothesmen made the fresh swoop between 2.15 am to 3.45 am yesterday, hall sources said. Officials of the hall administration were present during the raid, hall sources said.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police along with the Detective Branch personnel have been making frequent raids on the DU residential halls since last week in a bid to nab terrorists.

Police earlier on September 13 recovered one cut rifle, 54 rounds of bullets and three hand-telephone sets during a raid on the Salimullah Hall, the alleged strong hold of the Chhatra League Gopalganj Faction.

Meanwhile, campus sources said the armed hooligans and outsiders were avoiding the halls following DU ultimatum to the outsiders and frequent raids by the law enforcing agencies.

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Police force

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measures the government has opted for curbing the violence-related crimes.

On Monday, the cabinet approved an ordinance to deal with some "special types of offence," providing of trial of the offenders in special tribunals empowered to award punishment ranging up to death.

\$ 85m IMF loan

WASHINGTON, Sept 15: The International Monetary Fund said it approved an 85 million dollar loan to Bangladesh in support of the country's economic and financial programme, reports Reuters.

Child smuggling Bail prayers of 16 in Sylhet rejected

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 15: Sadar Thana Magistrate today rejected bail petition moved on behalf of 16 persons including eight minor boys.

These persons were taken into custody Monday in connection with an alleged attempt to smuggle minor boys abroad.

The court ordered Astakim Ali, 70, to jail and the eight minor boys along with their guardians to 'safe custody'.

The court also fixed September 19 as the next date for further hearing.

All these 16 persons were taken into police custody Monday from a travel agency in Sylhet town when Astakim Ali was preparing to get passports for a group of minor boys to send them to Dubai as 'camel boys'.

Anti-liberation forces

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Professor Hamida Rahman. Jahanara Imam said, "unity and courage will defend us against the anti-liberation forces."

She said that women could create stronger resistance against the anti-liberation forces and they could enlighten the children by telling them who were the 'razakars' or the public-enemies.

The rally largely attended by women as well as men was also marked with poetry recitals and play readings by Ferdousi Majumder, Lucky Imam, Sarah Zaker, Nima Rahman, Rawshan Ara, among others.

The speakers said that the anti-liberation forces which were also the fundamentalist-fascist forces were the enemy of the women folk of the country.

Ilias Ali

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to police as to why Ilias was kept in custody more than 24 hours without arrest.

Ilias was taken into custody on Thursday but produced before the court on Sunday after four days' interrogation by the detective police. His arrest was recorded on Saturday.

On hearing the bail petition, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Shahiduddin Ahmed further ordered that the police submit its report by September 27 for speedy disposal of the case.

Two JCD activists were killed in internal feud in Dhaka University campus on September 4. Following that the ruling BNP dissolved the central committee of its student wing JCD of which Ilias was the general secretary.

They said, the fundamentalists humiliated, raped and killed women in the name of religion during the Liberation War and their coming back to power would only push back women into darkness.

Urging the government to execute the people's court verdict on Golam Azam immediately, the leaders said, "otherwise fascism of the anti-liberation forces would destroy democracy in the country."

"This is our soil," one of the leaders said, "why should we back off from the fight against the villains of the nation? We shall fight against them until victory ... we can not loose."

The rally also demanded withdrawal of cases against the Nirmul Committee workers, ban on the politics of Jamaat-Shibir, Freedom Party, Jubo Command and trial of Ratan Sen killers and arrest and trial of those who attempted on the life of Rashed Khan Menon.

Peace Day

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of the cold war era in recent years and said the new era in international relations has rekindled the hopes for new and equitable international order that would ensure economic and social justice.

Reaz Rahman said such a new order must be firmly rooted in the rule of law, the fundamental principles of the UN charter, as well as the equitably shared responsibility and joint commitment to global cooperation and international solidarity.

EC nations move

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In that way, Britain and the European countries could keep the question in the Security Council, where Britain, France and the United States have veto power, along with China and Russia.

The Security Council move came hours before the opening of the General Assembly, which will grapple with a new world disorder posed by the power vacuum left by the end of the Cold War, with wars, famine, ethnic tensions and environmental threats on the rise.

In one sign of the world's new direction, the assembly will unanimously select Bulgaria's foreign minister, a dynamic young democratic reformer, as its new president.

Diplomats in the United Nations had already settled on the Bulgarian, Stoyan Ganev, as a consensus candidate, and he is unopposed.

The presidency of the General Assembly is a largely ceremonial post: it comes with no salary, but the United Nations does provide a limousine and chauffeur.

The GA president, can, however, have a major behind-the-scenes role by bringing together contentious diplomats to work out compromises, and by steering the agenda so that major issues are brought forward quickly, or are given time to cool down.

Ganev, 37, has sought to make post-Communist Bulgaria a viable partner in Europe and a point of stability in the explosive Balkans.

"Our foreign policy is directed toward the search for new guarantees of security and stability in the Balkans and in Europe," he said in an interview with a Bulgarian weekly. [Related Story on Page 6]

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