

# 5 killed, 25 injured in city road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

Five people were killed and at least 25 injured in two separate road accidents in the city yesterday.

Three unidentified passengers died on the spot when a Dhaka-bound minibus from Kaliakoir skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch near the Cantonment railway station at noon. Abdus Sattar, 30, driver of the minibus, died later at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, police and hospital sources said.

Seven of injured people — Ashraf, 25, Jamal, 15, Badsha, 30, Sudip, 10, Anwar, 25, Malek, 30, and Anwarul, 35 — were admitted to the DMCH. Others were released after first aid.

Witnesses said local people and police rescued the passengers from the damaged minibus that plunged upside down into 20-foot water of the ditch. A military crane later salvaged the wrecked vehicle.

One Salmat, 70, fatally injured when hit by a minibus on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in the morning, died at the DMCH in the afternoon, medical sources said.

The bodies were sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy.



Deputy leader of Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury addressing a seminar on Bangladesh: Poverty to Prosperity — Opportunities and Challenges organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) at a city hotel yesterday

## JCD faction enforces hartal at Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Aug 26: A half-day hartal, called by a faction of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), was observed today at the district town and the Agriculture University here, reports UNB.

The JCD faction under the banner of Chanchal-Hashu Mukti Parishad enforced the eight-hour hartal from 6 am demanding release of some of their party leaders and activists.

During hartal hours vehicles were off the road and business establishments, banks and educational institutions remained closed.

No academic and official function was held at the Agriculture University. The authorities had earlier postponed all examinations scheduled for the day.

Some 25 leaders and activists of the JCD, including BAUCSU VP Chanchal, were arrested in last few days following a series of clashes between two groups of the ruling party's student wing on the BAU campus.

During hartal hours, police arrested three supporters of Chanchal, including the vice president of the JCD town unit Salauddin Titu.

## Political stalemate

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reocracy and business.

Justice Habibur Rahman called for reaching national consensus on vital issues by the political parties in the interest of the nation and the country.

"The people's representative are paid well by the poor people of this country. So they owe it to the nation. Therefore, the political parties had to reach consensus for the sake of them," said the former chief justice.

Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury laid emphasis on efficient leadership in all spheres of national life and described efficiency as the prime mover for the success of the present open market policy. The leaders should be pro-people, patriotic, and trained, he added.

Referring to the attitude that the Opposition should always oppose, he said that the political parties must now look at things from a positive angle and the opposition parties should not criticise the government just for the sake of criticism.

"You people criticise bureaucrats for their corruption but I am sorry to say you people are also guilty of corrupting the system," said Prof Chowdhury.

Criticising the government Abdus Samad Azad, said that the nation was passing through a situation of uncertainty under the BNP government in its five-year tenure.

"The Finance Minister blames businessmen, bankers and government officials but never points out the failure of the BNP government. And the Prime Minister never spoke about economic strategy in Parliament," said Samad Azad.

Instead of building up national consensus on economic strategy, the government was dividing the nation by blaming the Opposition for its own failures, he alleged.

## Ganges water

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common river, has caused enormous damage to the fishery, agriculture, irrigation and power system and also disturbed ecological balance in Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister sought the help of the African country as well as of the international community in reaching a peaceful solution of the problem considered a major irritant in the relationship between the two neighbours.

## Admission tests

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students according to their marks serial to fill up any vacancy.

In an instant reaction, the principal of a collage in the city welcomed the government decision but said, "It is too late for this year." This will help curb the growing irregularities in admission tests in colleges.

## Nazrul's death

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Haq will preside.

Nazrul Academy will hold a discussion meeting at the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers at 5 pm.

The Bangla Academy will arrange a seminar on "rural life in Nazrul's poems" at 10:30 am and a cultural function in the evening at its seminar room.

A discussion meeting and cultural function will be held at the Shilpakala academy auditorium at 7 pm. Khulna City Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman will be the chief guest at the function.

The Vivekananda Shilpakala O Sangskritik Parishad, Dhaka University unit will arrange a voluntary blood donation programme at 9 am on the varsity campus. Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed will inaugurate the programme.

The Dhaka University has also drawn up an elaborate programme on the occasion. The programme includes Qurankhwani at the university central mosque after *fajr* prayer. Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, teachers students and employees will go to the *mazar* in a procession and will place wreath at 7 am. He will also chair a discussion at the *mazar* premises.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina in a statement yesterday paid rich tribute to the National Poet. She called for showing respect to the poet by establishing people rights.

"On the occasion of the anniversary of death of the National Poet, I hope his literature work will inspire us to continue the struggle for establishing people's rights," she said.

## 'Child-lifting in Ctg a rumour'

CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: Commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Shahidul Haq today said that the incident of child-lifting in the city was untrue and this was merely a rumour.

Talking to BSS, the CMP Commissioner said the child-lifting phobia is baseless and no such incident has occurred in the city till to-date.

He said the rumour has created panic among the children, guardians as well as common people in the city for a couple of weeks. Besides, he said, two to three innocent people are being beaten up by the mob everyday on suspicion of being child-lifters.

Haq said 40 platoons of police have been deployed in different parts of the city including educational institutions to monitor the situation round the clock, but no single case of child-lifting was registered till to-date. He urged the city residents to ignore the rumour and said police were in constant watch on the matter.

## Housewife killed

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RAJSHAHI, Aug 26: A housewife, Nuhuda Begum, 40, was killed by her husband's younger brother here Thursday night.

According to police, one Abu Baker of Dharampur village under Mathar thana was not paying money for the maintenance of his first wife Nuhuda Begum and her children after his second marriage. For this, their son Sentu, 15, rebuked his father on Thursday afternoon. When this reached his uncle Manik, he beat his nephew (Sentu) mercilessly.

## Dhaka-Bamako formal talks

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for trying the Serb aggressors as war criminals because they committed genocide.

Opening an hour-long discussion, Begum Zia told the visiting President of Mali that there was ample scope for further expanding trade between the two countries. She pointed out that Mali could import more jute and jute products, garments, medicine and other items from Bangladesh.

Begum Zia said the private sectors of the two countries, particularly the chambers of commerce, could play an effective role in increasing volume of trade between Dhaka and Bamako.

President Konare stressed the need for augmenting bilateral cooperation between Mali and Bangladesh in various fields and said: "If we share whatever we have we can forge solidarity, we can develop partnership between the two countries."

The Prime Minister offered Bangladeshi agricultural experts and workers to contribute to developing fertile lands in the vast basins along the Niger river, flowing through the west African country.

She also offered doctors, engineers and technicians for the welfare projects of Mali.

Briefing newsmen about the outcome of the talks, Principal Secretary ANM Eusuf said the two leaders had fully agreed to further strengthen the ties between

the two fraternal countries through mutual cooperation and understanding.

Eusuf said the Prime Minister greeted the visiting President for naming a Bamako avenue after her late husband, President Ziaur Rahman, who visited Mali in 1981.

Begum Zia apprised the visiting President of her government's all-round activities geared to upgrading people's lifestyle and the country's democratisation process.

President Konare also briefed her about his government's initiative to give democracy an institutional shape in Mali, a former French colony that gained independence 35 years ago. Dictatorship had ruled independent Mali for 25 years, he said.

He expressed interest in learning ideas for consolidating democracy from documents of the Election Commission of Bangladesh.

Konare proposed developing a "partnership" in various fields between the two Muslim countries and also identifying new areas of a comprehensive cooperation.

Begum Zia fully assured the visiting President of assisting his country when he sought technical know-how from Bangladesh for modernising fruit preserving process, setting up fertilizer factories and pharmaceutical industries and developing health centres.

She also responded positively to a proposal by the

## JP leader murder Khulna BNP activist held

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KHULNA, Aug 26: A BNP activist and prominent businessman, Tariqul Huda Topy, 36, was arrested by CID police from his residence here Friday midnight. A suspect in the JP leader Abul Kashem murder case: He has been taken on a five-day remand.

He had been absconding since the murder.

On May 28, another businessman — Munir — was arrested for his alleged complicity in this murder.

## Foreign Secys meet

Functioning of SAARC technical bodies reviewed

NEW DELHI, Aug 26: Foreign secretaries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) member-states yesterday reviewed the functioning of various technical committees set up to expand cooperation in various fields, reports PFI.

The evaluation of the 12 technical committees was made when the SAARC standing committee comprising foreign secretaries began its two day meeting here.

The committee also examined prospects of alteration amalgamation of the mandate of these committees.

Other issues which came up at the meeting was the functioning of the Kathmandu-based SAARC secretariat.

## Perspective plan

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we are not quite throwing away the 5-year plans but is embedding the five-year time scale within the longer time span of a 15-year perspective plan.

Termining it a flexible and accommodative plan, Dr Khan said that it would incorporate the changes and challenges posed by the process of growth and development in the years to come.

The goals of socio-economic development have been set within the PPP for a medium-term scenario ending in the year 2000.

The PPP also charted the overall growth scenario along with the required amount of investment and the possible degree of efficiency in the use of capital under different alternatives for the whole span of the fifteen years.

Stressing local level planning and implementation, the State Minister envisioned formulating 64 district level plans — 10 to be completed every month. Already 25 such local level plans are about to be published soon, he added.

## JS body

BSS adds: The parliamentary standing committee on Planning Ministry held its 35th meeting at the committee room of the Sangsad Bhaban here yesterday with State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan in the chair.

The draft document for participatory perspective plan 1995-2010 was presented in the meeting. Final district-wise drafts for Thakurgaon and Brahmanbaria districts under the perspective plan were submitted in the meeting in printed form, a Planning Ministry press release said.

## The Midnight File

### 13 killed in Pak road accident

ISLAMABAD, Aug 26: At least 13 people were killed and eight injured when a trailer rammed into a passenger bus near here today, the state-run Pakistan Television (PTV) reported. The television said the bus was on its way from the hill resort of Abbottabad to Rawalpindi when it collided with the trailer near Taxila, reports AFP.

## Closer LDC ties

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port for Bosnia.

Reiterating Bangladesh's concern at the gradually deteriorating situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and strong condemnation of Serb atrocities against the people of Bosnia, Begum Zia said: "We want speedy resolution of this conflict through an effective international initiative."

The two leaders wished each other success in developing the economies of their countries and in institutionalisation of democracy restored after long autocratic rule.

Begum Zia expressed her admiration for the process of democratisation taking place in Mali under the leadership of President Konare and said, "From our own experience of transition to democracy and economic reforms we can appreciate with a sense of understanding the difficult task of transition in a country which suffered prolonged authoritarian rule."

The end of cold war, Begum Zia said, has reduced earlier tensions in the international arena.

But, she said, the serious complexities in the problem-ridden economic areas have got new dimensions particularly for the least developed countries requiring expansion of close cooperation among them side by side with cooperation with the advanced countries.

## Bangladesh HC

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"We had information of 25 deaths. Our High Commission is now enquiring about the three other reported deaths."

Earlier, in a press conference on Thursday, referring to the High Commission sources, the Secretary had told newsmen that 25 Bangladeshi detainees died in Malaysian camps over the last three years.

Yesterday, the Manpower Secretary told The Daily Star that there was no evidence of physical abuse on Bangladeshi detainees, according to available information at the Bangladesh mission in Malaysia.

"Most of the Bangladeshis died of malnutrition, suffering from beriberi and from heart failure after being shifted to hospitals from the detention camps," said Dr Harunur Rashid.

He said, there were now 2,992 Bangladeshis in nine detention camps in Malaysia and many of them are not interested to return home as some times Malaysian employers try to free them after managing work permits and other legal documents for them.

## EC

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the EC shifted the date to August 28 (tomorrow) at the request of lawyers of both the sides.

Advocate Abdur Rab Chowdhury, lawyer of the three MPs and Advocate Fazle Rabbi, lawyer of Jatiya Party, yesterday requested the EC to shift the date.

## Gear up agitation to oust BNP govt: Jamaat

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Moulana Abbas Ali Khan yesterday said all possible constitutional and democratic means will be followed to oust the present government and form a caretaker government to oversee national election, reports UNB.

Addressing a rally in the capital, Khan said a neutral caretaker government is now a national demand and the ruling BNP would be forced to accept it.

"The BNP government has ruined the economy and culture," Khan said adding the country has been turned into a market of India.

## AP news misleading: Touhidul Anwar

Director General of the Press Institute of Bangladesh Dr Touhidul Anwar has termed 'misleading' the AP news that he was beaten by Malaysian police at a hotel in Kuala Lumpur Thursday night.

Dr Anwar, now in the Malaysian capital in connection with a seminar, told UNB over phone last night that he was not manhandled by police during an anti-drug operation at the Ming Court hotel.

"The AP (Associated Press) story about me is completely misleading," the PIB director general said.

## More about Bangladesh

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Eminent educationist Prof Innas Ali and drama artist Ali Zaker spoke at the symposium chaired by The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam. The formal discussion over, the floor was opened for open discussion with The Daily Star Editor as the moderator.

As regards knowledge-gap, discussants and the participants from the audience rows observed that lack of awareness and concern at the family levels, non-availability of teaching materials and above all, limiting the scope of learning by raising confusion and controversies over key issues are to be blamed for the EMS students' little knowledge about their own country.

Speakers suggested that a concerted effort to create awareness among students, parents and teachers, formation of an academic council representation of the principals of EMS, making Bengali a mandatory subject, tailoring the existing curricula and enhancing the extra-curricula activities as possible measures to redress the 'alienation' problem.

Addressing the symposium as the chief guest, Prof Innas Ali laid special emphasis on working out a unified education system instead of the existing separate systems of Bengali medium, English medium and Madrassa education.

Prof Ali, however, observed that media could play a vital role in projecting the

true history of the nation which, if happens, he hoped, would benefit the younger generation.

In his address popular drama artist Ali Zaker deplored that "our curricula are tailored to the political expediency of the day. Whenever government changes, the history of the nation changes. This should not be so."

Emphasizing the role of the family, he said the parents had a great role to play in motivating their wards to know more and more about the country they born in.

Zaker recommended introducing a topic titled 'Culture of Bangladesh' in the curricula beyond the syllabus of 'O' and 'A' levels.

The Daily Star Editor proposed to sponsor a meeting of EMS principals and teachers to help them work out a broader curriculum to respond to the need of their students.

Anam said, the idea behind organising the symposium was to inspire the younger generation to learn more about their country.

Mridul, Zaki and Sharmin Haq of the Teenage Awareness Group (TAG) informed the symposium the reasons and concerns that led to the formation of TAG, the survey that they conducted and the possible solutions to the problem they faced.

"To remove the veil of shame of our ignorance, all should come forward," said Sharmina, a founding member of TAG.

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 উক্ত মেলা ও একক প্রদর্শনীতে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আর্থী প্ৰতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে নির্ধারিত ছকে রশ্মি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরোর মেলা বিভাগে (১২২-১২৪, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা) আবেদন করতে অনুরোধ জানানো হলো। আবেদনপত্রের ছক ব্যুরোর মেলা বিভাগ এবং রশ্মি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরোর চট্টগ্রাম, খুলনা, রাজশাহী, বরিশাল, সিলেট, কুমিল্লা ও বগুড়া দপ্তরে পাওয়া যাবে।

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