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One killed, 30 hurt in Comilla road accidents

COMILLA, July 8: One person was killed and 30 others were injured in separate road accidents in the district Sunday, witnesses said, reports UNB.

An unidentified man aged about 40 was killed and five others were injured when a truck hit a Luxmipur-bound bus from behind at Dighipar in Daudkandi thana on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at about 2 pm.

The body was sent to hospital for autopsy while the injured were released after first aid. A case was registered with Daudkandi police.

In another mishap, 15 people were injured when a Comilla-bound bus from Daudkandi skidded off the road on the same highway at Kal-Kachua Bazar in Burchang thana at 5 pm.

Rupla Begum, 40, and her daughter Asma Begum, 8, were among the injured who were given first aid at Comilla Medical College Hospital and Combined Military Hospital in Comilla.

A case was lodged with Burchong police.

In another accident, a Kutibound bus from Comilla skidded off the Comilla-Brahmanbaria road at Shalgar in Debibarhan thana, injuring 10 people.

Robbery in Khulna: None held yet

KHULNA, July 8: Police have got the names of the gangsters involved in Saturday's robbery but could not yet track down them.

DIG of Khulna Range of Police Ashraful Huda told UNB that names and addresses of six persons involved in the robbery of a company money were gathered but declined to disclose those for the sake of apprehending the accused.

They are hiding in and around the city, he said. One of them was charged in a sensational murder case last year in the city.

The DIG claimed that the accused would be arrested soon and in the meantime a motorcycle used during the hijacking had been seized.

According to police, Tk 28,80,000 was snatched by the hijackers at gunpoint while the Accounts Officer of Sathkira Foods Limited, Sheikh Asad, was going to Sathkira after encashment of the amount from Agrani Bank at Sir Iqbal Road here at 5 pm.

Two young men riding in a motorcycle stopped the microbus at gun point at Gollamari on the road, snatched the money and fled towards Khulna.

After the snatching district and Khulna metropolitan police launched a manhunt in and around the area.

**Khulna
Suhrawardy college facing setback**

KHULNA, July 8: Modernisation of the only private degree college in the town could not be done during the last 24 years due to the absence of government allocation, reports UNB.

Local people said the Shaheed Suhrawardy College established in 1972 on 1.63 acres of land, has so far been playing a vital role in the field of higher education with satisfactory results in the final examinations.

Student and teachers of the college said they were facing problems due to shortage of classrooms and necessary appliances.

The college has allegedly never got any allocation from the government for its development and modernisation during the last 24 years.

In the absence of adequate library facilities, classrooms, want of common room for the female students, the education is being hampered greatly. There is no boundary wall of the college.

Local leaders have urged the government to take up a scheme for modernisation of the college for the interest of higher education in the area.

**Barguna
Hats, bazar in pitiable condition**

BARGUNA, July 8: Almost all the hats and bazars of the district are in a deplorable condition causing much suffering to the buyers and sellers, reports UNB.

Lack of proper maintenance by the authority concerned is considered to be the only reason behind gradual deterioration of the condition of the markets.

Due to shortage of space the buyers cannot carry out their business smoothly. The lanes and bylanes are narrow and get muddy during the rainy season.

Above all, the extortion of izaradari and toll collection by mafias cause sufferings to the buyers and the sellers.

There is no arrangement for public latrines and urinals in most of the markets. The market goers respond to the call of nature at open places polluting the environment.

In the absence of drainage system, rain water remains stagnant much to the inconvenience of the people. Want of tubewells in some of the hats and bazars added further sufferings of the people.



Young children fishing in the inundated primary school ground at Kazipur thana of Sirajganj district.

— Star photo by Sheikh Enamul Huq

Downpour causes flood in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, July 8: The week-long heavy downpour has caused a flash flood all over the seven thanas of the district.

The sea water has also entered the Moreshkhali islands, Matarbari and Dalgahata due to cracks in embankments there.

About 95 families have been affected. Standing crops on a vast tract of lands have been damaged in the coastal areas of the district.

According to official sources, fresh areas of the district have been flooded due to incessant rains and tidal surge of last Monday and Tuesday.

Low-lying areas under Chakaria, sadar thana, Ramu and Moreshkhali thanas have been inundated while heavy downpour and sea water has partially damaged Kutubdia embankment.

Many residential and commercial areas were inundated causing huge damage to property.

Some 20,000 people of

According to the agriculture extension department, standing crops over 40,000 hectares of land have been submerged.

Official sources said 18 unions of 5 thanas of the district have been submerged by flood water damaging 65 per cent of the standing crops.

About 1200 feet of Khalpara flood protection embankment along the Maharashi river were washed away Friday. A large number of people along the embankment were rendered homeless by erosion of the river Maharashi. Two persons drowned in the flood water.

A man was washed away while he was trying to catch floating wood and bamboo in the Bakkhali river on Saturday.

He was identified as Abdus Salam, 45. Police later recovered his body.

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Relief work should immediately be taken up to give succour to the suffering people.

Flood, erosion hit five unions of Bera thana

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, July 8: Continuous rise in the water-level due to sudden arrival of flood in the river Jamuna which was followed by severe erosion have caused inundation of vast areas in five unions of Bera thana, and a vast portion of the famous Nakalia Bazar and surrounding areas of Nakalia and also Kazirhat has been devoured.

Over 500 houses have been eroded and also another 300 houses have been inundated rendering over 3,000 men, women and children of the five unions of Bera thana homeless. They have all been compelled to take shelter in the flood control embankment and living there under open sky.

Besides, over 300 areas of land with standing crops like aus paddy, jute and others have also been washed away and damaged completely or partially.

No relief work has yet been undertaken.

Number of drop-out students increasing

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 8: The number of dropout primary school students is increasing day by day in Kishoreganj district.

According to the District Primary Education Department, the total number of primary schools in the district stands at 1289 including 808 government and 481 non-government schools. A total of 3,21,880 children were enrolled in the primary schools during the last academic year.

But, in total 12,503 students were later dropped out of schools due to poverty and other reasons, the source added.

The thana-wise number of drop-out students were 1,467

students in Kishoreganj sadar, 1,125 in Karimganj, 984 in Tarail, 672 in Hossainpur, 933 in Pakundia, 1,040 in Katiadi, 1,210 in Pakundia, 1,150 in Kularchar, 1,223 in Bhabra, 1,177 in Aastagram, 1,075 in Itna, 1,000 in Mitamoin and 537 in Nikli.

These large number of students had left the schools during the last academic year as they engaged themselves in different petty jobs for earning a living. Poverty-stricken guardians instead of sending their words to schools prefer to engage them in some income oriented work like labourer, cattle grazing or rickshaw-puller etc. As a result, in tender age, the children are compelled to engage in different works rendering physical labour in exchange of poor remuneration.

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