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10 killed as truck falls into roadside ditch in Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Apr 4: Ten people were killed and at least 23 injured when a truck fell into a roadside ditch near Dargarkanda on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway early hours of today.

Police said the accident occurred at about 2:30 am when the driver of the Sherpur-bound salt-laden truck lost control over the steering. Eight died on the spot and two others succumbed to injuries at the MMCH.

Seven of the dead were identified as Amjad Ali, 30, and Mamoruuddin, 25, of Baniapara in Dewanganj, Ashraf Hossain, 35, Beauty, 12, and Munsur Ali, 60, of Rajibpur, Kurigram and Barkat, 25, of Sherpur and Abdus Samad, 40.

Twenty-three others were undergoing treatment at MMCH.

Police said the truck was carrying 40 people. Most of them were day-labourers.

Police seized the truck. The driver, however, managed to escape.

A case was filed with Kotwali thana in this regard.

UNB adds: A teenage boy was killed and 50 others were injured, 18 seriously, when an overloaded bus overturned on

Milosevic must pay for crime against humanity: NATO

BRUSSELS, Apr 4: NATO on Sunday accused Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic for the first time of crimes against humanity, and vowed that he would be made to pay, reports AFP.

"Milosevic and his regime will pay a high price for their crimes against humanity," NATO military spokesman British air commodore David Wilby said here.

The comment came against a growing feeling among NATO diplomats that the alliance would not be able to negotiate with Milosevic any peace deal involving Kosovo.

Milosevic "must be tried for war crimes" for his troops' actions in Kosovo, former US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said in an article published in Washington today.

"We must do whatever is necessary to vindicate the authority of the international community and to stop the genocide" in the province, Christopher wrote in the Washington Post.

NATO today pledged to step up its missile strikes on Yugoslavia as part of an intensified drive to cripple Belgrade's

military and end what Albania called a "biblical deluge" of fleeing refugees from Kosovo.

In London, British armed forces minister Doug Henderson said NATO was intensifying its air strikes to bring the full force of the alliance to bear on president Milosevic.

"I want to make it clear that president Milosevic must now expect the campaign to intensify and bad weather will not save him," Henderson said.

"The full weight of NATO is coming to bear."

Henderson told reporters Yugoslav forces were already running low on fuel and ammunition.

In Brussels, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea told CNN this morning that a quarter of a million Kosovo Albanians were trapped in the southern Serbian province, "living in the woods and on mountains."

Aid workers and police in neighbouring Macedonia, where tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians survived another cold night in a sea of mud, said about a dozen refugees had died overnight.

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