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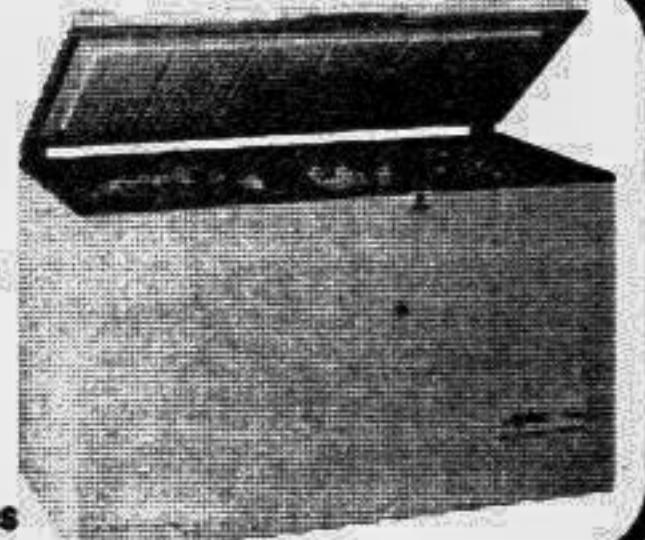


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8 killed, 30 injured in Tangail road accident

Eleven people were killed and 52 others injured in separate road accidents in Tangail and Chittagong yesterday, reported agencies.

At least eight people were killed and 30 injured as a coach crashed into a roadside ditch at the eastern end of Bangabandhu Bridge on its way from Dhaka to Chapainawabganj yesterday.

Police and witnesses said the coach skidded off the eastern link road to the bridge over the Jamuna while giving side to two other buses coming from the opposite direction at about 2:30 pm.

Six of the passengers died on the spot and two others on way to hospital. One of them was identified as Nurul Islam, 45, of village Bir Baruha in Tangail Sadar thana.

Twelve of the injured were admitted to Tangail General Hospital. Eight of them are Jafar, 15, of Gaibandha, Amjad, 32, Abdul Jall, 7, and Idris, 30, of Natore, Abdur Rahman, 30, Kabirul Islam, 28, and Kamal Mia, 15, of Bogra and Rezaul, 15, of Tangail.

"Four of the injured are in critical condition," and attending doctor said.

A case was filed with the BJMB Eastern Thana.

Flood situation in 2 dists worsen

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 27: The overall flood situation in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts deteriorated further with rise in the water levels of rivers Padma, Mahananda and the Atrai.

The Padma near Rajshahi recorded a further rise of 16 centimetres, flowing 62 centimetres above the danger mark. The people of the low-lying areas were panick-stricken as the river swelled further. A 4-metre portion of the 1.40-metre collapsed at Panchabati causing hundreds to take shelter in schools and other raised grounds.

In Godagari, vast areas including the thana parishad,

Scrip forgers

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Barrister Shafiq Ahmed, president of Supreme Court Bar Association, will head the committee.

Talking to The Daily Star, DSE Chairman Rakibur Rahman said that the committee would "evaluate" the activities of the DSE management and suggest steps to boost management activities.

Others said the committee was formed to remove the loopholes in the clearing house of the bourse.

"The Council decision was based on an allegation that the clearing house had received and delivered unsigned share certificates," according to one councillor.

As an immediate step, the meeting decided to direct the clearing house not to receive share certificates and bills without "sign, seal and date," he said.

Talking to The Daily Star, Barrister Shafiq said that the suspension was withdrawn as the member had replaced the forged share certificates and appealed for withdrawal.

He also said that the Council would consider the appeal of the other suspended members if they appealed by replacing the certificates.

He said that Motree Biswas had been allowed to resume trading "as the DSE law says that one can be allowed to trade if he replaces the forged certificates."

Asked why the Council suspended them, instead of asking them to replace the forged certificates, he said that the council also had the power to suspend them under regulation 20 and 21 of DSE rules.

But one councillor said he was unhappy with the Council decision to withdraw the suspension as it would jeopardise the independence of the management. A management source also called the decision an unprofessional one.

Gausia

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After an initial investigation by Rajuk engineers, construction plan of the building was cancelled in 1997 on safety grounds. Rajuk then asked PWD engineers to investigate and give a report on safety of the structure.

But after more than a year, PWD engineers told The Daily Star last week that they would not be able to conduct the test. They failed to explain why they could not say "no" to Rajuk request in such a long time.

A report on safety of the market building was published in the daily star on Friday.

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A Bangladeshi folk extravaganza in the city yesterday to mark the World Tourism Day. — Star photo

Mafruha Chy passes away

Journalist and litterateur Mafruha Choudhury died of heart attack on board a Bangladesh Biman flight from New York on Sunday. She was 65, family sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

Mafruha Choudhury, wife of late poet Talim Hossain, was returning home from New York where she was under treatment at Mount Sinai Hospital after she had a heart attack on July 29. Her body will be flown to Dhaka on Thursday from Brussels.

Mafruha, who worked in the now defunct Dainik Bangla and author of a number of books left behind three daughters — singers Shabnam Mishtari, Parveen Mishtari and Yasmeen Mishtari — and two sons.

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