

Study to evolve efficient transport system for city

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Dhaka Transport Coordination Board (DTCB) has launched a study titled 'Strategic Transport Plan' to evolve an efficient transport system for the city and its surrounding areas.

Funded by the World Bank, the eight-month-long study involving about Tk 10 crore began last month and it will be completed by this year, said Quamrul Islam Siddique, executive director of the DTCB, at the study launching ceremony yesterday.

DTCB Chairman and Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka attended the ceremony as chief guest.

The Strategic Transport Plan will outline the next 20 years of development of transport system for the city and its surrounding areas such as Narayanganj, Tongi, Savar, Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Gazipur and Manikganj, said Quamrul Islam.

He hoped that the major foreign investment for implementation of the plan will come from Asian Development Bank (ADB), Department for International Development (DFID) and Japan.

David H Jarrett, team leader of the study, spoke of the study area, prime objectives and formulation of a multi-modal land transport policy comprising water, land and railways.

The study will examine all the previous priority projects to develop the transport system, he said.

Dr Rahamatullah, head of transport division, Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), stressed the need to focus on the water transport.

Referring to the planned circular waterway around the city, he suggested making a link between the

circular waterway and the city centre.

Prof Alamgir Mujibul Haque of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and Salauddin Ahmed MP, member of DTCB, also spoke.

The Louis Berger Group of the USA and the Bangladesh Consultants Ltd. have been carrying out the study.

Bus crushes youth to death in Motijheel

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A passenger bus crushed a youth to death at Motijheel yesterday.

Jahangir Alam Babu, 20, while crossing the road was run over by a Dhupkhola - Mohammadpur route bus at Shapla Chattar at about 1:30pm. He died on the spot having his head thrashed hard. He came to Motijheel to submit phone bill of his shop.

Jahangir, who passed HSC last year from Suhrawardy College, used to run a phone shop at Dhupkhola City Market. He was the only earning member of his family as his father, a kidney patient, is confined to bed.

In another incident, a female day labourer died from electrocution as an electric cable fell on her in front of Sena Kunja on Sunday evening.

Falema Khatun, 40, was returning to her house at Damalkoat in Kafrul from her work at Shewrabazar in Badda on foot.

Pak defence team calls on president

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The Pakistan National Defence College (NDC) delegation paid a courtesy call on President and Supreme Commander of the Bangladesh Armed Forces Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The delegation members led by Brig. Muhammad Yunis exchanged greetings with the president. Pakistan High Commissioner in Dhaka Manzar Shafiq and high officials of Bangabhaban were present on the occasion, says an ISPR press release.