

# 14 killed, 31 injured in road accidents

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At least 14 people were killed and 31 injured in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Feni Cox's Bazar and Barisal yesterday.

Six people were killed and 18 injured as a truck rammed a bus from behind at Muhuriganj on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday afternoon.

Police said all the deceased were passengers of the Parshuram-bound bus, coming from Chittagong.

Of the injured, 13 were admitted to Sadar Hospital where one of them, M Hanif, 24, of Forhadnagar village in Sadar and an unidentified man died later on.

Condition of six of the injured was stated to be critical "critical".

Identities of other deceased could not be known immediately, police said.

Meanwhile, Four people were killed and three injured as a tempo and a rickshaw crashed in two accidents in Chittagong district yesterday.

The four killed in the collisions were both the driver and the helper of the tempo and the rickshaw-puller and the rickshaw passenger, police and witnesses said.

In the first accident, the driver

and his helper were killed and three passengers injured when a truck rammed into a tempo on the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar road at Gomdandi in Boalkhali upazila.

The driver, whose name could not be known immediately, and helper Shah Alam, 26, of the Patiya-bound tempo died on the spot as the sand-laden truck hit the three-wheeler at 9:30am.

The tempo passengers--a woman and two men--were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital "in critical condition".

In another mishap, a bus ran over a rickshaw at Darogahat in Sitakundo upazila at 2.00pm, killing the rickshaw-puller and the passenger both.

The dead were identified as Passenger Mahmud, 38, and rickshaw-puller Salam, 50.

A report from Barisal adds, A bus helper was killed in a road mishap in Bakerganj upazila on Barisal-Patuakhali highway on Saturday.

Police said helper Rafiqul Islam, 26, suddenly slipped out of the running bus at Dadurhat area early in the morning sustaining severe injuries.

He was rushed to the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where he died at noon.

BSS from Cox's Bazar adds: Three people were killed and 10

injured, four of them critically, in two separate road accidents on Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway yesterday.

Police said a Chittagong-bound passenger bus from Chokoria knocked a microbus coming from the opposite direction at Baniarchor at about 10 am killing an elderly man instantaneously and leaving 10 people injured.

One of the injured died on way to hospital in Chittagong and four were taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

In another accident here, one person, identified as Amulya Barua, was killed and another injured when a microbus fell into a roadside ditch when its driver lost control over the steering at about 11.00 am.

## Police club Jubo League procession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over a dozen leaders and workers of Awami Jubo League were injured as police used batons to disperse a procession at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

The Jubo League tried to bring out the procession after a rally to protest the price hike of essentials at about 11:00am.

Addressing the rally, Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanak demanded immediate resignation of the government for its failure in combating the abnormal price spiral.

"Price hike of essentials has been causing untold sufferings to the commoners, but the alliance government is totally indifferent to it," he said.

The Jubo League will stage demonstrations at ward level in the city today and at Thana and District level tomorrow protesting the police action.

## Wildlife Rescue Centre set up at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Wildlife Rescue Centre (WRC) has been established at Jahangirnagar University (JU).

The centre, first of its kind in the country, will preserve the endangered species of wildlife and conduct research on their habitat.

Vice-chancellor Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman formally inaugurated the centre yesterday.

Assistant Prof Dr Mostofa Firoz established the centre on five-acre of land on the southern part of the campus.

The centre will also be used as a field laboratory for the students of zoology department.

The centre will work on wildlife management, preservation and breeding.

The M. Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. students of zoology department have already started research on otter, hilly moyna, titir and local rabbit at the centre.

It has already sheltered three endangered species of Mammilla, fifty species of butterfly, ten species of Reptile and four species of Amphibia in its natural atmosphere.

Sources said our scientists have identified 889 species of wildlife in the country.

The WRC will collect endangered species of wildlife from different parts of the country and conduct research on their breeding and genetics after sheltering them at the centre.

"This type of work should be welcomed. I will extend all possible help to the centre," said the vice-chancellor.

"The centre will play a significant and important role in conducting research on wildlife" said Prof Mostofa Firoz.



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Different species of birds, top, and couple of otters, bottom, at the Wildlife Rescue Centre at Jahangirnagar University. The centre, first of its kind in the country, will preserve the endangered species of wildlife and conduct research on their habitat.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Cultural function

Sheikh Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad organises a discussion, prize distribution and cultural function to mark the 40th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: Institution of Engineers' Auditorium. Time: 10.00am.

### Discussion

Bangladesh Krishak League will hold a discussion to mark the 40th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

### Founding anniversary

The 5th founding anniversary of Ziaur Rahman Foundation will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: LGED Bhaban Auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 3.00pm.

### Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of an art and handicrafts competition, participated by the disabled children, will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Muzahid as chief guest. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum. Time: 11.00am.

### Seminar

A seminar on "Dhaka Tomorrow" its implementation, organised by the World Trade Organisation and the Ministry of Commerce, will be held with Minister Ataf Hossain Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 9.00am.

### Meeting

The first formal meeting of



LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan speaks at a function at the LGED building in the city yesterday. The function was organised to hand over garbage-dump trucks to 32 pourashava chairmen.

# Mass dialogue in Dinajpur today, Rangpur tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) and Jatiya Oikyamancha (JO) will jointly launch their Gono Sanglap (mass dialogue) programme in Dinajpur today to prepare Gono Ishtehar (People's Agenda).

BDB President Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury and Oikyamancha Convenor Dr Kamal Hossain will

attend the programme at the district public auditorium.

People from all segments of society will share with them their concerns, aspirations, opinions and suggestions.

Similar programme will be held in Rangpur tomorrow.

An advance team of Gono Ishtehar Kariyokrom with a Programme Coordinator Firoz M Hassan is already there to provide all sorts of assistance during the programme.

Such programme will also be

held gradually across the country where the leaders will listen to the people from all walks of life.

Political analysts believe that this is the first time politicians are offering opportunities to the people to express their opinions for national issues, said a press release.

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury and Dr Kamal Hossain will give reply to various questions about the Gono Ishtehar at a press conference at the National Press Club on October 28.

## 1,350 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,350 people, including one listed criminal on various charges during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers recovered eight firearms, five other weapons and 18 bullets and filed 9 cases against 9 people under the Arms Act, says a police headquarters press release.

## Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Deputy Attorney General Md. Mosharrar Hossain Khan died of cardiac arrest at Renaissance Hospital in Dhanmondi in the city on Saturday at the age of 62.

Khan left behind his three sons and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Late Khan hailed from Medinimondal village of Lauhajang upazila, Munshiganj.

## OFA Free Friday Clinic held

The OFA Free Friday Clinic has been offering health care services with free medicine on Fridays to the suffering people of various slums in the city since its inception, says a press release.

Former President Prof Dr AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury treated 20000th patient of OFA Free Friday Clinic.

Old Faujians Association, Dhaka Chapter organised a function on October 8 at Rayer Bazar slum area to venerate the completion of 17 years of OFA Free treatment.

# WEATHER TODAY

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangamati and lowest 19.6 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:29pm today and rises at 5:58am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.7	22.2	67	56
Chittagong	31.8	23.5	67	73
Rajshahi	30.6	20.2	75	76
Khulna	32.0	23.6	71	--
Barisal	31.4	23.5	83	97
Sylhet	31.6	22.6	79	76
Cox's Bazar	31.8	23.5	73	86



Old Faujians Association of Dhaka Chapter organised an OFA Free Friday Clinic at Rayer Bazar slum areas recently.

## Teacher gangraped at Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teacher of an adult education centre run by Bagerhat Hindu Welfare Trust and daughter of a businessman, was gangraped by a group of miscreants at the residence of her father at Nagerbazar under Bagerhat Sadar thana on Friday.

Fariduddin, officer-in-Charge (OC) of Bagerhat Sadar thana, said the rapists were led by Kakon Molla, a listed criminal belonging to Bagerhat unit of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

The OC said he has already recorded the statement of the victim.

According to police, the miscreants stormed into the house at 5.30am and took her in a room where she was gangraped at gunpoint.

Police said her father was not in the house during the incident. Her mother was confined in another room.

Victim's father has lodged a first information report (FIR) with the police yesterday without accusing anyone.

None has been arrested so far in this connection.

She was shifted to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) from Bagerhat Sadar Hospital on Saturday in a critical condition.

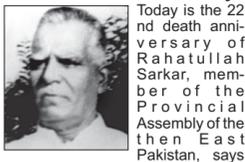
The victim is undergoing treatment at KMCH under police security.

Her condition is yet to improve, said the attending doctors.

The incident has created sharp reaction among the members of the minority community in Bagerhat.

Pradip Basu, president of Bagerhat unit of Hindu Kalyan Trust, has demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the culprits.

## Death anniversary



a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and Qurankhwani will be arranged at his residence at Parbotipur. Foods will also be distributed among the destitute.