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Artists of Chhayanaut render songs at Ramna Batamul in the city on Thursday to welcome the Bangla New Year.

## Five killed in road accidents

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Five people were killed in separate road accidents in the city in last two days.

One Suvash Chandra Roy, 45, died when a bus ran over him near Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University on Thursday morning.

Police said the accident took place when the victim fell from the bus as the driver put an hard

brake suddenly to avoid a collision with a motorcycle.

Two riders of the motorcycle were also injured.

In another incident, an unidentified boy was killed when a vehicle ran over him at Gabtali on Thursday afternoon.

Another unidentified youth died when a vehicle hit him at Badda Progati Sarani on Thursday night.

A woman identified as Kulsum

Begum was killed near Madhumita cinema hall at Motijhil when a bus ran over her in the early hours of yesterday. She died on the spot.

Another youth identified as Rashedul Islam was knocked down by a truck when he was crossing a road at Della under Demra thana yesterday afternoon.

All the bodies were taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Move to influence BMA election alleged

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A panel contesting the BMA election brought allegations of irregularities in the health and health education sector as well as a move to influence the election scheduled for May 5.

The panel, led by Dr Rashid-e-Mahbub and Dr Iqbal Arsalan, alleged that the "ruling party cadres" were appointed in the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in an irregular manner and their number is four to five times higher than the required posts.

Higher medical course has also been introduced in different medical colleges, which lacks necessary infrastructure and education facilities, Dr Mahbub said at a press briefing in the city yesterday.

He also alleged that physicians

were enrolled on various courses on party considerations and the "party physicians" were being given opportunity to travel abroad in the name of scholarship.

Dr Mahbub said that physicians were being forced to become members of the Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) ahead of the election to the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and a move is on to secure votes in smaller districts through the civil surgeon.

Dr Mahbub and Dr Iqbal are contesting for the post of president and secretary general respectively against the panel of Dr MA Hadi and Dr Zahid Hossain.

About 25,000 doctors of BMA are expected to cast their votes during the May 5 election.