

3 killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least three people were killed and 27 others injured in separate road accidents in Gazipur and Chittagong yesterday.

Our Correspondent from Tangail reports: Two unidentified people, including a woman, were killed and 22 others injured, six of

them critically, in a road accident on Dhaka-Tangail highway at Kaliakair upazila in Gazipur yesterday.

The accident took place at around 10:30am when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Madhupur skidded off the road and fell into a ditch after collision with a Tangail-bound passenger bus from Dhaka at Board Ghar area, leaving bus driver and a woman dead on the spot and 22 passengers injured, police and witnesses said.

Local people rushed the injured to hospitals.

Of the injured, 18 people, six of them critically, were admitted to Mirzapur Kumudini Hospital in Tangail.

Police sent the bodies to Gazipur General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Our Correspondent from Chittagong reports: One person was killed and five others were injured in a road accident at Banskhali upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Helal Uddin, 25, of Baharchhari of the upazila.

The accident occurred when a Chittagong-bound jeep popularly known as Chander gari turned upside down and fell into a roadside ditch at Boilgaon area on Chittagong-Banskhali road at around 7:00am when the vehicle tried to give side to a Chittagong-bound passenger bus.

One person died on the spot and five others were injured.

The injured were identified as Didarul Alam, Md Shahjahan,

Nizamuddin, Jamal Uddin and Md Selim

Of them, Didarul was rushed to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in critical condition.

Jamaat against weekly holiday on Sunday

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Jamaat Ameer Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami yesterday expressed deep concern over the issue of changing Friday as weekly holiday.

"To make a one-day weekly holiday instead of two days is realistic for Bangladesh and we have no objection about it. But those proposing holiday on Saturday or Sunday has no logic behind their demand," he said in a statement.

Nizami said it is quite logical to make Friday the weekly holiday for the second largest Muslim country like Bangladesh, if the countries where Saturday or Sunday has been kept as weekly holiday on religious or cultural ground.

"It has to be proved if international trade, commerce and transactions have been affected due to weekly holiday on Friday," he said, adding: "It is to be examined how much it has affected or whether it has at all affected our trade and commerce."