

# Road crashes kill 8

## STAR REPORT

At least eight people were killed in separate road accidents in Keraniganj, Gazipur, Tangail and Chittagong yesterday.

UNB from Keraniganj reports: Two people, including a woman, were killed when a truck hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw at China Friendship Bridge in Dakkhin Keraniganj yesterday.

Witnesses said the Dhaka-bound truck hit the auto-rickshaw at about 2:30pm, leaving its two passengers dead on the spot.

One of the deceased was identified as Anwar, 40, while identity of the other could not be known immediately.

Later, police seized the truck and arrested its driver Kalam. A case was filed.

Another report from Gazipur adds: Two people were killed and two others injured in a head-on collision between two covered vans at Mouchak on Dhaka-Tangail highway yesterday.

Police sent the body to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

BSS from Chittagong says:

Three people, including two members of a family, were killed in separate road accidents in Chandanaish and Patiya upazilas here on Monday night and early yesterday morning, police and hospital sources said.

The victims were identified as Abdul Monaf, 35 and his younger brother Mehammed Yusuf, 30, sons of Leda Meah of Dohazari villages under Chandanaish upazila and Syed Ali, 45, son of late Azhar Meah of Purba Haidgaon village of Patiya upazila.

Yusuf died on the spot while his brother Monaf succumbed to his injuries at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) when the auto-rickshaw by which they were travelling collided head-on with a truck in Hashimpur area on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway at about 11:30pm on Monday.

Sayed also died on the spot when a Cox's Bazar-bound minibus knocked him at Patiya Sadar in the early morning yesterday.

## Move to make political parties' registration mandatory hailed

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (Fema) yesterday hailed the caretaker government for its decision to enact a law providing for compulsory registration of all political parties with the Election Commission.

The proposed law will guard against mushrooming of political parties with no capability to contribute to democracy or society, it said in a statement.

The law should make elaborate provisions prohibiting activities inconsistent with the principles of true democracy and prone to create chaos, confusion and anarchy in society, it added.

Fema also hoped that one third of the total candidates nominated by each political party in an election should be women in order to ensure their political empowerment.

## 'Massive reforms a must to curb corruption'

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Bangladesh Nagork Samaj yesterday stressed the need for massive changes in country's political, economic, educational and social systems to get rid of corruption that shrouds almost every sector of the country.

They were speaking at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) titled 'Reformation for Good Governance'.

"The political parties have to submit their audited accounts to the Election Commission (EC). Registration with EC is a must along with a renewal in every two years.

Besides, rules should be formulated banning participation of the government officials within five years of retirement," suggested Khafeer Uddin Khan, executive president of Bangladesh Nagork Samaj.

The speakers also suggested that registration of a political party should be cancelled if it is found giving nominations by taking money or boycotting the Parliamentary session for 90 days consecutively.

The speakers also recommended that the President should recruit the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)

and other Election Commissioners (EC) through a dialogue with the political parties. They would be appointed during the tenure of CG and would be in power till dissolution of the Parliament.

They also stressed the need for an independent EC that has the power to punish the culprits involved in any sort of violation of electoral laws. The EC should confer with executive power constitutionally, they added.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Nagork Samaj ABM Osman Gani read out the written statement while its Chairman Bashirul Haque and Executive Vice President Dr Peter Halder also spoke.

The speakers also suggested for taking stern and immediate actions against those who violate the election rules and use muscle power. They also suggested for massive reforms in administration, local government and education, land, agriculture and economic sectors.

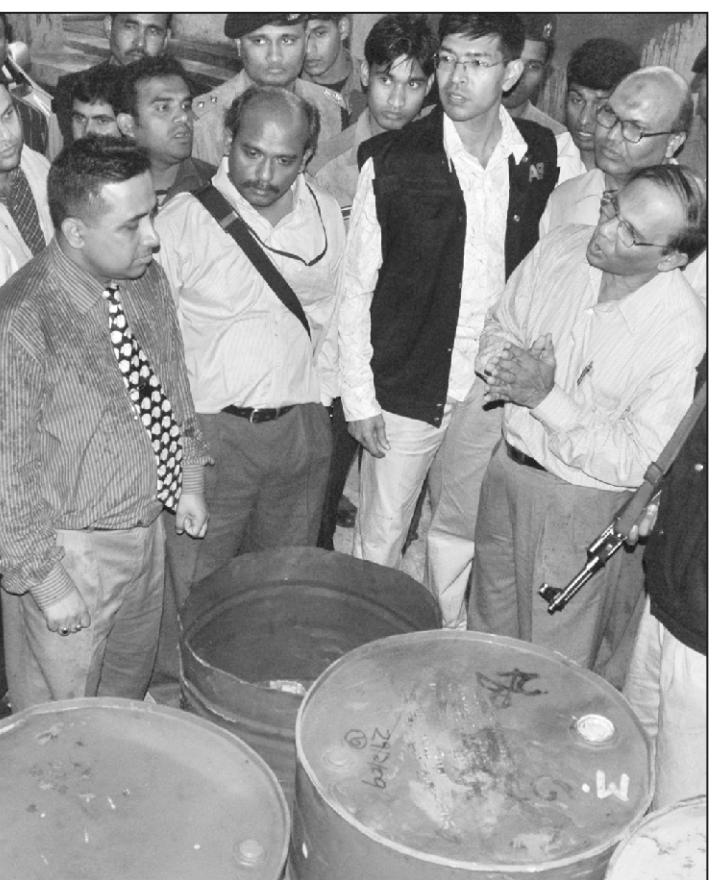


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Masudul Haque, managing director of Min Oils Ltd., begs Magistrate Raihan Akhtar's pardon during a raid on his factory at Hemayetpur at Savar yesterday. A mobile court raided the factory which produced adulterated engine oil.

## DU 'Gha' unit admission test results published

### DU CORRESPONDENT

Results of the first year honours admission test under 'Gha' unit of Dhaka University for the sessions 2006-2007 were published yesterday, says a press release.

A total of 2549 candidates passed the examination out of 26888 applicants who contested for 670 seats in humanities, commerce and science groups.

Separate merit lists for humanities (of 1016 students), commerce (of 867 students) and science (of 666 students) groups have been made from passed students.

A total of 670 students can get admitted in different departments under Arts, Social Science, and Law faculties and Mathematics and Statistics departments under Science Faculty.

To know more about results and viva voce, applicants are requested to see notice boards at Arts Building or log on to www.univdhaka.edu.

Newspapers will run advertisement informing the details of viva voce of passed applicants.

## WEATHER TODAY

**Rain likely**

UNB, Dhaka

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in Celsius	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	24.9	16.7	66	86
Chittagong	28.5	18.0	79	61
Rajshahi	19.9	14.5	97	97
Khulna	24.2	18.0	78	92
Barisal	24.6	16.5	88	74
Sylhet	25.7	14.4	76	62
Cox's Bazar	29.0	18.3	73	70

## Singer Mujib Pardeshi arrested

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Singer Mujib Pardeshi was arrested from his house at East Jurain in the city last night on charges of swindling.

A team of Shyampur police arrested Mujib at around 8:00pm and handed him over to Tejgaon Police Station as one Abu Khair Swapan filed a case against him with Tejgaon police on Monday.

In the first information report (FIR), Swapan said he gave Tk 8.14 lakh to Mujib as he promised to send him (Swapan) to London.

But Mujib did not return the money even after he failed to send Swapan to London within the specified time he (Mujib) mentioned, Swapan added.

## Anwarul Tareq sent to jail

### COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered to send businessman Anwarul Islam Tareq held for possessing illegal firearms and ammunition, to jail rejecting a bail petition.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mamun Al Rashid passed the order after the investigation officer (IO) produced Tareq before the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate on completion of his one day remand in the second phase.

The magistrate also directed the jail super to submit a report by February 18 on health condition of Tareq's heart disease following the defence verbal plea if they treated him in jail custody.

On January 30, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Tareq and seized a shotgun, two double-barrel guns, an airgun, three walkie-talkies, 5,242 cartridges and 5,373 rounds of ammunition from his Bijoynagar residence in the city, according to the case statement.

## Appeal for help

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The father of Purabi Roy, a promising singer, has appealed for financial assistance for the treatment of his daughter who has been suffering from kidney diseases.

Both the kidneys of Purabi, also a student of Central Women's College, have been damaged.

In 2005, she underwent kidney transplantation at Christian Medical College Hospital in Vellore after her mother donated a kidney to her. But the kidney has stopped functioning since June 2006.

Purabi now needs dialysis two or three times a week. According to doctors, she must undergo kidney transplantation again, but such treatment would cost around Tk 8 lakh, which her father cannot afford.

Her father Pradip Kumar Roy, a banker, has appealed to generous people to extend a helping hand to save his daughter.

Contributions can be sent to Pradip Kumar Roy, Savings A/C No. 8915, Pubali Bank, Karwan Bazar branch, Dhaka or Purabi Roy, Savings A/C No. 20520034854, Dhaka Bank. Interested persons can also call at 01712689780.

## Meleisea New Unesco director

Mala Mala Meleisea was appointed new director and country representative of Unesco Bangladesh, says a press release.

He replaces Wolfgang Vollmann. Before taking up his assignment in Dhaka, Meleisea represented Unesco in Afghanistan for two years. He is accompanied by his wife Dr Penelope Schoeffel Meleisea, an Australian.

Meleisea, a PhD holder in History and Politics, is from Samoa, an independent Pacific Island State.

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