

## 5 killed in road crashes

### STAR REPORT

At least five people were killed and 15 others injured in separate road accidents in Rajshahi, Bagerhat, Munshiganj and Khagrachhari yesterday.

UNB from Rajshahi reports: Two people were killed and 15 others injured as a bus fell into a roadside ditch at Palashbari in Godagari upazila on Rajshahi-Kakonhat road in Godagari upazila yesterday.

Alim, 25, haled from Palashbari village and an unidentified bus helper died on the spot.

Witnesses said the accident occurred at about 9:30am when a city-bound bus from Kakonhat fell into a ditch as the driver lost control over the steering.

The injured were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Another report from Bagerhat adds: A woman travelling with her husband in a motorbike died under

the wheels of a truck at Badatala on Bagerhat-Pirojpur road yesterday.

Safia Begum, 40, died on the spot when the speedy truck hit the motorbike while her husband Sikder Irshad Ali was rushed to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital in critical condition. They hailed from Patarpara village of Chitalmal upazila.

Police seized the truck but the driver managed to flee.

Our Correspondent from Khagrachhari adds: A truck driver was killed when his speeding truck plunged into the river Padma while trying to get on a ferry at ferry ghat no 2 at Mawa in the district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Usha Kanti Tripura, 25.

The accident happened in Krishi Gobeshena area at Sadar Upazila of the district that left the driver of the hauler Dev Ananda Tripura dead on the spot and seven more critically injured.

### One beaten to death by drug addict in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A drug addict bashed to death his neighbour who tried to stop him from quarrelling with his mother in the district yesterday.

Chan Mia, 55, a neighbour of the addict Akbar Hossain, resident of Adarshagram of Pashchim Deobhog area, died after he was punched indiscriminately by Akbar.

Sub-inspector of Fatullah Police Station Sujit Hossain said Akbar, 28, entered into severe quarrel with his mother as she refused to give him Tk 5000 for buying drugs in the morning.

As Chan Mia went there to stop the quarrel, Akbar became furious and punched him indiscriminately causing serious injuries that resulted in his death, he added.

Locals caught Akbar and handed him over to police.

Autopsy of Chan Mia was done in Narayanganj General Hospital morgue.

A case was filed with Fatullah Police Station.

### Indian novelist mugged in city

DU CORRESPONDENT

Muggers took away valuables from female novelist and playwright of Kolkata Lina Gangopadhyay and renowned Indian filmmaker Satyajit Ray's niece Surojit.

They snatched a bag and important papers except their passports and bus tickets.

Lina said they were going to city's Kalabagan by rickshaw from Hatirjheel on Sunday morning to take a Kolkata bound bus.

As the rickshaw approached the bus stand, a taxicab waylaid its way. Three to four youths got down from the cab and snatched the bag where the papers were kept.

Lina and Surojit came to Dhaka to visit parental home of Satyajit at Kishorganj and to select a shooting spot for Lina's new film, she said.

### Japan university assures DU of materials for visually impaired students

DU CORRESPONDENT

A delegation of Japan Sukuba University of Technology yesterday assured the Dhaka University (DU) authorities of providing modern academic materials for visually impaired students, says a DU press release.

The team led by Executive Vice President of the Japanese University Uoshimi Morisawa gave the assurance to DU Arts Faculty Dean Prof Sadrul Amin when the team made a courtesy call.

They discussed other mutual issues of interest.

The other members of the visiting team are: first secretary of Japan Embassy Takashi Asai and Head of General Affairs Section of the University Iida Kyoichi.

DU's Prof Md Iqbal Aziz Mutaki, Prof Hamida Akhter Begum and Registrar Md Anwar Hossain were present.

### Prof Aminur new provost of RU Motihar Hall

RU CORRESPONDENT

Professor Aminur Rahman, a teacher of political science department, was made provost of Motihar Hall of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday.

He was given a warm reception in the hall, campus sources said.

Professor Aminur was posted here as tenure of outgoing provost Prof Afrauzman Khan ended.

In the reception, RU Proctor Enamul Haque and former provost Prof Afrauzman Khan were present among others.

### Channel i to air beach walk in Cox's Bazar

Channel i will telecast a three-day beach walk styled 'Activate Bangladesh', scheduled to be held on March 23, live from Cox's Bazar, says a press release.

Eminent cultural personalities and selected people will take part in the 100km long beach walk that will start at Teknaf and end at Cox's Bazar.

Channel i will broadcast the programme live three times everyday, the press release reads.

Grameenphone is the title sponsor of the programme while Activate Bangladesh and MAA Consortium are the organisers of the event.



PHOTO: PID  
Chief Adviser to the caretaker government Fakhruddin Ahmed presides over a meeting of the council of advisers at the Secretariat in the city yesterday.

### Mannan Bhuiyan hospitalised

UNB, Dhaka

Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was admitted to a hospital in the city for diabetic complications yesterday morning.

"As he felt sick at his Gulshan residence in the capital, he was rushed to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the United Hospital" in the area at about 11:00am, a party sources said.

Mannan Bhuiyan, the former LGRD minister, has been suffering from diabetes for long.

### Mill supervisor arrested for tampering with electric meter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Special vigilance team of Dhaka Electricity Supply Authority (Desa) yesterday arrested a supervisor of a mill at Fatullah in Narayanganj for tampering with electric meter.

Desa conducted a drive at Fatullah led by its special vigilance team Superintendent Engineer SM Monjur-ul-Ehsan and Desa special Metropolitan Magistrate Md Ashraful Amin Mukut, says a press release.

Magistrate Ashraful arrested reportedly supervisor of Messrs Jewell Steel and Re-rolling Mill Monir Hossain of the mill for tampering with electric meter.

A case was also filed in this regard. Vigilance team also disconnected the electricity line of the mill instantly.

The owner of the mill Md Shahjahan used to steal electricity worth around Tk 3 lakh every month through tampering with meter for long time.

Acting on their confessional statement, Rab members held

Chief Education Officer Abul Hashem Bhuiyan and Steno-typist

Zakir Hossain of Marine Academy

yesterday on charge of helping

leakage of question paper.

Earlier, a group of aggrieved admission seekers had lodged a complaint with Rab saying that three coaching centres namely Brain Wash of Chittagong, Unity Coaching Centre of Dhaka and Marine Guide Coaching Centre were involved in leaking question papers.

While talking to The Daily Star at Rab Head Quarters at Patenga, Rezaul and Alim confessed that

three coaching centres were

involved in leaking and selling

question papers.

The directors of these so-called

coaching centres including Unity

Director Kudrat-e-Khuda and Brain

Wash Director Abul Basher used to

sell each of the leaked question

### QUESTION PAPER LEAKAGE AT MARINE ACADEMY

## 2 officials, 2 coaching centre men arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four people for their alleged involvement in leaking question papers of the admission tests at Bangladesh Marine Academy in Chittagong.

The arrestees included a director and an office peon of a coaching centre and two officials of the academy.

Rab arrested Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, a director of Unity Coaching Centre, and its peon Abdul Alim, from a function at Marine Academy on Sunday evening.

After interrogation at its Head Quarters, the elite force sent the two officials back to Marine Academy asking the academy authorities to take necessary action against them.

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