

# 5 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

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

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, hailed 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-Pirojepur 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 Chitalmari upazila.

Police seized the truck but the driver managed to flee.

Our Correspondent from Munshiganj 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 Farid, 40, hailed from Bhola.

The Jessore-bound truck that was carrying iron rods broke the railing of the ferry and fell into the river. Divers started recovery drive after one and half hours and found the body of Farid 40 feet deep under the water. However, they are yet to recover the body and the truck.

The accident hampered vehicular movement at that particular ferry ghat for more than two hours.

Our Correspondent from Khagrachhari adds: A helper of a human hauler, who was admitted at Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital following a head-on collision between his hauler and a truck on Sunday evening, succumbed to his injuries yesterday early hours.

The victim was identified as Usha Kanti Tripura, 25.

The accident happened in Krishhi Gobeshona 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.



PHOTO: STAR

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) demolishes extended portion of Dar-us-Salam Tower at Mirpur in the city during a drive against illegal structures yesterday.

## One beaten to death by drug addict in Narayanganj

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 Deobhogh area, died after he was punched indiscriminately by Akbar.

Sub-inspector of Fatullah Police Station Sujatit 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.

### VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS

### Japan varsity assures DU of academic materials

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 Muttaki, Prof Hamida Akhter Begum and Registrar Md Anwar Hossain were present.

## 25 die in Russian coal mine blast

AFP, Moscow

At least 25 people were killed yesterday when a blast ripped through a coal mine in Siberia, officials said, as emergency workers raced to rescue dozens of miners trapped underground.

"The latest information is that 25 people were killed. Eighty-eight people have been rescued. Two of them are injured," a spokesman for the regional governor's office told AFP by telephone.

The methane gas blast occurred at the Ulyanovskaya mine near the town of Novokuznetsk in Kemerovo region, some 3,000 kilometres (1,864 miles) east of Moscow.

The spokesman said that a total of 186 miners were underground at the time of the blast, leaving some 73 still trapped in the mine several hours after the blast.

Emergency ministry officials earlier said that there were 168 people in the mine and a representative of mine operator Yuzhkuzbassugol was quoted by Interfax news agency as saying there were 183 miners.

"We're talking about a major

incident," an official from Russia's industrial safety monitoring agency, Rostekhnadzor, was quoted by Interfax news agency as saying.

Twelve teams of specialist emergency workers were taking part in the rescue operation and more were expected to arrive from the regional centres of Kemerovo and Novokuznetsk.

Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu to fly to the scene to oversee the operation, Russian news agencies reported.

### Prof Aminur made RU hall provost

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 Afrauzzman Khan ended.