

Road crashes kill 2

STAR REPORT

At least two people were killed in separate road accidents in Satkhira and Comilla yesterday.

Our Correspondent from Satkhira adds: A youth was killed when a speeding truck hit the motorcycle he was riding on Satkhira-Khulna road at Dhalbaria in Tala yesterday.

Abul Hossain, 20, son of Moslem Uddin Khan of village Bhairab Nagar in Tala, was coming to his village home when the truck rammed his motorcycle, police said. He died on the spot.

UNB from Comilla reports: A man was killed and two others injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Chittagong highway early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sumon, 22, a truck helper and son of Aziz of Feni district.

Police said the accident took place at Dayapur at 5:00am when a Dhaka-bound truck hit a stationary bus. Both the vehicles then plunged into a roadside ditch, leaving Sumon dead on the spot and two others injured.

The injured -- truck helpers Asaduzzaman and Amir Hossain --

were admitted to Comilla Medical College Hospital in critical condition. The truck driver fled the scene.

Rab observes 3rd anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), the first crime busting elite force of the country, observed its third anniversary yesterday.

Rab was formed on March 26, 2004 with a view to curbing crimes of the society.

The day was observed at Rab headquarters at Kurmitola in the city with elaborate programmes organised by the elite force members.

Rab Director Hasan Mahmud Khondkar inaugurated the function by uplifting the NDC flag in presence of senior Rab officials and members.

President hosts reception

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and his wife Free Anwara Begum hosted a reception at Bangabhaban on the occasion of the Independence and National Day yesterday.

Chief Adviser Fakhrudin Ahmed, Speaker Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Chief Justice Mohammad Ruhul Amin, former presidents and former advisers of Caretaker Government, Deputy Speaker, Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, former chief justices, Ambassadors of different countries and Election Commissioners as well as the elite attended the function.

He passed away in a car accident in South Africa on this day in 2005.

Family members have requested all to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



PHOTO: IPM

The Institute of Personnel Management (IPM) inaugurated the 26th batch of Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resources Management course on March 24. The picture shows LGRD and Cooperatives Adviser Md Anwarul Iqbal speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony at IPM auditorium in the city, with IPM President Anwarul Azim in the chair. IPM Secretary General Md Shahjahan, ANM Ibrahim Khan, ABD Osman Gani and Kazi Muhammad Nizamul Haque also spoke.

DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable

South Asia Free Media Association (SAFMA) organises a roundtable on 'People's expectations from the 14th Saarc Summit'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:30pm.

Honey fair

A three-day honey fair jointly organised by Bangladesh Association for Social Advancement and Bangladesh Mou Chashi Samity will begin. Venue: National Press Club premises. Time: 10:30am.

Workshop

Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC) and Handicap

International (HI) jointly organise a 'National workshop on findings of vulnerability and capacity assessment of persons with disabilities in disaster'. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre. Time: 9:30am.

Egg Art Exhibition

High Commission of Malaysia organises an egg art exhibition. Venue: Residence of the High Commissioner of Malaysia. Time: 11:00am.

Film screening

Dhaka University Film Society will screen the films 'Babel' and 'Pan's Labyrinth'. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 3:00pm and 5:00pm.



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Weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is also likely at one or two places over Sylhet division, Met Office said.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country. Highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 17.3 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:12pm today and rises at 5:55am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature	Humidity in
	In Celsius	percentage
Dhaka	Max 35.3	Min 20.8
Chittagong	33.2	23.5
Rajshahi	34.0	18.5
Khulna	35.5	20.0
Barisal	34.4	19.4
Sylhet	33.4	18.5
Cox's Bazar	33.8	22.8
	78	68
	37	25
	71	65
	38	79
	71	47
	88	56
	56	26
	78	68

Nation celebrates Independence Day



President Iajuddin Ahmed takes salute (left) during the Independence Day parade as members of the armed forces march past (right) at the National Parade Ground in the city yesterday.



Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar



Awami League



BNP leaders



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Gono Forum



Supreme Court Bar Association



Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University



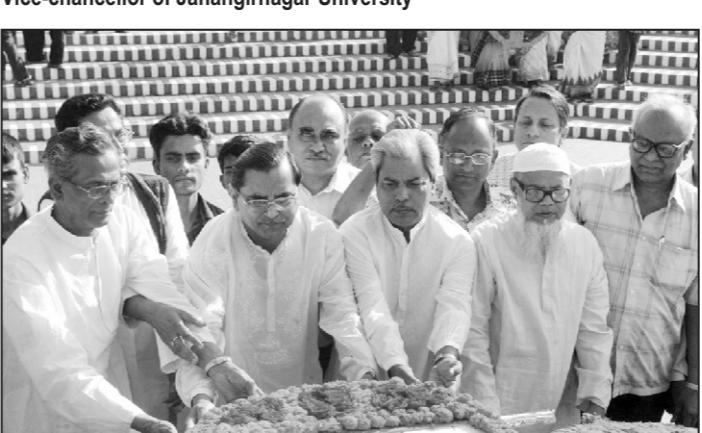
Vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University



Dhaka University Teachers' Association



Communist Party of Bangladesh



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Bangla Academy



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Amra Muktijoddhar Santan



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad



Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad



Proshika



Freedom fighters

Political and socio-cultural organisations and individuals place wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar yesterday to pay tribute to the martyrs of the War of Liberation on the occasion of Independence Day.

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