

4 bogies of train derail

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A Chittagong bound container train derailed at 6:30am yesterday at Nawty area near Laksam Railway Station in the district.

The accident caused suspension of train services for hours forcing thousands of passengers to remain stranded at different points.

The train started for Chittagong from Dhaka and arrived at Laksam after half an hour. As it resumed its journey, four bogies at the tail-end derailed at the southern end of the station.

Officials said a rescue train from Akhaura reached the spot at 1:30pm ending sufferings of the passengers.

Govt urged to release

Engr Mosharraf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 500 freedom fighters in a recent statement urged the caretaker government to take proper steps to release freedom fighter and Awami League leader Engr Mosharraf Hossain considering his service to the nation.

They said as he served the country at different positions, there might be some mistakes while discharging his duties, but as valiant freedom fighter he cannot be intentionally involved in any corruption.

Commander of Mir Shorai Mukti Joddha Sangsad Mosharraf Hossain, Mirza Firoz Ahmed, Md Altaf Hossain and Tobarak Hossain were among the signatories to the statement.

Road accidents kill six, injure 46

STAR REPORT

At least six people were killed and 46 others injured in separate road accidents in Comilla, Faridpur and Gaibandha yesterday.

A correspondent from Comilla reports: At least three people were killed and 40 others injured in a road accident at Eliatganj on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Daudkandi upazila at about 7:00am yesterday.

Following the accident, the road communication between Dhaka and Chittagong was suspended for one and half hours.

The deceased were identified as saleman Md Salauddin, 18 of Kaladumur village, Md Humayun Kibir, 20 of Gagutipara village and street beggar Nowab Ali, 70, in Daudkandi upazila.

According to eyewitnesses and police, the accident took place when a Noakhali-bound passenger bus coming from Dhaka lost control and skidded off the road into a departmental store due to reckless driving.

Three people died on the spot while 40 others, including 10 passers-by, were also injured in the accident. Of them, condition of an unidentified person was stated to be critical. The injured were admitted to Daudkandi Health Complex for treatment.

On information, Kotwali police reached the spot and sent the bodies to Comilla medical college hospital for autopsy.

A correspondent from Faridpur adds: Two people were killed and three others injured in separate road accidents in Faridpur yesterday.

A schoolboy was run over by a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Moksedpur of Gopalganj district on Dhaka-Khulna Vishwa road at Ziaekuli while he was crossing the road at Nagarkanda upazila.

The dead was identified as Nazim Talukder, 10, a student, and son of Delwar Hossen of the same area.

The Kotwali police seized the bus.

Meanwhile, a rickshaw van passenger was killed and three others were injured when the van collided with another rickshaw van at Mregi at Sadar upazila on Dhaka-Khulna highway at about 1:00pm.

The dead was identified as Chanu Fakir, 60. The injured were rushed to Faridpur Medical

College Hospital.

Our Correspondent from Gaibandha adds: One person was killed and three others were injured in a road accident at Bamondanga on Sunderganj-Rangpur highway yesterday.

Police said Mostafizur Rahman, 35, of village Adarshapara under Sunderganj upazila was killed on the spot when a speedy truck hit him from behind at Bamondanga while he was returning home by a bi-cycle. The injured were rushed to Sunderganj Health Complex.