

Road accidents kill six

STAR REPORT

At least six people were killed in separate road accidents in Tangail, Rangpur, Patuakhali and Sirajganj yesterday and on Monday night.

Our correspondent from Tangail reports: A young man and his sister were killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Tangail road at Karatia area under Sadar upazila in the district on Monday night.

The dead were identified as Mohammad Hassan Ali, 22, son of Shuk Chand Miah of Gabtoli village at Delduar upazila in the district and his younger sister Kohinoor Akter, 12.

Police said the accident took place when a North Bengal-bound passenger bus from Dhaka crushed Hassan and Kohinoor when they were returning home from Karatia in a bicycle at Karatia area, leaving Hassan dead on the spot and Kohinoor seriously injured.

Local people immediately rushed critically injured Kohinoor to Tangail General Hospital. She succumbed to her injuries on the way to Dhaka Medical College

Hospital (DMCH).

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

A case was filed with Tangail Police Station in this regard.

Our correspondent from Rangpur adds: Two people were killed in a road accident on Rangpur-Kurigram road at Mirbagh under Kounia upazila yesterday.

The dead were identified as Rafiqul Islam Bhutto, 19, and Jalil.

Police and witnesses said a Dhaka-bound couch from Kurigram hit Bhutto and Jalil while they were going to the same direction in a bicycle, leaving Bhutto dead on the spot and Jalil injured seriously.

Jalil succumbed to his injuries on the way to Rangpur Medical Police Station in this connection.

Our correspondent from Patuakhali adds: An 8-year-old child was killed in a road accident on Patuakhali-Galachipa road in Patuakhali yesterday.

Police sent the body to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed with Raiganj Police Station in this connection.

The dead was identified as Rezaul son of Main Uddin of Kalai Keshor village area under Galachipa upazila. The boy was rushed to Patuakhali General Hospital where on-duty doctor declared him dead at 2:00pm.

The accident occurred at about 9:00am when a Patuakhali-bound motorcycle from Galachipa hit the boy when he was crossing the road at Badura village area on the road.

Our correspondent from Sirajganj says: A man was crushed under the wheels of a bus at Sholomile area near Highway villa in Raiganj upazila of Sirajganj yesterday.

The victim has been identified as Jadi Shaikh, 45, of Raiganj.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at around 11:00am when a Dhaka-bound bus from Bogra crushed him while he was crossing the road.

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Shishu Bikash Network Chairperson Dr Naila Zaman Khan, Convenor Shamim Ferdous and Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation General Secretary Prof Sultan S Zaman issued the statement.

UN Peacekeepers Day observed

BSS, Dhaka

The fifth International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers was observed in the city yesterday with due solemnity as elsewhere across the world.

For the first time, Bangladesh observed the day though other countries of the world have been observing the day since 2002.

President Tajuddin Ahmed, Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed, Foreign Adviser Iftekhar A Chowdhury, UN Under Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, chiefs of three services, inspector general of police and UN resident coordinator in Bangladesh gave separate messages on the occasion.

Marking the day, Bangladesh Armed Forces chalked out various programmes. The day began with peacekeepers run which was inaugurated by Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman at 6:30am.

The chief adviser laid foundation of "Peace Monument" at the southwest corner of the National Parade Square at 3:00am.

A reception to nearest kin to fallen peacekeepers and retired injured peacekeepers was arranged at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. CA attended the ceremony as the chief guest.

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Speakers at the seminar dwelt length on the glorious role played by the peacekeepers of Bangladesh in various conflict-ridden countries of the world and expressed sympathy to the members of the families of the deceased.

Police recovered the body of a youth from a ditch at Shyampur in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Masuda Begum and Ishtiaq Ahmed, nephew of Masuda Begum.

The domestic helps were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Parvez Akhter told the Daily Star that Masuda suspected that Ranu Begum, domestic help at her house, stole Tk 30000 when the amount went missing from her.

The body was sent to the Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy.

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2 held for torturing domestic helps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Partners meeting began in the city yesterday.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to BDRCS partnership with Red Cross and Red Crescent partners for its various humanitarian works and future course of actions to be taken to provide better and coordinated support to the most vulnerable.

A total of 45 participants including representatives from American Red Cross, British Red Cross, German Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, International Federation's Geneva Secretariats and South Asia Regional Delegation and International Committee of Red Cross and BDRCS are taking part in the meeting.

Organised by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), the meeting was inaugurated by its Chairman Prof Dr Abdul Rob at Washington Hotel in Gulshan.

He said the meeting will help BDRCS to coordinate with its partners for necessary resources required for the delivery of quality services to the most vulnerable people in Bangladesh.

BDRCS Secretary General M Shafiqul Alam said BDRCS provides vital services to the most vulnerable in the field of disaster management including risk reduction, relief and response, primary health care, public health in emergencies, safe blood, HIV/AIDS, water, sanitation and promotion of humanitarian values for encouraging respect for the dignity of human life and tolerance.

Head of the Federation's Bangladesh Delegation Selvaratnam Sinnadurai, Head of International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) New Delhi Region Vincent Nicod and BDRCS Treasurer Advocate SM Munir Lablu also addressed in the inaugural session.

UPDF leader arrested in Khagrachhari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Milton Chakma, coordinator of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF), Naniarchar wing, was arrested from Chengipur area of Khagrachhari district yesterday.

The joint forces arrested Milton, who was the former president of Pahari Chhatria Parishad, when he was taking his ailing wife to Chittagong city.

His whereabouts could not be confirmed as of writing this report last night.

the two domestic workers usually visited each other a lot.

The two sisters started severely beating their domestic helps to recover the money and locked them up in a room since last Saturday.

Doctors at DMCH found several injury marks on their bodies.

Body recovered in city

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No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Mild heat wave that is sweeping over Dhaka and Khulna divisions and the regions of Rajshahi, Ishwardi, Bogra, Barisal and Patuakhali may continue, Met Office said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, it said.

Highest temperature 39.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishwardi and Bogra and lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:41pm today and rises at 5:11 tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage	Morning	Evening
	Max	Min		
Dhaka	37.0	28.5	73	54
Chittagong	33.0	28.2	79	79
Rajshahi	38.5	27.7	60	81
Khulna	38.0	28.5	81	51
Barisal	36.0	27.5	77	70
Sylhet	32.2	23.7	97	73
Cox's Bazar	34.3	28.5	--	74

Reinstate Valerie Taylor as CRP coordinator

Shishu Bikash Network urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shishu Bikash Network, a team of physicians, psychologists, therapists, social workers and special educators, yesterday called on the government to bring back Valerie A Taylor, founder of the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), to her position as coordinator of the centre.

The CRP board of trustees recently removed Taylor from her position as the coordinator.

In a joint statement, the Shishu Bikash Network also urged the government to take necessary steps to save the CRP from ruin.

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Police recovered a powerful bomb from a pond adjacent to a primary school at Gazipur village under Benapole Port Police Station yesterday.

None could be arrested in this respect.

Sources said two students of the primary school Raithan, 7, and Rustam, 6, found outside their school two black tape wrapped cans which were left by some unidentified people.

Raihan and Rustam took the cans behind the school and tried to unwrap them when a landlady of a house next to the school started screaming "bomb", "bomb" after she saw them unwrapping the cans.

The two boys threw the cans out of the pond.

Being informed, Benapole police recovered the bomb from the pond after a two-hour search.

Different intelligence agencies are investigating the type of the bomb and enquiring whether there was any terrorist intention behind the leaving of the bomb outside the school.

A case was filed in this connection.



Chittagong Samity, Dhaka accorded a reception to Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday. The photo shows Prof Yunus receiving a crest from Abu Alam Chowdhury at the reception ceremony.

Concern over control of culture by fanatic groups in South Asia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT