

Road accidents kill seven

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed in separate road accidents in Tangail, Sirajganj, Faridpur and Satkhira yesterday.

Our correspondent from Tangail reports: Four motorbike riders, including three friends, were killed in separate road accidents at Kalihati and Dhanbari upazilas in Tangail district yesterday.

The victims were identified as Mohammad Solaiman, 28, of Alipur village, Abdul Kaddus, 35, of Ballabhbari village at Kalihati upazila, in Tangail district, Mohammad Dulal, 32, of Kokilaka Jagaddal Bazar village in Panchagrath district, and Mohammad Muchha Miah, 26, of Rupshanti village at Dhanbari upazila in Tangail.

Police and witnesses said an accident took place at around 4:30pm when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Sirajganj crushed a motorbike coming from

the opposite direction under its wheels on Dhaka-Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Highway at Salla area under Kalihati upazila, leaving the motorbike riders Solaiman, Kaddus, and Dulal dead on the spot.

The passenger bus, however, managed to escape.

On information, police rushed to the spot recovered the bodies and sent them to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Another accident took place when at around 5:00pm when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Sarishabari hit a motorbike on Tangail-Jamalpur road at Rupshanti area under Dhanbari upazila, leaving the motorbike rider Muchha Miah dead on the spot, police and witnesses said.

BSS from Sirajganj adds: A former army personnel was killed and four others including a truck driver were injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Bogra highway at Kachiyabari under Royganj Police

Station yesterday. The accident took place when a Borga-bound truck turned upside down as its driver lost control over the steering.

The dead was identified as Dulal, 48, a former soldier of Bangladesh Army and resident of Kamarkhan upazila in the district.

The injured were rushed to a local hospital.

A correspondent from Faridpur adds: One person was killed in a road accident at Shibrampur area under Sadar upazila in the town on Saturday night.

The dead was identified as Liakat Ali, 50, a truck driver.

Police said the accident took place on Saturday night on Faridpur-Dhaka highway at Shibrampur area when a passenger bus collided head-on with a truck coming from opposite, leaving truck driver Liakat Ali dead on the spot.

Our correspondent from Satkhira says: Aman was killed in a

road accident on Satkhira-Khulna road at Nikaripara in Tala upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Sarajit Kumar Karmakar, 32, son of Anil Kumar Karmakar of village Prasadpur in the same upazila.

Quoting local police said a Khulna bound pick-up van knocked him down at Nikaripara while Sarajit was crossing the road, leaving him injured seriously. He succumbed to his injuries on the way to Satkhira Hospital.

Need for social afforestation underscored

CU CORRESPONDENT

A 15-day 'Tree Plantation Movement and Tree Fair - 2007' began here in the port city yesterday as part of National Tree Plantation Movement.

Chittagong Forest Department (North), District Administration and Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) jointly organised the fair at Laldighi Maidan.

Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Mokhlesur Rahman inaugurated the programme through planting a tree at Circuit House Premises in the morning.

Mokhlesur Rahman was the chief guest in the inaugural ceremony held on the fair premises with Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Ashraf Shamim in the chair.

Speakers in the inaugural ceremony emphasised the need for social afforestation to fight the natural disasters, including landslides and develop the country's economy and protect environment.

They called upon all to come forward and be aware of protecting the forest and environment.

Chittagong Region Forest Conservator M Atiquel Azam, CCC Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Imtiaz Hossain Chowdhury and Divisional Forest Officer (North) Dr Tapen Kumar Dey also spoke.

A procession was brought out on this occasion that paraded different thoroughfares of the city.

A total of 49 nurseries and different government and non-government organisations took part in the fair.



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Intermittent rain increases sufferings to the city dwellers. The picture was taken at Palashi yesterday.

President's Parade at BMA Parade ground in Ctg on Wednesday

UNB, Dhaka

President's Parade will be held at the BMA parade ground at Bhatiari in Chittagong on Wednesday.

The parade will be organised on the occasion of the passing out of the cadets of the 56th Bangladesh Military Academy long course and 17th BMA special course.

A special train service will be arranged for the day from Chittagong Railway Station to Bhatiari and from Bhatiari Railway Station to Chittagong for easy movement of the invited guests.

The special train will leave Chittagong Railway Station for Bhatiari at 6:30am on Wednesday while leave Bhatiari Station for Chittagong at 2:00pm.

"The invited guests can avail of the facilities of the special train for fixed fares," said an ISPR press release yesterday.

Toxic algae poses health scare in China

AFP, Beijing

Two of China's biggest lakes are under renewed attack from toxic algae that destroy plant and fish life and threaten humans in the country's latest pollution scare, state media reported yesterday.

New satellite pictures of eastern China show the blue-green foul-smelling algae spreading in Taihu and Chaohu lakes, the Workers Daily newspaper said.

Adviser blames high society for misusing power

UNB, Dhaka

Finance Adviser AB Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday flayed the high society for misusing power for their own self and pomp that put the vast multitude of others to trouble.

The extent of power is determined by the extent of "nuisance we can create in society", observed the adviser.

He was addressing a scholarship-awarding ceremony at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city and told the awardees to avert nurturing such attitude when they would reach such levels on completion of their studies.

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited organised the ceremony to award certificates to 200 HSC- passed poor, but meritorious, students as part of their corporate social responsibility.

The awardees will get a monthly stipend of Tk 2,000 and an annual lump allocation of Tk 5,000 each to meet their academic expenses up to postgraduate level.

The adviser told the function that the government has given the highest priority to education sector, but it's not yet possible for the government to meet the entire demand for the development of the education sector.

He called upon various organisations to emulate the DBBL gesture of benevolence through taking similar initiatives so that meritorious students do not drop out from their studies.

"A nation cannot prosper without development of its human resources. Even natural resources- whatever the amount- cannot develop a nation," said the adviser, adding that a country like Bangladesh has the potential to climb onto the level of rich nations within a short period of time if its human resource can be utilised.

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Send-off ceremony of JDS fellows held

A group of 20 government officials will leave for Tokyo at the beginning of July under Japan Development Scholarship (JDS).

The send-off ceremony for the fellows was held at the residence of Japanese ambassador in Dhaka on June 14, says a press release.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Masayuki Inoue called on JDS fellows to keep in mind that both Bangladeshi and Japanese people expect a great deal from them for the development of their own country through making the best use of knowledge and experience that they will acquire from Japan.

The fellows have already completed a two-month-long Japanese language training programme.

They will study in Japan for two years to get master's degree in six fields- public administration, economics, international relations and environmental policy.

The formal title of Japan Development Scholarship is The Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS).

In the last 5 years, a total of 107 JDS fellows were sent to Japan, and of them 73 fellows have already come back to Bangladesh.

said the bank spends around Tk 4 crore annually for education sector. They have also similar programmes in health sector as well as programmes of response to natural calamity.

DBBL Managing Director Yasin Ali

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He said there are many instances that many countries, having almost no natural resources, have developed only by properly developing and utilising their human resources.

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