

6 killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least six people, including a woman, were killed in separate road accidents across the country yesterday.

Our correspondent from Pabna says: Two people including a woman were killed and 14 others injured in two separate road accidents in the district.

The dead were identified as Sharmin, 35, of Boalia village under Ullapara upazila in Sirajganj and Tomizuddin, 30, of Shingharia village under Atghoria upazila in Pabna districts.

Police said a Sirajganj-bound passenger bus rammed Sharmin at Shalikha under Bera upazila at around 7:00am when the driver lost control over the steering before falling into the roadside ditch.

Sharmin died on the spot.

At least eight passengers were injured, police said.

The injured were taken to Bera Hospital.

Meanwhile a passenger-loaded tempo collided head on with a truck at Jalapur on Dhaka-Pabna highway at around 7:00am.

Tempo driver Tomizuddin died on the spot while six passengers were injured.

They were taken to Pabna General Hospital for treatment.

Our correspondent from Mymensingh adds: At least two people were killed and four others injured in a fatal road accident on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Trishal upazila in the district yesterday.

The dead were identified as Harun, 30, driver of the taxicab, and Akkas Ali Chowdhury, 42, a passenger of the taxicab.

Police and eyewitnesses said the accident occurred when the taxicab collided head on with a bus coming from the opposite direction at about 2:30pm.

The injured were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital in critical condition.

Later three of them were shifted to Dhaka as their condition deteriorated, hospital sources said.

All the injured were coming to Mymensingh from Dhaka and they are the residents of Bank Colony at Shahbagh, sources added.

Our correspondent from Sirajganj reports: A man was

crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus in the district yesterday.

He was identified as Saiful Islam, 35, of Ningachhi village under Raiganj upazila.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred when a Tarash-bound bus from Sirajganj town hit Saiful from behind leaving him dead on the spot.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

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

UNB from Magura says: A motorcyclist was killed in a road accident on Magura-Jhenidah Road at Alamkhali under Sadar upazila yesterday.

He was identified as Dildar Biswas, 52, of Kaliganj village.

Police quoting local people said he died on the spot when a speeding bus rammed his motorbike at noon.

Police seized the bus and arrested its driver.

A case was filed in this connection.

Teen defies early marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A 16-year-old girl, whose parents wanted to marry off her against her will, has managed to foil their plan with the help of the local ward commissioner and the police in the port city.

Sources said the parents of Bibi Fatema Reshma arranged her marriage at Eidgah Munshipara in Halishahar with Md Azad, 26, of Beparipara on Thursday.

Failing to dissuade her parents, Reshma, a student of class 10 at Yakub Ali Kindergarten School, contacted woman ward commissioner Rehana Kabir Ranu over phone and sought her intervention in stopping the marriage.

"Reshma told me that she doesn't want to get married right now since she wants to pursue her study further," Ranu told The Daily Star.

Ranu along with local ward commissioner Nurul Kabir and policemen went to the bride's residence at Munshipara at around 2:30pm and urged the parents as well as the local guardians to stop the early marriage, as it was an offence.

Bacha Mia, father of Reshma, compiled and pledged not to marry off her before she turns 18.

Woman found dead in diagnostic centre in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the decomposed body of a woman from a diagnostic centre and clinic in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

The police entered the Lab Com Diagnostic Centre and Nursing Point adjacent to the Mitford Hospital after breaking open the collapsible gate of the clinic and recovered the body from a cabin which was locked.

The centre had been closed for the last few days, sources said.

The body of the victim aged around 28 was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College Morgue.

Morgue sources said the woman was pregnant for six months.

Nehal Mirza, the owner of the building which housed the clinic, rented the 1st floor of the building to Abdus Sattar and Abdul Karim who run the clinic.

On Thursday night, Mirza filed a general diary with Kotowali Police station saying that Satter called him over his mobile phone to say that there is a dead body in the cabin No. 2 and that the woman died during abortion.

The police searched all the rooms of the centre but did not find any documents.



PHOTO: STAR

Members of Kendriya Kochi Kanchar Mela perform at a cultural programme at its Segunbagicha office in the city yesterday on the occasion of the birth anniversary of poet Sufia Kamal.

Bomb found again at Ruet

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday recovered a powerful bomb in front of the main gate of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet).

Six more bombs and a sawn off rifle were also recovered from the Ruet campus in last one month.

Recently formed militant group 'Jadid al Quada' in their leaflets spread on the spot claimed ownership of the bomb and said it was a powerful remote control bomb, police said.

At around 12:00 noon, a passer-by saw a tin can wrapped with red tape in front of the university gate and informed Ruet security guards who informed Motihari Police Station.

Bomb expert Sub-Inspector Alamgir rushed to the spot and recovered the bomb. The bomb was put in a bucket full of water.

The bomb contained gunpowder, circuits, battery and bicycle balls, SI Alamgir said.

Following the bomb recovery, police were deployed on the Ruet campus, Motihari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Khandoker Ferdous Ahmed said.

The students, teachers and locals have expressed deep concern over recovery of seven powerful bombs from the Ruet campus in a month.

Earlier on May 22, a bomb was found on the Ruet campus. The next day, police recovered a sawed off rifle and a bomb from students' union office of Shaheed Selim Hall.

On May 24, police recovered two more bombs and found an aluminum sheet carrying a message that Jadid al Qaeda would plant six bombs on the Ruet campus.

On June 2, the joint forces found a bomb at a Ruet dormitory and on June 14 police recovered a powerful bomb in front of Ruet main gate. Earlier, the joint force raided Ruet dormitories and arrested six students for alleged involvement in bomb making.

Palassey Day today

BSS, Dhaka

Today is historic Palassey Day.

On this day in 1757, the glorious sun of national independence set in Palassey on the bank of the Bhagirathi.

The intrigues of the East India Company coupled with the betrayals by close associates of Nawab Sirajuddowla brought an end to the rule of Nawab and established British rule.

Four held with fake driving licences

BSS, Dhaka

Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) arrested four persons with fake driving licences and materials used for them from South Badda of the city Thursday night.

The arrested persons are Mohammad Sirajul Islam, 28, Mohammad Bashir Ahmed Ghani, 30, Mohammad Nurul Islam Alias Imran, 20, and Mohammad Hafizur Rahman, 23.

RAB sources said that a team of the elite force on a tip-off raided the House No. T-217 at South Badda and arrested these four persons with these materials.

During the raid, a total of 31 fake driving licences, 454 incomplete driving licences and various license-related papers and materials were recovered.

The arrested persons and the recovered materials were handed over to Badda thana.

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