

Road crashes kill 3 children

STAR REPORT

Three children were killed in separate road accidents in Comilla and Chandpur yesterday.

UNB from Comilla reports: Two children were killed and four others injured in a road accident at Srihasya in Nangalcot upazila yesterday.

Police said the accident occurred at about 3:00pm when a speedy tractor hit a rickshaw coming from opposite direction, leaving

two rickshaw passengers Fahima, 9, and Manu, 8, dead on the spot. Other rickshaw passengers, Hafeza Begum, Shamsunnahar, Rakib and rickshaw puller Zainal were also injured in the accident.

The tractor driver managed to escape.

Our correspondent from Chandpur reports: A minor girl was killed in a road accident on Chandpur-Matlab road at Munshirhat under Matlab South upazila here yesterday.

The dead was identified as Shushila Rani Dash, 14, daughter of Gonesh Dash of Dashpara in Matlab poura area.

Shushila was run over by a speeding maxi while she was crossing the road. Witnesses said the accident occurred as the driver was driving the maxi recklessly.

She was rushed to Sadar Hospital where the on-duty doctors declared her dead.

Train derails in Dinajpur: 15 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 15 people were injured when a Partabipur-bound passenger train derailed at Mollahpara station under Bochaganj upzila in Dinajpur yesterday.

The derailment disrupted the rail communication between Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh, Dinajpur railway officials said. The rescue operation did not start till filing of the report.

The Kanchan Express left Panchagarh for Parbatipur railway junction at noon but six of its compartments derailed near Mollahpara station, leaving 15 passengers injured.

The injured were rushed to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital and Bochaganj Health Complex.

Sources said the train derailed due to poor railway track, slipper and shortage of stones.

Md. Anwarul Islam, duty station master of Dinajpur Railway, said, "The rescue operation is going on and rail communication could be restored tonight."

CCC places Tk 397 cr budget

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) yesterday announced a Tk 396.79 crore budget with a surplus of Tk 2.27 crore for 2007-08 financial year.

Acting Mayor M Manzur Alam presented the proposed budget at a meeting with the ward commissioners at the CCC auditorium.

A revised budget of Tk 242.27 crore with a surplus of Tk 4.62 crore for 2006-07 fiscal was also announced at the meeting.

Presenting the budget, the acting mayor said the objective of the proposed budget was to make the CCC a self-reliant organisation and expand its area of activities.

According to the proposed budget, Tk 218.47 crore will come from own sources of CCC and the remaining Tk 178.32 crore from relief aid, development grants and other sources.

CCC expects to earn Tk 42.61 crore from rents and income of different establishments in 2007-08 fiscal while the figure was Tk 65.86 crore in the revised budget for the current fiscal.

It aims to realise outstanding

taxes and supplementary taxes amounting to Tk 63.87 crore in 2007-08 fiscal while the figure was Tk 9.96 crore in the revised budget for current fiscal.

The proposed budget sets a target of realising Tk 48.29 crore in taxes and supplementary taxes in 2007-08 fiscal when the CCC collected Tk 26.65 crore in the current fiscal.

In his speech, the acting mayor

sought cooperation of the government in realising huge outstanding taxes from the government and other organisations.

He also placed a proposal of six projects involving Tk 546 crore and sought approval and fund allocations.

They include Tk 132 crore project for infrastructural, environmental and sewerage system development; Tk 100 crore project for development of roads; Tk 169 crore project for Chittagong urban transport development; Tk 70 crore project for disposal of garbage; Tk 15 crore project for installation of power distribution lines; and Tk 60 crore project for setting up a 10 MW power station.

The budget proposed an allocation of Tk 142.30 crore to meet the operational and maintenance expenditure of the CCC and Tk 252.22 crore to meet other expenditure.

Of the total operational and maintenance expenditure, Tk 68.07 crore will be spent on salaries, allowances and wages, Tk 20.50 crore on repair and maintenance, and Tk 21.05 crore on power, fuel and water.

Death threat to RU officers' assoc leader

RU CORRESPONDENT

A leader of Rajshahi University (RU) Officers and Employees' Association yesterday received a death threat from the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP).

The PBCP threatened Amirul Islam, RU officer and general secretary of the association, over telephone to kill him if he does not pay Tk 50 thousand.

Amirul told newsmen that he had filed a general diary (GD) with Motihar Police Station in this connection.

He has also informed Registrar Prof Abdus Salam and Proctor Enamul Haque of the incident.

Earlier, four teachers of the university received death threats from PBCP and filed separate GDs with Motihar police.