

# Road accidents kill four

STAR REPORT

At least four people were killed in separate road accidents in Dhaka and Tangail yesterday.

Staff Correspondent adds: At least two people were killed and five others injured in a road accident at Khilkhet area in the city early hours of yesterday.

The deceased were identified as

Sirajul Islam, 42, and Mohammad Jahangir, 50. Abdul Jalil, 20, and Jashim Uddin, 20, were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition. The names of three other injured could not be known immediately. Both the dead and injured are day labourers in profession.

Sources said the accident occurred when a Khilkhet-bound

speeding pick-up van ran over them while they were waiting for a trawler near Barura bridge at Khilkhet at 4:45am, leaving the two dead on the spot. The van left the scene within a few minutes after the accident.

A case was filed with the Khilkhet police station in this regard.

Our Correspondent from Tangail reports: Two people were killed in a road accident on Tangail-Mymensingh road at Ghatail upazila in the district yesterday.

One of the dead was identified as Mohammad Abdul Aziz, 30, of Taratongi village at Muktagachha upazila in Mymensingh district. The identity of the other victim could not be known immediately.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at around 5:00am when a Tangail-bound fish-laden pick-up van from Muktagachha knocked a standing roadside truck from behind at Atharodana area in the upazila, leaving the pick-up van helper Abdul Aziz and an unidentified fish trader dead on the spot.

The driver of the pick-up van, however, managed to escape.

Ghatail Police recovered the bodies and sent them to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy.



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Curious children gather to have a look at the head and hide of a deer killed by a group of people at Pahartoli in Chittagong city yesterday.

## KNM properties to be handed over today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

All movable and immovable properties of Khulna Newsprint Mills (KNM) will be finally handed over to Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) by Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) in a simple

function at KNM rest house this morning.

The handover agreement will be signed by high officials of BSCIC and BCIC. Each team comprises five members who arrived in Khulna on Tuesday to take necessary preparation to sign the handover agreement.

Both the teams are being headed by Md Zafarullah, joint secretary to the Ministry of Industries.

The decision to handover KNM properties to BSCIC was finally taken in a high level meeting at the industries ministry on May 16.

Khulna Newsprint Mills, the largest in Asia, was established in 1958 on 103 acres of land at Khalishpur industrial belt. KNM was closed down on November 30, 2002 on different pretexts, including severe financial crisis, shortage of raw materials, price hike of furnace oil, labour unrest and corruption.

The government had spent over Tk 5 lakh as salaries of 38 officials and employees every month who were specially assigned to guard the movable and immovable properties since closure of the mill.

## Rajshahi militant suspect sent to Dhaka

Staff Correspondent, *Rajshahi*

A suspected militant arrested in connection with planting bombs on the Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) campus was sent to Dhaka yesterday for quizzing by a taskforce interrogation cell.

Abul Hossain Tutul, 24, of Kajla areas was earlier taken on a 10-day remand.

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) caught him from his shop 'Messrs Karim Hardwares' near Ruet main gate on Monday and handed him over to Mothar police.

Police produced him before a metropolitan court seeking 14-day remand on Wednesday. The court, however, granted him 10-day remand.

During interrogation, Tutul told the Rab that he had planted seven bombs at Ruet in the name of Jadid Al Qaeda only for creating panic among the local people.

But he denied his links with Jadid al Qaeda, Jama'atul Mujahidin Bangladesh, or any other militant outfit.

The law enforcement officials said, "Tutul's denial about his link with militant outfits are unbelievable as manufacturing of such powerful bombs and planting those serially can not be for only creating panic."

## REPATRIATION OF INDIAN NATIONALS HC officials visit Satkhira jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Two officials of Indian High Commission (HC) to Bangladesh yesterday visited Satkhira jail to meet four Indians who have been languishing there even after the completion of their prison terms.

The visit took place following a news item published in The Daily Star on May 1 that four Indian nationals are languishing in Satkhira jail even after completing their prison term.

The embassy officials met Shafiqul Islam Mollah, son of Eman Ali Mollah of Kulti village under Haroa Police Station in North 24 Parganas district, Yusuf Ali, son of Arshad Ali of Sreedharkati village, Mantu Mistri, son of Rathikanta Mistri and Abdul Gazi, son of Ruhul Gazi of Kalitala village under Hingalganj Police Station in South 24 Parganas district.

The officials told them that they would try their best so that they can go back to their homes in India as they are Indian nationals.

Shafiqul completed his 18 years 6 months prison term on July 10 last year, Yusuf completed his 5 years term on April 8 while Mantu and Abdul completed their 10 years term on March 1 this year.

After the expiry of their prison term, the jail authorities tried four times to push them to India, but the immigration authorities at Ghojadanga under Basirhat Police Station in India refused to take them on the plea of legal complexity.