

Road crashes kill 8

STAR REPORT

Eight people were killed and 24 others injured in separate road accidents in different parts of the country in the last two days.

Our CU correspondent reports: A collision between a bus and a truck on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Mirsarai left one person dead and 15 others injured yesterday.

The dead was identified as Dipon Barua, 27, son of Milon Barua of Lohagara upazila.

The Chittagong-bound bus of Shaymoli Paribahan collided head-on with the Dhaka-bound truck in Komoldhoba area, leaving 16 people injured, sources said.

The injured were rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where the doctors declared Dipon dead.

Seven of the injured are now undergoing treatment at the CMCH while the others received first aid, hospital sources said.

Police seized both the vehicles, but the drivers and helpers managed to escape. A case was filed with Mirsarai Police Station.

Our Correspondent in Netrakona adds: An eight-year-old girl was killed when a motorcycle crashed into her on Netrakona-Dhaka highway at Baghara in the district at about 10:00am yesterday.

The girl was identified as Anuara Khatun, daughter of Innas Ali of village Jawshi.

Police sources said a speeding motorcycle knocked down the girl when she was crossing the road.

The motorcycle managed to speed away.

Our RU correspondent reports: A schoolgirl was killed and two persons were injured when a speeding truck ran over them at Joitha Bottola on Rajshahi-Chapainawabganj highway on Thursday.

Local people said a Chapainawabganj-bound fertiliser-laden truck ploughed into them at around 2:30pm, killing Nurjan Khatun, 8, daughter of Tazimul Haque, on the spot.

The injured -- Moyezuddin, 30 and Aminul 25 -- are now undergoing treatment at Chapainawabganj General Hospital.

Police seized the truck but took necessary measures to send the fertilisers to its destination.

Our correspondent in Gaibandha adds: Four people were killed in separate road accidents in the district on Thursday.

Two of them were killed when a speeding truck collided head-on with a tempo at Kashipur on Rangpur-Bogra highway on Thursday night.

Police said the goods-laden truck coming from Joypurhat collided with the tempo, killing two passengers, Wazed Ali, 50, a schoolteacher of village Bogula, and Babu Mia, 45, of village Nutmaricha in Gobindaganj.

Six other passengers, who received severe injuries, were rushed to Gobindaganj Health Complex.

In another road accident, the driver and helper of a vehicle carrying milk were killed as the vehicle swerved off the road and fell into a roadside ditch at Biherpur on Bogra-Rangpur highway in the early hours of Thursday.

The dead were identified as Anwar Hossian, 32, and Sobhan Ali, 45.

The accident took place as the driver lost control of the vehicle coming from Dinajpur.

Our correspondent from Kishoreganj adds: A woman was killed and three others were injured in a road accident at Kormoli area on Kishoreganj-Pakundia road at Kishoreganj Sadar yesterday.

The victim was identified as Lovely, 30, while the injured are her four-month-old baby boy Ontu, her brother-in-law Moktossen, 35, and rickshawpuller Heron, 28.

Sources said the accident occurred when a Pakundia-bound pickup rammed a rickshaw at Kormoli, leaving Lovely dead on the spot and others critically injured.

Locals detained the driver of the pickup and handed over to Kishoreganj Police Station.

The injured were rushed to Kishoreganj Sadar Adhunik Hospital but on duty doctors said Ontu might die anytime.

Militant suspect held in Habiganj

UNB, Habiganj

Police arrested a young man on suspicion of his link with a militant outfit from Madhabpur upazila of the district yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Hafez Abdul Matin, 35, of Mollah Village.

Police said Matin was a follower of Maulana Habibur Rahman who was arrested by joint forces on charge of instigating militants.

Matin was being interrogated till filing of the report at about 9pm.

Jamalpur JCD leader arrested with hemp

UNB, Jamalpur

President of Melandaha upazila of Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was arrested along with 50 kgs of hemp on Thursday night.

Rab members arrested the JCD leader Saifur Rahman Khokon, 25, from

Dewanpara area in the town, sources said.

He was handed over to Sadar Police Station yesterday.

A case was filed under narcotics control act against the JCD leader.

11000 CDs worth Tk 6 lakh seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police yesterday seized 11,000 Indian Compact Discs (CD) worth at Tk 6 lakh and 20 litres of wine and 20 bottles of phenisyl in separate incidents at Benapole and arrested three smugglers in this connection.

Benapole Police said acting on a tip-off, they raided a private car at Dholda Bazar of Sharsha and arrested one Mashiar Rahman Babu with 11,000 CDs worth Tk 6 lakh.

In another incident, the law enforcers raided the village of Bhaberbar and arrested two smugglers, Faruk and Babul, with 20 litres of wine and 20 bottles of phenisyl.

President, CA greet French counterparts

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhrudin Ahmed congratulated the French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Prime Minister Francois Fillon on the occasion of the National Day of the country today.

In separate messages of felicitation to their counterparts, two Bangladesh leaders expressed their hope that the existing friendly relations between two countries will be further deepened in the coming years.

JuJa to celebrate 37th founding anniversary in Aug

The 37th founding anniversary of Jahanirnagar University Journalists' Association (JuJa) will be celebrated on the first week of August, says a press release.

On the occasion, JuJa has chalked out a two-day programme that includes rally, seminar, symposium, etc.

The present and former members of JuJa and the JU students serving in the media have been requested to join the function.

For further information, interested people can dial 01819864011, 01721911985, 01715322959 or 01912426064.

13 muggers arrested in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirteen members of Molom Party and Aggyan Party were arrested in the city.

The Molom Party rob people of their belongings after applying toxic ointment to the eyes of their victims while the Aggyan Party rob people after drugging them.

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and the police arrested the muggers from different areas of the city during their 16-hour raid beginning 7:30pm on Thursday.

Rab-1 arrested eight Molom Party members, including gang leader Nahid alias Ananda, from Mohakhali and Fakirpul areas. The elite force also seized 10 small containers full of toxic ointment, a cellphone set, two rickshaws and over Tk 5000 from their possession.

During the raids, they also arrested three Aggyan Party men.

Meanwhile, detective branch of police arrested two other Aggyan Party members in a separate raid.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA
BNP Joint Secretary General Goyeshwar Chandra Roy talks to reporters after his meeting with party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuyian in the city yesterday.

Two masons, housewife electrocuted in city

UNB, Dhaka

Two masons and a housewife were electrocuted in separate incidents in the city's Tejgaon, Rayer Bazar and Kamrangirchar areas in the last two days.

Police said Sujon, 25, a mason, came into contact with a live wire as he switched off a water pump at an underconstruction building at Indira road in Tejgaon at around 10:30pm on Thursday. He died on the spot.

Another mason Yasin, 22, son of Mansur Ali, was electrocuted while hanging clothes on a live GI wire unknowingly on the roof of an underconstruction building at Rayerbazar at about 8:30am.

In Kamrangirchar, Mehrunnisa, 50, wife of Zahir Ahmed, was electrocuted while ironing clothes at her rented house at Road-7 yesterday noon.

The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue.

RIVER EROSION Steps to be taken to protect Sirajganj

UNB, Sirajganj

Water Resources Adviser Maj Gen (retd) Dr ASM Matir Rahman has said permanent measures will be taken soon to protect Sirajganj from erosion by the river Jamuna.

He said this while talking to reporters after visiting erosion-affected areas in Enayeturpur yesterday.

A project involving Tk 249 crore has been taken up to build a permanent dam in the next dry season in order to tackle erosion by the river, he said.

The adviser also visited the town protection embankment area.

Water Resources Secretary Zubair Hossain, Deputy Commissioner Ibrahim Khalil and other officials accompanied the adviser during the visit.

Death anniversary



Today is the 3rd death anniversary of Prof Riazia Begum, founder leader of Bangladesh Uidchi Shilpi Goshthi and a Bangladeshi Sangeet singer, says a press release.

On the occasion, her family members and Bangladesh Uidchi Shilpi Goshthi will hold a discussion at Uidchi central office at 14/2, Topkhana Road in the city at 6:00pm.

A milad mahfil will also be held at a mosque at her village home.

DHAKA TODAY Seminar

MCJ Film Club and Globalisation Study Group will jointly organise a seminar titled 'Globalisation and world cinema'. Venue: RC Majumdar auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 11:00am.

DVD launch

The launching ceremony of the DVD of 'Independence Day Debate Competition' organised by ATN Bangla will be held. Venue: Level 8, Bashundhara City. Time: 4:00pm.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of Freedom Fighter Moshab Uddin Sabu Memorial Library will be held. Venue: Motijheel Colony, Physical Exercise Kendra premises. Time: 10:00am.

Rotary Dhaka Central

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30pm.

Inauguration

The 2nd Cathab of Ibrahim Cardiac Centre will be inaugurated. Venue: Birdem Bhaban. Time: 7:30pm.

Dialogue

Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN organises a dialogue on 'Transboundary water management: Issues and concerns'. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

Certificate distribution ceremony

Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) will distribute certificates among the participants of a training course titled 'Leadership quality: Development and management'. Venue: IDEB conference hall. Time: 5:00pm.

Rotary Dhaka North West

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30pm.

Team provides dental treatment to persons with disabilities at CRP

A voluntary dental research team provided dental treatment for over 100 persons with disabilities at the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) yesterday, says a press release.

Led by Dr Mahfujul Haq Khan, assistant professor, department of dentistry, Birdem, and Ibrahim Medical College, the team comprised Richard Marshall Hubbard, University of South, USA, Dr Renato Salvato Fajardo, Centre for Promotion of Life Quality, Brazil, and some young surgeons from several dental institutions.

Dr Khan also assured Valerie A Taylor of the CRP that his team will help set up a dental unit at the CRP and provide professional support to physically challenged persons in regard to their proper oral and dental care.

The voluntary research group has been formed at the initiative of Richard and Dr Renato one month ago, Dr Khan said.

Dr Khan and Richard are now conducting a study, which shows that the number of decaying teeth is significantly higher among urban children than their rural counterparts.

The team has also another project through which they are trying to raise awareness about oral cancer in Bangladesh. Dr Renato is actively involved with this project.

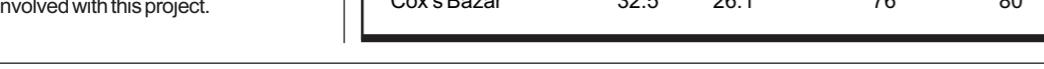


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