

ROKEYA DAY

### Website needed to facilitate research works

Speakers at a view exchange meeting yesterday suggested organising a book fair related to women issues on the next 'Rokeya Day', says a press release.

They also underscored the need for opening a website on women and gender issues to facilitate research works and public interest.

Women and Gender Studies Department of Dhaka University (DU) organised the meeting at the conference room of Development Studies department with a view to forming a 'Rokeya Network'.

Proprietors of different publishing houses attended the meeting moderated by women leader Maleka Begum.

In her welcome speech, Prof Nazma Chowdhury, founder chairperson of Women and Gender Studies department, said cooperation between the Department and the publishers can promote studies and research on women issues.

The publishers said the number of books on women issues is limited due to adequate research manuscripts.

Farid Ahmed of Somoy Prakashani, Osman Gani of Agami, Sayeed Bari of Shuchi Patra, Golam Faruk of Maola Brothers and Shahida Khatun, deputy director of BanglaAcademy, were also present.



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Dhanmondi Road No. 48 has long remained in bad shape, causing suffering to passengers as well as pedestrians.

# Road accidents kill 8

#### STAR REPORT

At least eight people were killed and five others injured in separate road accidents in Bogra, Comilla and Mymensingh yesterday.

Our staff correspondent from Bogra reports: Five people were killed and two others injured seriously in a road accident on Bogra-Rangpur Highway at Baghopara in Bogra on Wednesday night.

The accident occurred at 2:00am when a Dhaka-bound night coach from Lalmonirhat hit a Mohasthan-bound tempo from Bogra, leaving five people, including tempo driver, dead on the spot, police said.

The dead were identified as tempo driver Bakul, 32, of Uttarpara village, wholesaler Makbul Hossain Khottu, 65, of Mohishbathan village and Abdul Hannan, 28, Julhak, 29, and Solaiman, 35, of Chingashpur village.

The injured were rushed to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College.

Vehicular movement was disrupted on Bogra-Rangpur Highway for half an hour following the accident.

A correspondent from Comilla adds: At least two people were killed and three others injured in a road accident at Donaitory area on dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sadar Dakshin upazila yesterday.

The dead were indentified as Minto Hossain, 32, son of Ershad Mia, of Toragor village in Hajiganj upazila and Ahsan Habib, 40, son of

Sirajuddin, of Asrafpur village in Kachua upazila in Chandpur.

Police said the accident occurred at about 1:00pm when a Chittagong-bound private car collided head-on with a Dhaka-bound bus, leaving two people dead on the spot and three others injured.

The injured were sent to Comilla Sadar Hospital.

BSS from Mymensingh says: A middle aged man was crushed under the wheels of a running timber-laden truck at Chalk Rampur on Balepara-Trishal road here yesterday.

The victim was identified as

Abdur Rauf, 40, of village Bager Bazar in Gouripur upazila of the district.

Police and locals said Abdur Rouf died on the spot as the truck ran over him.

A case was filed with Trishal thana in this connection.

