

Road accidents kill 6

STAR REPORT

At least six people were killed and 50 others injured in separate road accidents in Munshiganj, Manikganj, Rajshahi and Magura yesterday.

A correspondent from Munshiganj reports: Three people were killed in a road accident at Balasur under Shrinagar upazila in Munshiganj yesterday.

Two of the dead were identified as rickshaw passengers Obayedur Rahman, 16, and Dulal, 35, while the identity of the rickshawpuller, aged about 50, could not be known immediately.

The accident occurred at about 2:00pm on the Dhaka-Shrinagar-Doha road when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus hit a rickshaw, leaving them dead on the spot.

Traffic on the road was disrupted for sometime following the incident.

Our Correspondent from Manikganj adds: A school student was killed in a road accident in

Tepra Bus Stand area on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Manikganj yesterday.

The victim was identified as Liakat Ali, 10, a student of Ananda School and son of Raham Ali of Karjona village under Ghior upazila in Manikganj.

Police sources said the accident occurred at around 8:00am when a Dhaka-bound coach from Rajbari ran over the schoolboy when he was crossing the road. Liakat died on the spot.

Angry people blocked the highway for an hour protesting the accident.

Borongail outpost police arrested driver Taslim and seized the coach.

The body was sent to Manikganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

RU correspondent says: One person was killed and 50 others were injured in a road accident in Parbatipur Bottoly area at Noaiganj on Sunday.

The injured were rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital

(RMCH) and Patnitola Health Complex in Noaiganj.

Witness said when a Noaiganj-bound passenger bus hit a power tiller at Parbatipur Bottoly, leaving bus helper Ajmat Ali was dead on the spot.

The local people rushed the injured to Patnitola Health Complex and Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

OUR CORRESPONDENT from Magura adds: One person was killed in a road accident near Brac office in the Parmandali area on Magura-Faridpur highway in Magura Sadar upazila at around 3:00pm yesterday.

The dead was identified as Sheikh Ekramul Kabir, 68.

Police quoting locals said, the accident occurred at around 1:00pm when a speeding bus of Eagle Paribahan knocked him down on Magura-Faridpur highway when he was crossing the road.

He was rushed to Magura Sadar Hospital in critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries after about two hours.

Couple electrocuted in Gazipur

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A couple was electrocuted at Bhogra Channa village in Gazipur Sadar on Sunday morning.

The victims were identified as Akkas Ali, 65 and his wife Mamta Begum, 50.

Neighbours said Mamta was electrocuted while hanging her wet clothes from a GI chord for drying. As her husband rushed to save her, he also got electrocuted.

They used to live alone and since their tenants were away to be at their workplaces no one else was there when the accident occurred, said Shamsun Nahar, one of the neighbours.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Annesha Kum Kum Chupkatha, a child drama activist, has been suffering from blood cancer for the last one year.

The six-year-old girl needs to undergo prolonged treatment, which involves a huge amount of money. But it is not possible for her parents to afford such expensive treatment.

Chupkatha, a member of Gobindaganj Shishu Kishore Theatre, is also a promising actress.

Her fellow child artistes have appealed to generous people to extend a helping hand to save her life.

Contributions can be sent to her father Prodip Kumar Sarker, Savings Account No. 7448/79, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Gobindaganj branch, Gabindaganj.

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PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Pedestrians wade through stagnant rainwater at Shaheed Nagar in the city's Ganderia area yesterday. The road became waterlogged following torrential rain on Sunday.

No chance of vote rigging in digitised voter list

ECs say in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The two election commissioners, who are visiting Rajshahi to see the preparations for the enumeration of the voter list with photographs, yesterday asked for cooperation of all in this regard.

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In the morning, the election commissioners met with district level officials and newly appointed assistant registration officers at the conference room of Rajshahi deputy commissioners' office.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Khalilur Rahman, the meeting was also attended by Col Taher of 11 Artillery Division, District Election Officer Sayed Mohammad Musa, senior army and police officials.

They said there would be tight biometric security measures under the new voter enrollment system. Before the election, political parties will be given voter lists without photo.

The election commissioners warned government officials and other related to the voter listing of stern actions if they adopt any unfair means.

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Obituary

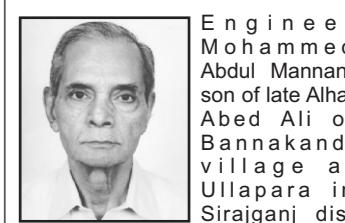
M Serajul Haque, a former government official and father of M Humayun Mahmud, joint general secretary of Comilla (North) Awami League, passed away due to old-age complications at his Sidhherhswari residence in the city on Sunday at the age of 81, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons, six daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard in Comilla.

His qulhawni will be held at his Sidhherhswari residence after Asr prayers on July 27.

Mohammed Abdul Mannan



Engineer Mohammed Abdul Mannan, son of late Alhaj Abed Ali of Bannakandi village at Ullapara in Sirajganj district, passed away at Samorita Hospital in the city on Sunday at the age of 88, says a press release.

He has left behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives, friends and admirers to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Azad Mosque at Gulshan Avenue in the city after Zohr prayers that day.

His qulhawni will be held at his residence after Maghrib prayers on Thursday.

Death anniversary

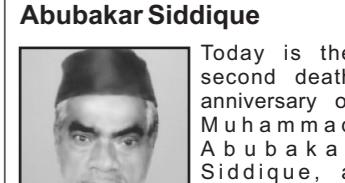
Today is the first death anniversary of Jolly Kabir, former organising secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Awami League and a ward commissioner, says a press release.

On this occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at her C/15 B Railway Colony residence after Asr prayers today.

Besides, milad mahfil will also be held at Railway Station Jame-e-Masjid, Gausul Azam Jame-e-Masjid and Dhaka Diesel Shade Jame-e-Masjid after Zohr prayers and at the Sahjanupur Railway Colony Water Tank Jame-e-Masjid after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the programmes to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Abubakar Siddique



Today is the second death anniversary of Muhammed Abubakar Siddique, a social worker and businessman, says a press release.

On this occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at his 527/9, Nayatola residence in the city after Esha prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the programme.

JICA Alumni hold tree plantation programme

A tree plantation programme was organised by JICA Alumni Association on the campus of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Agricultural University (BSMRAU) at Gazipur on July 21, says a press release.

Vice-chancellor Prof Md Lutfur Rahman Khan was the chief guest while JICA Resident Representative Nobuko Suzuki Kayashima was the special guest at the programme.

JICA Alumni Association President Azmold Chowdhury and General Secretary Ehsanuddin along with a large number of alumni members took part in the programme.

Dr Mofazzal Hossain, dean of agriculture faculty at BSMRAU, made a presentation on the activities of the university and its future plan.

Every year, JICA Alumni Association organises tree plantation programme at different important locations in Dhaka city and other nearby districts.

Two jailed in China for role in birth control riots

AFP, Beijing

A Chinese court has jailed two men linked to fierce riots in May over the nation's controversial one-child birth policy for forging government documents, state press reported yesterday.

The Bobai county court in China's southwest Guangxi province recently sentenced the two men, whose names were given as Li and Peng, to one and two years in prison respectively, according to Xinhua.

Authorities tried to impose heavy fines, sparking thousands in Guangxi to burn property, ransack government offices and fight pitched battles with police.

Citing court documents, Xinhua said an angry Peng had tried to incite residents to "retaliate" against the government for its family planning policies.

It said that Peng and Li had taken county seals and created and distributed photocopied documents that promised the government would refund charges imposed related to the one-child policy.

"This had a malicious effect on the work of the government's family planning policy," Xinhua said.

China has since the 1970s enforced strict family planning measures to control its population, which at 1.3 billion people, is the world's biggest.

Reports of abuse by authorities enforcing the law such as forced late-term abortions and forced sterilisations, as well as arbitrary fines, are common.

Usually, China's urban dwellers are allowed one child, while rural families can have two if the first child is a girl.

The rich and ruling Communist Party officials, however, often ignore the law themselves or pay the necessary fines.

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