

2 traders die in road crash

UNB, Savar

Two traders were killed and six others injured in a road accident at Baish Mile on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar upazila early yesterday. One of the victims was identified as Abbas, 45, of Jessore district.

Ashulia police said a goods-laden truck from Jessore turned turtle in the area at about 1:00 am on its way to Dhaka, leaving two traders injured dead on the spot and six others injured critically. The bodies were sent to hospital morgue.



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The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and a mobile court conduct joint drives at Kamalapur AGB Colony kitchen market in the city yesterday and filed cases against several traders for tampering with weights, selling adulterated food products and selling essential items at high prices. (Story on page 2)

14 traders fined in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A mobile court in an anti-adulteration drive fined 14 traders over Tk 33000 on different charges yesterday. Special Metropolitan Magistrate of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Md Zakir Hossain conducted the drive at the city's Kazir Dewry kitchen market. Bangladesh Standard Testing

Institute (BSTI), Health Department and Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) assisted the drive. The court also fined three butchers Tk 12000 for selling buffalo meat in the name of beef. During the drive the court fined ten traders Tk 16,700 for weight manipulation. The court fined the owner of Jibon Grocery Tk 5000 for selling date-expired goods. It also seized huge quantity of contraband ghee of Taza brand from different shops at the market.

Pregnant woman dies after being kicked

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A nine-month pregnant woman was killed after she was kicked by one of her neighbours at Araihasar in the district yesterday morning. Police recovered the body of Hena Begum, 26, a housewife, and sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy. Police said Anwar Hossain and his neighbour Ahmad of Khagkanda area locked horns over felling of a tree. Hena Begum, wife of Anwar, and Johra Begum, wife of Ahmad, also got involved in the quarrel. At one point, Johra kicked Hena in the belly and the latter fainted at this. Hena died on her way to the hospital.

Distribution of Nat'l ID cards begins in Khulna

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Distribution of National ID cards among the voters in Khulna City began yesterday. Jessore Area Commander and GOC of 55 Infantry Division Major General Rafiqul Islam distributed 50 ID cards among the voters as the chief guest at a simple function at Zia Hall in the morning. Speaking on the occasion, the GOC said the national ID card carries great importance for all. Because, the national ID card will enable a citizen to have many civic facilities. Presided over by Deputy Commissioner of Khulna SM Firoze Alam, the function was also addressed by Brigade Commander Brigadier General Nazmul Hossain, Khulna Divisional Commissioner Yunusur Rahman and Deputy Election Commissioner Md Mohsin Ali.

Disburse salary, DA before Eid

Non-govt teachers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of non-government high schools, colleges and madrasas yesterday urged the caretaker government (CG) to take effective measures so that they can receive their salary and dearness allowance before the Eid-ul-Fitr. Leaders of National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE), a platform of eleven organisations of non-government teachers and employees, yesterday said that teachers always face trouble in getting monthly salary and dearness allowance before Eid due to the indifference of the authorities concerned. They hoped that present CG will take effective steps so that the teachers get salary and dearness allowance in time. They also said the dearness allowance the get is only 25 percent of the basic salary, which is not enough, and the government should increase the dearness allowance and other allowances for improving social status of the teachers. Bangladesh Shikhhak-Karmachari Oikya Parishad, another platform of non-government teachers and employees, also urged the CG to disburse the salary of the month of October and dearness allowance before Eid.