

Road accidents kill 10, injure 68

STAR REPORT

At least 10 people were killed and 68 others injured in separate road accidents in Dinajpur, Manikganj, Comilla, Chittagong, Chapainawabganj and Jhenidah yesterday and on Monday night.

Our correspondent from Dinajpur reports: At least three people were killed and 15 others injured in a road accident at Birganj upazila in Dinajpur on Monday midnight.

The dead were identified as Harun, 60, Md Mokshed, 35, and Rubeda Khatun, 50, wife Noman Ali of village Titakota under Birganj upazila.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when tyre of a Thakurgaon-bound passenger bus from Birganj burst and fell into a roadside ditch, killing three people on the spot.

The locals rushed the injured to Birganj upazila Health Complex and Dinajpur Medical College Hospital.

Our correspondent from Manikganj adds: An unidentified boy was killed and 20 others were injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Manikganj yesterday.

Police said the accident occurred at around 12:30pm in Falsatia Paschimpara area under Shivalaya Police Station when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Aricha skidded of the road and fell into a roadside ditch, leaving a boy aged about 14 dead on the spot and 20 others injured.

The injured were rushed to Uthuly Health Complex.

Abdul Hamid, officer-in-charge of Shivalaya Police Station, said the accident occurred as the bus driver lost his control over the steering when he tried to save a van.

UNB from Comilla says: Three people were killed and 25 others injured in separate road accidents here yesterday.

Police said a bus hit a CNG-run autorickshaw at Amritshar in Sadar South upazila, leaving the autorickshaw driver Humayun dead on the spot and five passengers injured at about 1:30pm.

The injured were admitted to Laksam health complex where one of them succumbed to injuries. Four others were shifted to Comilla Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Six bus passengers were also injured in the accident.

Meanwhile, a bus and another goods-laden truck collided head-on at Amritshar in Daudkandi on Shivalaya Police Station when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Aricha skidded of the road and fell into a roadside ditch, leaving a boy aged about 14 dead on the spot and 20 others injured.

Quoting local people, police said the accident occurred when a rice-laden Dhaka-bound truck lost its control while giving side to a rickshaw and hit a roadside shop, killing Karima dead on the spot and four others seriously injured.

Fire service and police rushed the injured to Sadar Hospital.

Our correspondent from Jhenidah adds: A youth was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Nimgala bus stand of Kaliganj town in Jhenidah yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Tariqul Islam, 35, son of Samad Khan of Kamalpur village under Kaliganj upazila.

Witnesses said a Dhaka-bound bus hit Taqikul's bicycle while he was crossing the road. He was rushed to Kaliganj Health Complex where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Police sent the body to Jhenidah hospital morgue for autopsy.

The victim was identified as Karima, 5, daughter of Md Arif of Dariapur in Sadar upazila and the injured are Karima's mother Taslima, 30, Russel, 25, Ramzan, 50, and rickshawpuller Rakib, 25.

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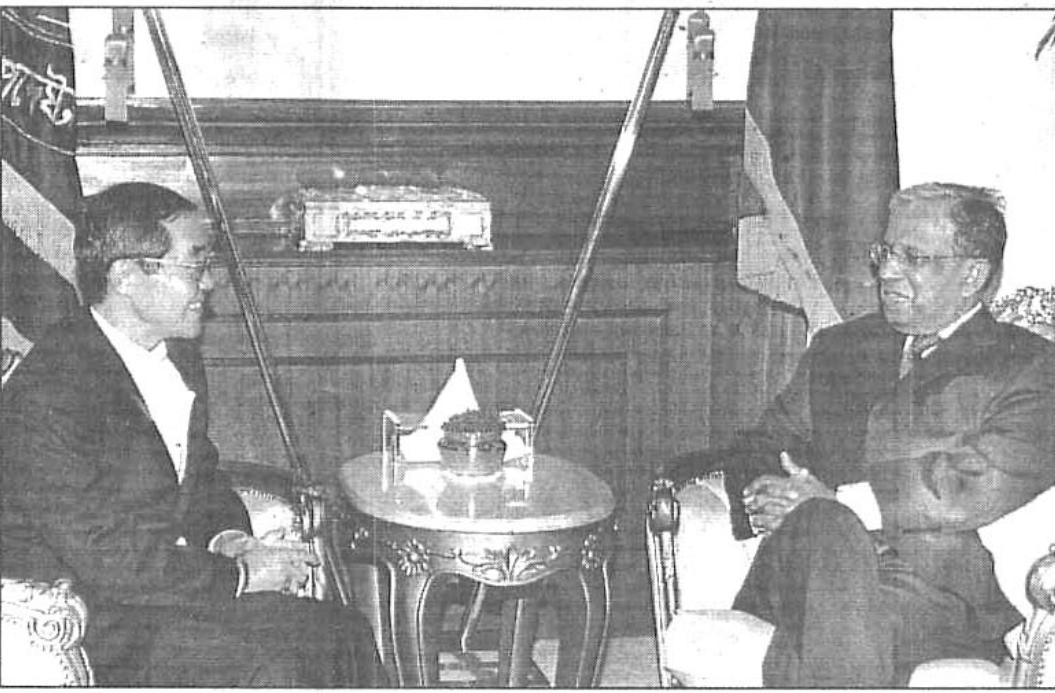
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Ambassador Monsignor Paul Tschang In-Nam of the Embassy of the Holy See calls on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at the latter's office in the city yesterday.

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Ten bombs recovered in Shariatpur

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Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members recovered 10 bombs, a shutter gun and a motorcycle in Shariatpur yesterday.

Rab sources said they recovered 10 live bombs from a shop in an abandoned condition at Bishalpur Bazar in Jajira upazila in the morning.

Besides, they recovered a shutter gun from Ganganagar Bazar in Sadar upazila and an abandoned motorbike from Paschim Kota Para in the same upazila on the same day.

The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs at its conference room yesterday with Adviser Major General (Retd) MA Matin in the chair.

The meeting formed different committees and sub-committees and distributed responsibilities among the concerned divisions, departments and organisations for organising the programmes.

The day, to be heralded with 31 gun salutes before the sunrise, will be a public holiday.

The programmes include publishing the speeches of the president and the chief adviser in all national dailies, hoisting of national flag at all government and private offices, placing of wreaths at the National Mausoleum, illuminating public buildings and decorating roads and islands with flags and festoons in all cities of the country.

The president and the chief adviser will place wreaths at the National Mausoleum in the morning on the day. Later, the freedom fighters will place wreath led by the adviser for the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs.

The other programmes include parade of the youths at Bangabandhu National Stadium. Parades by freedom fighters, Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC), Police, Ansar-VDP, Bangladesh Scouts, Girls Guide and different educational and social organisations will be held in all districts and upazila Sadars except Dhaka.

Army, Navy, Air Force, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Police, Ansar and VDP bands will play patriotic tunes at different places of the capital.

The Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Upazila Nirbahi Officers (UNOs) will organise receptions for the freedom fighters in their respective areas.

Besides, different sports events will be organised at district and upazila level. The Shilpkala Academy, Shishu Academy and Bangla Academy will organise cultural functions on their premises to mark the day.

The meeting formed committee to celebrate the Victory Day with Liberation War Affairs as convener.

The general officer commanding (GOC) of 9th Infantry Division of the Bangladesh Army was made convener for the committee for giving salute and placing wreath at the National Mausoleum.

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