



Awami League Acting President Zillur Rahman talks to reporters after coming out of a makeshift court in Sangsad Bhaban area after a hearing on an extortion case against detained AL President Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

Road accidents kill 10

STAR REPORT

Ten people were killed and 30 others injured in separate road accidents in Gazipur, Satkhira, Bogra and Benapole yesterday.

A Correspondent from Gazipur reports: Four people were killed and 30 others injured in separate road accidents in the district yesterday.

A bus that was carrying the employees of Renaissance Garments, skidded off the Dhaka-Tangail highway while crossing the Kadda Bridge on the river Turag at around 8:00am, killing 3 people and injuring 30 others.

Two of the deceased were identified as Aminul Islam, 50, and Ripan Miah, 22. The identity of the other, a worker of the garment factory, could not be known immediately.

Among the injured, 26 were rushed to Gazipur Sadar Hospital. They are Rahima, 19, Nasima, 20; Poly, 18; Akhter, 25; Zahara, 20; Sultana, 19; Shafiq, 28;

Kohinoor, 22; Khadiza, 20; Nasreen, 20; Rozi, 20, bus driver Montu, 45; Sathi, 18; Dulal, 18; Wasim, 24; Fahima, 19; Habib, 30; Alal, 38; Mahbub, 30; Sagar, 22; Mazhar, 35; Hasan, 18; Kalpana, 25; Jharna, 25; Ibrahim, 25, and Sakina, 22.

Later, five of them were shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Meanwhile, in another accident a pedestrian was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck in nearby Naojore area at about 8:00am.

Our Correspondent in Satkhira adds: Three people were killed in a road accident when a Shyamnagar-bound bus hit a motorcycle near Soalia Bridge on Shyamnagar-Noor Nagar road in Shyamnagar yesterday.

The victims were identified as Sirajul Islam, 52, Abdul Jalil Dhalil, 40, and Shaheen Islam, 18.

Sirajul and Jalil died on the spot while seriously injured Shaheen succumbed to his injuries at Shyamnagar Upazila

Health Complex.

Our Staff Correspondent in Bogra adds: Two people were killed in a road accident when a Dhaka-bound bus knocked them down in the heavy fog at PTI School crossing in Bogra city yesterday.

Shahidul Islam, 50, of Thonthonia Mollapara died on the spot while Saiful Alam, 45, of Hindupara, succumbed to his injuries at Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

A correspondent from Benapole adds: A university student was killed in a road accident at Benapole yesterday morning.

Witnesses said the motorcycle Riaz Mahmud Shuvo, a student of Asian University, Dhaka, was riding on fell into a roadside ditch as he lost control at Talsari while returning home. He died on his way to the hospital.

He was the elder son of Mominuddin, a senior teacher of Benapole High School.

Identical laws to be formulated for local govt, national polls

Says Sakawat

UNB, Gazipur

Election Commissioner Brig Gen (Retd) M Sakawat Hussain yesterday said identical laws will be formulated for both local government and national elections.

He said this at an opinion-exchange meeting after inaugurating voter registration work at Kaliganj upazila.

Replying to a question about making war criminals voters and registration of Jamaat-e-Islami as a political party, he said war criminals have not only joined Jamaat but also many other political parties.

He said it is up to the government to decide whether Jamaat will be allowed to do politics in the country. Brig Sakawat said discussion is going on between a Danish firm and a local agency through a joint company on making transparent ballot boxes and election will not be delayed for this reason.

Deputy Commissioner Syed Mizanur Rahman, Police Super Alamgir Alam and Gazipur army camp deputy commander Maj Zayed Hossain were present at the meeting at the Kaliganj upazila auditorium.

Results of non-govt teachers' registration exams published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of Non-government Teachers' Registration Examination-2007 were published yesterday with a pass rate of 18.78 per cent.

A total of 16020 out of 85286 candidates came out successful in the examination. Among them, 9770 candidates passed in high school level for 52 subjects and 6250 in college level for 57 subjects.

"The high school level pass rate is 17.17 per cent and college level is 18.78," said Non-government Teachers' Registration and Certificate Authority (NTRCA) Chairman Kazi Akhtar Uddin Ahmed.

The school level examinations were held on September 21 and 22 while the college level examinations were on September 28 and 29.

Candidates can see their results on the websites www.modedu.gov.bd and www.ntrca.gov.bd, he added.

Arms, bullets recovered in Ctg

BSS, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered two firearms and 54 bullets from Satkania and Fatikchhari upazila in Chittagong on Tuesday night.

The arms included one foreign-made SBBL gun, one LG gun and 54 bullets of M-16 rifle, a Rab press release said yesterday.

Being informed, Rab raided the Kanchana Primary School area under Satkania upazila when a group of terrorists were taking preparations for committing crimes. Sensing presence of the Rab, the miscreants left the scene leaving two arms.

Another team of Rab raided the Nanupur area of Fatikchhari upazila and recovered the 54 bullets.

OPEN AIR CONCERT Tk 72 lakh collected for Sidr victims

Tk 72 lakh and other goods were collected for Sidr victims in an open air concert jointly organised by Pran up and CSD at Comilla Cantonment on December 8, says a press release.

Folk artist Momtaz, Pathik Nabi and modern singer Mukta Sarwar performed in the concert.

Maj Gen Abdul Hafiz, General Officer Commanding, 33 Infantry Division and Area Commander, Comilla Area, Maj Gen Amjad Khan Chowdhury (retd), CEO of PRAN-RFL Group and Lt Col Harun Ur Rashid Chowdhury (retd), Managing Director of CSD were present during the programme.

The fund and goods collected in the concert will be handed over to the army chief.

20 TTC's academic activities start at new buildings next month

BSS, Dhaka

The academic activities in the country's 20 newly constructed Technical Training Centers (TTC) will start next month with a view to raising the efficiency of youths up to the international level.

It was informed at a review meeting of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment yesterday, an official handout said.

The government constructed 20 training centers out of 26 to provide training to the youths to make them competent for the global manpower market, the handout added.

Stand by cyclone-hit people

Ambassador Humayun urges Bangladeshi expats in US

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladeshi Ambassador in the USA M Humayun Kabir urged the expatriates living there to stand by the Sidr victims.

He made the call while addressing a discussion marking the Victory Day at Georgia in Atlanta, said a press release of the Bangladesh Embassy. Bangladesh Association of Georgia organised the discussion to raise funds for the Sidr victims.

The Ambassador said Bangladeshi people deserve support from the expatriates so that Bangladesh could stand as a dignified nation before the inter-

national community.

Humayun underscored the need for making the new generation aware of the supreme sacrifice that their predecessors made for an independent nation.

Appreciating the role of the new generation of Bangladeshi Americans, he hoped that they would continue to play a representational role in introducing Bangladesh culture and heritage to the mainstream US society and the global mainstream.

Chaired by the Association President Reza Karim, the discussion was also addressed by Association Secretary General Ali Hossain and First Secretary of

the Embassy Monowar Hossain.

The association raised more than \$10,000 from the members of the Bangladeshi community for Chief Adviser's Relief Fund.

The Ambassador assured the Bangladeshi expatriates that the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington and its Consulates in New York and Los Angeles fully recognise the value that the expatriates can create for Bangladesh and will extend all-out cooperation to cater to the needs of the Non-Resident Bangladeshis living in the USA.

The Bangladesh Embassy provided a two-day mobile consular service to the residents of Georgia and contiguous states.



Recipients of the 7th Rapport Award for Excellence in Human Resource Development-2007 pose with the chief guest, Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, at the award giving ceremony at a city hotel on December 25. (Sitting from left) Dr Akbar Ali Khan and Dr Saadat Husain were present as special guests.

Ten personalities receive Rapport awards

Ten personalities were honoured with the 7th Rapport Award for Excellence in Human Resource Development-2007 at a function in the city on Tuesday, says a press release.

The Rapport Bangladesh Ltd organised the award giving ceremony at Summer Palace Hotel, with Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh, as the chief guest.

Chaired by Prof Hafiz GA Siddiqi, vice chancellor of North South University, the function was also attended by Dr Saadat Husain, chairman of Bangladesh Public Service Commission, and Dr Akbar Ali Khan, chairman of the Regulatory Reforms Commission, as special guests.

The recipients of the awards are Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Md Delwar Hossain, former chairman of Bangladesh Food & Sugar Corporation, AKM Rafiqul Islam, managing director of Pragati Insurance Ltd, Nasiruddin Ahmad Choudhury, managing director and CEO of Green Delta Insurance Co Ltd, M Fasihur Rahman, secretary of BGMEA, Mumtaz Ahmad Khan, general manager, HR & Administration, Warid Telecom International, Emdadul Huq, former additional chief engineer of PWD, Shahjahan Bhuiyan, managing director of Prime Bank, Dr Syed Naquib Muslim, additional secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, and Maj Gen Md Aminul Karim, military secretary to the president.

Dr M Mosharraf Hossain, chairman and managing director of Rapport Bangladesh Ltd, moderated the function.



President of Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners' Association Shafiqul Islam Kamal hands over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed at Dhaka Cantonment recently for cyclone-affected people. Secretary General of the association Zakir Hossain Nayan was also present.

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