

# Road accidents kill 10, injure 61

STAR REPORT

Ten people were killed and 61 others injured in separate road accidents in Narayanganj, Dhaka, Manikganj, Netrakona, Faridpur, Chandpur and Satkhira in the last two days.

Our Correspondent in Narayanganj reports: Three people were killed and 25 others injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Adhuria at Rupganj in Narayanganj yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Gopinath Chandra Saha, 29, an executive of Siemens Bangladesh, his nephew Sowmik Saha, 14, a student of Dhamondi Tutorial and Akash, a young motor mechanic.

Gopinath was the younger brother of Swades Ranjan Saha, an established businessman, while Sowmik was the latter's son.

The accident occurred as a Dhaka-bound private car and a Habiganj-bound bus from Dhaka collided head-on at about 8:00am.

Among the injured, two other passengers of the car, Balaram Chandra Saha, 34, and Doyal, also a motor mechanic, were rushed to Apollo Hospitals in Dhaka.

Other injured passengers of the bus are undergoing treatment at different hospitals in Narayanganj and Dhaka.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: A driver of a microbus was burnt alive while ten others were injured

after the microbus caught fire as a result of a head-on collision with a Mawa-bound bus in Abdullaahpur old ferryghat area on Dhaka-Mawa highway at Keraniganj near Dhaka at about 7:45pm yesterday.

Our Correspondent in Netrakona adds: A man was killed and 20 others injured in a road accident on Netrakona-Mohongonj road at Attipur under Mohongonj upazila in the district yesterday.

The accident caused severe traffic congestion on the highway but fire services failed to reach the spot till filing of this report at 8:15pm.

Our Correspondent in Manikganj adds: A bank official was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Tepra Bus Stand under Shivalaya Police Station in Manikganj yesterday.

The victim was identified as Jafar Ullah, 45, an official of Sonali Bank Tepra branch in Shivalaya.

The accident occurred at around 5:30am when a speedy vehicle knocked the victim down while he was walking beside the road.

Meanwhile, in another accident, a woman was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Bawali under Dhamrai Police Station in Dhaka on Saturday evening.

The victim was identified as Romeo Begum, 38, a worker of a brickfield and wife of late Bodor Uddin.

The accident occurred at around 6:30pm when a speedy

vehicle knocked her down while she was crossing the road.

She was rushed to Manikganj Sadar Hospital where on duty doctors declared her death.

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Police detained the bus but the driver managed to flee.

A Correspondent from Faridpur adds: An elderly person was killed and three others injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Karimpur in Faridpur Sadar yesterday noon.

The accident took place when a Magura-bound passenger bus hit a Nasimon, a locally assembled human hauler, from behind, killing Nazim Uddin, 62, on the spot and

injuring three others.

However, the identity of the injured could not be known immediately.

The body was sent to Faridpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Our Correspondent from Chandpur adds: A minor boy was killed in a road accident on Chandpur-Faridganj highway at Ghachola in Chandpur Sadar yesterday.

Sources said a Faridganj-bound speeding bus from Chandpur knocked Emam Hossain, 4, son of Mokbul Hossain of Ghachola, down while he was walking beside the road along with his father.

Our Correspondent in Satkhira adds: A cattle trader was killed and three others were injured in a road accident on Satkhira-Jessore highway near Charabat Tola under Kalorao Police Station on Saturday night.

The deceased was identified as Surman Ali Sardar, 42, son of Mijan Ali Sardar.

The accident occurred when a Jessore-bound Nasimon skidded off and fell into a roadside ditch, injuring Surman and three others.

Surman succumbed to his injuries at Kalorao Upazila Health Complex while Ashraf Ali, the driver, was rushed to Jessore Sadar Hospital and Turfan Ali, 35 and Korban Ali, 30, were admitted to a private clinic at Sharsha in a critical condition.

Acquire professional knowledge for best use of new technology

Navy chief urges officers

Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam inspected the ongoing modernisation works of BNS Osman under the Chinese technical assistance and overall supervision of Bangladesh Navy Dockyard in Chittagong yesterday, says ISPR press release.

Addressing the officers and sailors following the inspection, the Navy chief urged them to devote themselves to acquire professional knowledge for the best use of the new technology as well as taking the challenge of maintaining the operational state of Bangladesh Navy Ships at the highest level.

He also added that the re-commissioning of BNS Khalid Bin Walid has created more promotional scope for the officers and the sailors.

Besides, the inclusion of new technology in BNS OSMAN will definitely enhance the capabilities of Bangladesh Navy, he added.

Commodore Commanding Chittagong, Commodore Superintendent Dockyard, Commodore Commanding BN FLOTILLA, Director Navy Intelligence and a good number of officers, sailors and dockyard staffs were present on the occasion.

BIRD FLU

2,600 fowls culled in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Army personnel yesterday culled about 2,600 fowls affected by bird flu at Akbarpur and Chandpur villages in Gaibandha.

Several hundred fowls that fell victim to the deadly disease in the two villages of Sadullapur Upazila started to die a few days back.

On information, specialists along with army personnel went to the spot and confirmed that those died of bird flu.

Later, army personnel collected 2,600 fowls infected with the disease at the two villages and culled those.

Restrictions have been imposed on transportation of poultry to and from the two villages.

Proshika distributes relief in Pirojpur

Proshika with the assistance of World Food Programme (WFP) is implementing relief activities among cyclone-affected people at seven upazilas in Pirojpur, says a press release.

Under this programme monthly 30kg rice, 9kg pulse, 1kg salt, 0.75kg high-energy biscuit will be given to each family of 53,853 affected families. These food commodities are distributed from a number of distribution centers in each upazila.

District and upazila administration, joint forces, local government representatives and members of local civil society are helping to implement the activities.

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