

Four killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed and 22 others were injured in separate road accidents in Sylhet, Magura and Sirajganj districts.

Our Staff Correspondent in Sylhet reports: Two people were killed in a road accident on Sylhet-Tambail road at Haripur at about 11:00pm on Saturday.

The victims are Quamruzzaman Sohel, 21, a student of Government MC College, and a helper of a mini-bus, which was involved in the accident.

Sources said the speeding mini-bus hit a truck standing on the roadside, killing the helper on the spot. His identity could not be known immediately.

The injured college student was

being taken to Dhaka for treatment, but he died on the way at around 1:00am.

Sohel hailed from village Ronifoud in Jaintapur. Our correspondent in Magura reports: One person was killed and two others were critically injured when a speeding truck hit a rickshaw-van on Magura-Faridpur highway yesterday.

The accident took place in Kohitala area at around 11:00am as the driver lost control of the vehicle, leaving Tarikul, 28, dead on the spot, police and witnesses said.

Injured Abdul Gafur, 40, and Uzir Ali, 48, were admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital. Police seized the vehicle.

Our correspondent in Sirajganj adds: A pedestrian was killed and

20 others were injured in separate road accidents in Sirajganj yesterday.

Police and witnesses said Abul Kashem, 70, was killed when a Dhaka-bound bus from Chapainawabganj ran over him at Dabirganj on Dhaka-Bonpara highway.

Hatikumrul highway police recovered the body and sent it to Sadar hospital for autopsy.

In the other accident, at least 20 people were injured when a Dhaka-bound bus from Sirajganj town turned over after the driver lost control of the vehicle.

Of them, 15 were admitted to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital and local clinics. The condition of two injured people are stated to be critical.

Int'l disability confce begins on Wednesday

BSS, Dhaka

The three-day third international conference of the Asia Pacific Disability Forum will begin in the city on Wednesday.

This is for the first time such a prestigious conference is being held outside South-East Asia.

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed is expected to inaugurate the conference at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre at 10:00am.

This was made public at a press conference jointly organised by National Disability Forum and Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) in the city yesterday.

More than 450 delegates from 27 countries, including host Bangladesh, will take part in the conference. The number of foreign delegates will be 189. Besides, 40 senior government officials of Bangladesh will participate in the conference.

Community policing launched at RCC

RU CORRESPONDENT

Community policing was launched at ward no 20 of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) yesterday with a call to make the ward free from different crimes.

Ward Commissioner and community policing Adviser Mustak Hossain Ratan was present as chief guest at the launching ceremony held on Krishna Kanta government primary school premises.

Imam Mehed, a retired professor, presided over the function.

At the inaugural ceremony, a 21-member committee was formed with Abdul Kuddus Khan and Abdul Khalek Sana as its president and general secretary.

A retired assistant police super Asraf Ali was made its law and order affairs secretary.

The committee members vowed to resist jointly all criminal activities, drug trading and other anti-social activities in the ward.



President Iajuddin Ahmed presides over the 9th joint governing body meeting of National Defence College (NDC) and Defence Service Command and Staff College (DSCSC) at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Uphold spirit of Language Movement

Heads of missions urge Bangladeshi expats

BSS, Dhaka

Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day by Unesco in 1999.

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Besides, the messages issued by the president, chief adviser and the foreign adviser on the occasion were read out in missions.

A one-minute silence was also observed as a mark of profound respect to the martyrs of 1952 Language Movement, followed by recitation from the Holy Quran.

Special munajats were also offered seeking eternal peace of the departed souls of the martyrs and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the country.

The day's programmes also included discussions on Amar Ekushey with the participation of professionals, academics, elites, Unesco officials and expatriate Bangladeshis highlighting the significance of the day.

The speakers discussed the background of Language Movement leading to the observance of Martyrs' Day on February 21 and also the contribution of Bangladesh to the declaration of

this day as the International Mother Language Day by Unesco in 1999.

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of Ekushey.

Reports about observance of Amar Ekushey were received so far from Bangladesh missions in Bangkok, Beijing, Colombo, Doha, Dubai, Islamabad, Katmandu, Kuala Lumpur, London, Male, Moscow, Muscat, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Tashkent, Washington DC and Permanent Mission in the UN.



Members of families living in the Ainuddin Haider and Faizunnesa Waqf Estate form a human chain in front of Waqf Bhaban at Eskaton in the city yesterday demanding steps to protect the Waqf Estate.



Poet Al Mahmud holds a copy of a book titled 'Ami Tomar Keu Noi' by Ferdousi Mahmud, left, at the publication ceremony of the book at National Press Club in the city yesterday. On his left is senior journalist Ataus Samad.

'Leaf colour chart to help produce 30 lakh tons more rice a year'

BSS, Rajshahi

Additional 30 lakh tons of rice could be produced in the country per year through successful promotion of 'leaf colour chart' (LCC) at the growers level.

In addition to maintaining environmental balance, the use of the LCC can help save three lakh tons of urea fertiliser.

Chief Scientific Officer and Regional Station Chief of the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) Dr Abu Taher Mian said this while presenting his keynote paper on 'LCC: Easy process of urea saving' at a regional workshop yesterday.

The Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) organised the workshop styled 'LCC popularisation and saving urea through using it' at the NCDP Training Centre.

Some 120 persons, including DAE officials, researchers and farmers, participated in the workshop.

Dr Taher, however, said due importance should be given to motivate farmers to use the LCC.

Field level DAE officials and employees have a vital role in making this effort a total success, he said.

"We can reduce dependence on rice import enhancing domestic production through proper and best uses of the modern technologies in the farming," he said adding that the LCC is one of the potential and proven technologies.

Commissioner of Rajshahi Division Shafiqul Alam addressed the workshop as the chief guest with DAE Additional Director Abdul Matin in the chair.

DAE Deputy Director Brozohari Das also elaborated various aspects of using the LCC in the workshop.

Speakers said there is no alternative to increase local production. They said the government has undertaken various need-based programmes to boost the production.

They also asked the participants to disseminate the knowledge acquired from the workshop among the farmers.

President, CA greet Kuwaiti counterparts

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed have greeted their Kuwaiti counterparts on the occasion of the National Day of Kuwait that falls on Saturday.

In a message of felicitation to Kuwaiti Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Iajuddin expressed his firm confidence that the existing bonds of friendship and fraternity between the nations would continue to grow in the days ahead.

In another message to Kuwaiti Premier Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, the chief adviser said, "My firm conviction is that the existing bonds of friendship that happily exists between the nations will further be strengthened and consolidated to the mutual benefit of our peoples in the years ahead."

The president and the chief adviser also wished them good health, happiness and long life and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Kuwait.

2 Huji men remanded

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Court, Dhaka, seeking five days' remand for Bulbul and six days for Tamim.

After hearing the remand petitions yesterday, the CMM Court granted 'three days' remand for each of them.

Earlier, Bulbul in a confessional statement before a magistrate said that he had taken part in the August 21 attack while Tamim gave crucial information about Zandal during his previous remand.

Sources said Zandal had admitted to the interrogators of leading a 12-member team to conduct the grenade attack on an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21 in 2004.

He had also admitted that he was the first to detonate a grenade on the rally. He, however, claimed that he did not know who masterminded and financed the attack.

Investigators said Zandal, a close aide of detained Huji operations commander Mufti Abdul Hannan, is concealing information about the attack that left 24 AL leaders and activists dead and scores injured.

Zandal, arrested on February 14 in Gazipur, is now on a seven-day remand and being interrogated by the CID at the Taskforce for Interrogation (TFI) cell in Dhaka.

On February 15, Rapid Action

Battalion (Rab) seized 41 grenades from Satkhira following leads gathered from Zandal.

The grenades were seized from Huji activist Nazrul Islam Gharani's house at Shimulia village in Debhata upazila. The crime busters also arrested Nazrul following the seizure of the grenades.

Meanwhile, a Satkhira Court yesterday placed Nazrul on a 10-day remand for interrogation.

Our Satkhira correspondent adds: Nazrul Islam Gharani, who was arrested on February 15 in connection with the seizure of 41 grenades from his village home at Shimulia in Debhata upazila, was placed on a 10-day remand yesterday.

Following the recovery of the grenades, the Rab filed a case with Debhata Police Station accusing Zandal and Nazrul.

Court sources said, Lokman Hakim, officer in charge of Debhata Police Station and investigation officer of the case, yesterday submitted the ten-day remand prayer before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Satkhira.

After a long hearing, Judge Ranu Bilkis Banu granted ten days' remand for the accused.

Nazrul was taken to TFI cell in Dhaka yesterday afternoon for interrogation, said sources.

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