

11 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Eleven people were killed and nine others injured in separate road accidents across the country yesterday.

A correspondent in Noakhali reports: Four of a family, including three children, were killed and two others were injured in a road accident at Begunjan in the district yesterday morning.

The accident took place at about 6:00am when a microbus skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch.

The dead were identified as Nasrin Akter, 35, wife of Aminul Islam of Noakhali Sadar, their sons Uday, 12, and Hriday, 8, and Sumaiya, 7, daughter of Aminul's brother Saiful Islam.

Aminul and Saiful were also injured.

Police said the family was going

to attend the qulhwani of Kala Miah, an uncle of Aminul and Saiful.

UNB adds: Two of a family were killed and two others injured as a pick-up van rammed into a motorbike at Sadarghar on Laxmipur-Dhaka highway yesterday.

The dead were identified as Mizanur Rahman, 48, an employee of LGED office of Subornochar upazila in Noakhali, and his son Mehraj, 12.

Sources said a pick-up van hit the motorbike Mizanur and his four children were riding on, killing Mizanur and Mehraj on the spot.

Mizanur's another son Anwar Hossain, 10, and daughter Amena, 8, were also severely injured. They were rushed to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital.

Our correspondent in Dinajpur adds: Two indigenous children were killed in a road accident on

Chirirbandar-Parbatipur highway at Chirirbandar in the district yesterday afternoon.

The victims were identified as six-month-old Shamal Hasda and Jhosna Maan, 6.

Police quoting family members said a speeding truck crushed them under its wheels while they were returning home.

A correspondent in Faridpur adds: Two people, including a journalist and a madrasa teacher, were killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Barisal highway at Hamirdi under Bhanga upazila in the district yesterday.

The dead were identified as Md Jahangir Hossain, 30, Bhanga upazila correspondent of the daily Vorer Dak, and Belayet Hossain, 35, a teacher of Dharmadi Madrasa.

The accident occurred when a truck hit a motorcycle from behind, leaving Jahangir dead on the spot.

Belayet was rushed to Faridpur Medical College Hospital (FMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries.

Police seized the truck and arrested its driver Khokon Molla, 25.

Our RU correspondent adds: A trolley driver was killed and five labourers were injured in a road accident at Jamtola under Bhanga upazila in Rajshahi yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Jalal Uddin.

The accident took place when a goods-laden speeding truck hit a trolley that was carrying the labourers.

Locals rushed them to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) where Jalal succumbed to his injuries.

The injured were identified as Mokbul, 25, Bullet, 30, Mithun, 27, Zillur, 28, and Manik, 31.

Widow seeks justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A widow from Jhalakati has sought security of her family as a fraud who cheated her out of Tk 3 lakh has now been threatening her with death.

"I filed a case against Enamul Haque Ripon for swindling me out of Tk 3 lakh in the name of sending my son to the UK for higher study, but he is now putting pressure on me to withdraw the case," said Nazma Parveen at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium on Saturday.

Nazma claimed that she gave Tk 3 lakh to Ripon, a resident of Muladi, Barisal, in February 2006 for sending her son Mahfuz to the UK for higher study.

But Ripon started dilly-dallying and finally refused to do anything for Mahfuz, she said.

Later, Nazma asked Ripon to pay back her money, but he refused to pay. He also threatened to kill her, Nazma said.

Ripon had been arrested after Nazma filed a case against him, but he is now free on bail. He has now been pressuring Nazma to withdraw the case.

Nazma urged the law enforcement agencies and the government to ensure her security and help her get her money back.



Nagorik Sanghati (NS), a citizens' forum, stages a demonstration at Milan Chatter on Dhaka University (DU) campus yesterday demanding the G-8 countries compensate the underdeveloped and developing countries for the loss they incur as a result of the climate change. (Story on page 3)

Sexagenarian woman found slaughtered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A sexagenarian woman was found slaughtered at a house at Demra in the city on Sunday night.

Police recovered the slaughtered body of a 60-year-old woman identified as Monwara Begum, a caretaker of the house of Abul Bashar at Mohakash School Road of East Dogaire.

She had been working in the house for the last four months.

Demra police said the woman might have been killed sometime between July 5 and July 6.

But the cause behind the murder could not be known immediately.

POST-SIDR REHABILITATION Red Crescent signs MoU with Swiss Red Cross

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and Swiss Red Cross yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to implement a post-Sidr rehabilitation project in the cyclone affected Bagerhat district, says a press release.

Under the project, a total of 650 air resistant houses, 650 slab latrines and 34 drinking water sources would be installed at the Sundarban union of Mongla upazila of the district at a cost of Tk 5 crore.

Shafiqul Alam, secretary general of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and Peter Pritchler, representative of Swiss Red Cross signed the MoU on behalf their respective organisations.

Housewife dies in rooftop fall

RU CORRESPONDENT

A housewife died after falling from the rooftop of a three-storied building in Rajshahi city on Sunday evening.

The victim was identified as Rani, 40, a resident of Pathanpara.

Family sources said Rani had been suffering from mental disturbances for last few days, and she fell down from the roof while she was walking there alone.



Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (personnel) Commodore M Farid Habib inaugurates the Navy Scout tree plantation campaign-2008 by planting a litchi sapling at the BN College compound in the city yesterday.

Navy Scout inaugurates tree plantation campaign

METRO DESK

Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (personnel) and Commissioner of Navy Scout Commodore M Farid Habib formally inaugurated the Navy Scout tree plantation campaign-2008 by planting a litchi sapling at the BN College compound in the city yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

The Navy Scout took up a massive tree plantation campaign this year to plant saplings of various types of fruits, timber, forest species and medicinal trees in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Mongla and Kaptai.

Commanding Officer of BNS Haji Mohsin commissioner of Dhaka district Navy Scout, Principal of BN College and a number of Navy Scouts, student of BN College and Navy Rover scouts were present on the occasion.

3 of a family found dead in Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

Mystery shrouded the death of three members of a family at Shafipur village in Kaliakoir upazila yesterday.

Local sources said Faizul Islam, 50, and his wife Nasina Yasmin, 45, went to sleep along with their seven-year-old son Nayeem Sunday night.

In the morning, other family members found the three dead on the bed at about 6:00am.

On information, police recovered the bodies and sent those to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police suspected that Faizul Islam, his wife and son have been killed in poisonous gas that emitted from the generator kept inside the bedroom as the bodies bore no injury marks.

Neighbors, however, said that they might have been killed following a land dispute.

Cause of the deaths can be confirmed only after the autopsy, said Officer-in-Charge of Kaliakoir Thana Nuruzzaman.

Prof Mohsin made envoy to Maldives

UNB, Dhaka

Prof Selina Mohsin, senior education adviser to Programme Supporting Unit of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), has been appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner to the Maldives.

An official announcement said yesterday, Prof Selina Mohsin joined the Education Service of the then Pakistan in 1970.

She also acquired other degrees and post graduate diplomas and senior officers training from various universities and international institutions in USA, France and UK.

Goods train derails at Bhairab

Rail communications snapped for 2 hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'haba

Railway communications between Bhairab Railway Junction and the eastern zone was disrupted for more than two hours yesterday as four wheels of a Dhaka-bound goods train from Chittagong derailed between Bhairab Railway Bridge and Bhairab Junction.

Following the derailment at 8:15am, Sylhet-bound Parabat Express, Noakhali-bound Upakul Express and Chittagong-bound Mahanagar Express remained stranded at Bhairab for more than two hours.

Mymensingh-bound Balla Local returned to Sylhet zone from Brahmanbaria Railway Station.

As a result, train communications on Dhaka-Chittagong, Dhaka-Noakhali, Dhaka-Sylhet and Sylhet-Mymensingh routes remained suspended for two hours and 15 minutes.

On information, a relief train rushed to the spot from Akhaura Railway Junction and removed the derailed wagons from the track.

Rail communications in that zone resumed at 10:30am.

At least three devastating train accidents occurred in Bhairab-Sylhet route in the last two years, claiming 16 persons and injuring 200 others. The loss was estimated at about Tk 1 crore.

Training on leadership for women with disabilities concludes

METRO DESK

A six-day training on leadership for the women with disabilities concluded yesterday at Biam Foundation in the city, says a press release.

SARPV-Bangladesh organised the training programme from July 1. Twenty-five women with disabilities from five divisions of the country participated in the training.

They were provided training on the issues of analysing the situation of women with disabilities, their rights, existing facilities, laws, advocacy, networking, organisational development and the leadership capacity and how these issues could be incorporated in the mainstream development process.

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