

# Road crashes kill 7, injure 47

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At least seven people were killed and 47 others injured in separate road accidents in Faridpur, Brahmanbaria and Sirajganj yesterday.

UNB from Faridpur reports: At least four people were killed and 32 others injured in a road accident at Atadia in the Bhanga poura area here yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Jesmin Akhter, 22, Sumi, 26, and Kohinor Akter, 22, of Bagerhat district and Abdul Gafur, 34, of Patia upazila of Chittagong district.

Police said a Bagerhat-bound bus of Ekota Paribahan from Chittagong skidded off the road and plunged into a nearby ditch at about 7:15am, killing two passengers on the spot and injuring 34 others.

Local people rescued the passengers of the bus, which went

under 10-ft water in the ditch. Later, two bodies were recovered from inside the bus after it was salvaged at about 11:45am.

The injured were rushed to Bhanga Upazila Health Complex where conditions of eight were stated to be critical.

Another report from Brahmanbaria adds: Two people were killed and 15 others injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch on Comilla-Sylhet highway at Tinlakhpir in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Police said a passenger bus of 'Diganta Paribahan' skidded off the road and fell into the ditch while giving side to a motorcycle, killing two people on the spot and injuring 15 others.

Identity of the deceased could not be known immediately. The injured were rushed to Sadar Hospital.

Transport movement on

Comilla-Sylhet highway remained suspended for an hour following the road accident.

Our Correspondent from Sirajganj adds: A schoolboy was killed in a road accident on the Dhaka-Bogra highway in Koddakrisnopur area in Sirajganj yesterday.

The victim was identified as Belal Hossain, 6, son of Shahzahan Ali of Koddakrisnopur village in Sirajganj Sadar upazila. He was a class one student of a local KG school.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at around 7:30am when a speeding truck hit him from behind and crushed his body under the wheels while he was going to school.

Police seized the truck and recovered the body but the driver managed to escape. Police sent the body to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Two bogies of train derail in Thakurgaon

UNB, Thakurgaon

Train communication on Thakurgaon-Panchagarh route remained suspended as two bogies of a local train derailed yesterday.

Railway sources said two compartments of Panchagarh-bound '431-Up Local Train' veered off the track near Akhanagar at about 3:00pm.

However, there was no report of casualties in the accident.

Thakurgaon Station Master Shamsul Haq told UNB that a relief train already left Parbatipur station for Akhanagar to salvage the bogies. "Salvage operation may complete by Thursday," he added.

Earlier, four bogies of an inter-city train derailed in Bochaganj upazila on Friday.

## Doctors demand probe into extrajudicial killing of Tutul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nineteen doctors in a joint statement on Tuesday demanded judicial investigation into the extrajudicial killing of Communist Party of East Bengal (CPEB-ML red flag) leader Dr Mizanur Rahman Tutul.

In a statement signed by Dr Faizul Hakim, the doctors said, "We may disagree with the political views of Dr Tutul. But if his political activities had gone beyond the laws, he could be arrested and tried in the court, but the government did not do that."

The government must take the responsibility of killing him in the custody, they added.

The signatories are Dr Rashid-e-Mahbub, Dr Moazzem Hossain, Dr Ekramul Haque Swapan, Dr Shakil, Dr Mahabubur Rahman Chowdhury, Dr Qamrul Hasan Jaigirdar, Dr Ahmed Abu Taleb Bablu, Dr Jahangir Alam Mukut, Dr Ziauddin, Dr Faizul Hakim, Dr Mustak Ahmed, Dr Sirajul Islam, Dr MA Matin, Dr Sadikur Rahman, Dr Shamimul Mawla Hiru, Dr Aktaruzzaman, Dr Biswanath Ghosh and Dr Shahidul Islam.

## Man to die for killing wife in Bhola

UNB, Bhola

A court here sentenced one person to death and fined Tk 25,000 for killing his wife two years ago.

The condemned convict was identified as Monirul Islam alias Moimna, 25, of Kalia in Daulatkhan upazila of the district. He was present in the dock when the judge pronounced the verdict.

According to the prosecution, Monirul hacked and slaughtered his wife Shahana Begum, 19, on December 19, 2002 as she tried to prevent her husband from committing different criminal activities.

On information, police recovered the body of Shahana from their toilet and arrested Monirul.

After examining 16 witnesses, District Sessions Judge M Idris Alam handed down the verdict.



Visiting Chief of Sri Lankan Naval staff Vice Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda pays a courtesy call on acting Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Jahangir Alam Choudhury at Army Headquarters at Dhaka Cantonment in the city yesterday.

## Youths don't get due attention

Speakers say at seminar

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Although the youths are about one-third of the total population, they are not getting due attention, speakers at a seminar said on Tuesday.

The Department of Youth Development organised the seminar to mark International Youth Day 2008.

Dr Md Golam Mustafa Talukder, secretary to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, was the chief guest and UNFPA Representative Porncchai Suchitta was special guest at the seminar chaired by Director (Admin) Department of Youth Development Md Nasiruddin Ahmed.

National Programme Officer of UNFPA Dr Noor Mohammad presented the keynote paper at the



Workers of Stylink Garments Ltd stage a demonstration at Rampura in the city yesterday protesting delay in payment of their salary.

## Garment workers protest delay in salary payment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred workers of a garment factory in the city's Rampura area protesting delay in their salary payment yesterday staged a demonstration.

They also set up a blockade on DIT Road that led to a severe traffic jam for about one hour.

Later, police took the situation under their control.

Witnesses said over 600 workers of Stylink Garments Ltd took to the street at around 11:00am as the authorities did not pay their salaries within the scheduled date on August 10.

Officer-in-Charge Sheikh Mohammad Abu Zahid of Khilgaon Police Station said the workers stopped the demonstration and removed the blockade after the authorities assured them of paying their salaries today.

## Listed criminal held in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a listed criminal from Khilgaon area in the city on Tuesday night and recovered 50 bullets from his possession.

Acting on a tip-off, Rab personnel conducted a raid at Banashree area at about 7:00pm and arrested Mahbub Hossain alias Pappu, 22, and after searching his body 50 bullets were found.

Rab sources said Pappu, a close aide of top terror Shahadat in Khilgaon and Rampura areas, had earlier been arrested four times but released on bail every time. He is also wanted in a number of criminal cases.

Meanwhile, Rab arrested five drug peddlers from Shyampur and Arambagh areas yesterday and seized a microbus and a CNG-run auto rickshaw from their possessions.

## Project to meet Bureau of Statistics' crucial need for data

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A technical assistance project on capacity building of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) has started operation from April 2008 to meet the crucial need for current statistical data to monitor poverty levels and the welfare of households.

The project is being implemented by the World Bank funded EMTAP Project, says a press release.

Realising the importance of the national statistics, the World Bank and the Bangladesh government signed an agreement in May 2006 on a three-stage process supporting the development of the national statistical system in Bangladesh. The first stage is supporting the effort of BBS to improve the data quality in selected priority areas.

The need for statistical data has become even more paramount due to the pressure on poor households for the food and fuel price hike. The increased capacity will enable BBS to generate estimates of employment, especially in the informal sector, and for women, as these are regarded as an important indicator of well-being and poverty.

The project will also improve the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), and update the register of establishments and putting in place systems to ensure that the register is updated and reviewed on a regular basis. Two compendiums on environmental and gender statistics will also be compiled.

The World Bank is providing approximately \$1.6 million as grant for the first stage. The key areas selected for the improvement data quality are living standards monitoring survey, monitoring of trends in employment, improvement of the national accounts and basic economic indicators, environmental statistics and gender statistics.

Further, the implementation of the project has built-in features to improve coordination, governance, accountability and transparency as well as efficiency, partnerships, monitoring, and wider dissemination.

As per the 2006 agreement, the second stage will prepare a medium to long-term strategy for the development of statistics in Bangladesh based on PARIS21 guidelines and principles, and the third stage will implement a broad capacity building to strengthen the statistical system in a sustainable way over a four to five year period.

This project can make significant contributions meet the growing demand quality data of the country. For this to happen, however, the World Bank delegates stressed timely and effective implementation of the project.



Students of Chittagong Government Art College stage a demonstration in front of Circuit House in the port city yesterday demanding chief adviser's cooperation in saving the college from extinction.

## BANGABANDHU MURDER 'Execute court verdict soon'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday reiterated their demand for immediate execution of the High Court verdict on Bangabandhu murder case.

To press home their demand, around 500 BCL men brought out a procession from Madhu's canteen of Dhaka University that marched different streets on the campus and ended holding a rally at the base of Aparajeo Bangla.

BCL leaders also demanded permanent release of AL President Sheikh Hasina.

From the rally, BCL General Secretary Mahfujul Haider Chowdhury Roton formally took over his office from Senior Joint Secretary Syed Abul Kalam, who served the body as acting general secretary when Roton was detained in jail.

Roton demanded execution of the HC verdict against the identified killers of Bangabandhu and immediate withdrawal of the state of emergency.

He threatened that BCL would forge tougher programmes across the country if their demands are not met soon.

Top BCL leaders including Mahmud Hasan Rapon, Tarek Al Mamun, Khairul Hasan Jewel, Shohel Rana Tipu and Sajjad Saqib Badsha also spoke at the rally.

## Ties to be strengthened further in coming days

President tells Sri Lankan Navy chief

BSS, Dhaka

Visiting Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy Vice Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda made a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabandhu yesterday.

Welcoming the Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy, the president exchanged pleasantries with him and thanked for visiting Bangladesh.

Iajuddin said the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are excellent and it would further strengthen and deepened in the days to come.

Thanking Sri Lankan government for holding of the 15th Saarc Summit successfully, the president hoped, under the dynamic leadership of present Saarc Chairman, the President of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa, the regional body would get new momentum and this region would be further benefited.

The president expressed his satisfaction over the 'goodwill visit' and 'Operations Saarc Bandhoni' that have made a number of BN Ships visit to Sri Lanka.

He underscored the need for exchanging visit as well as training programme for the high civil and

military officials for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

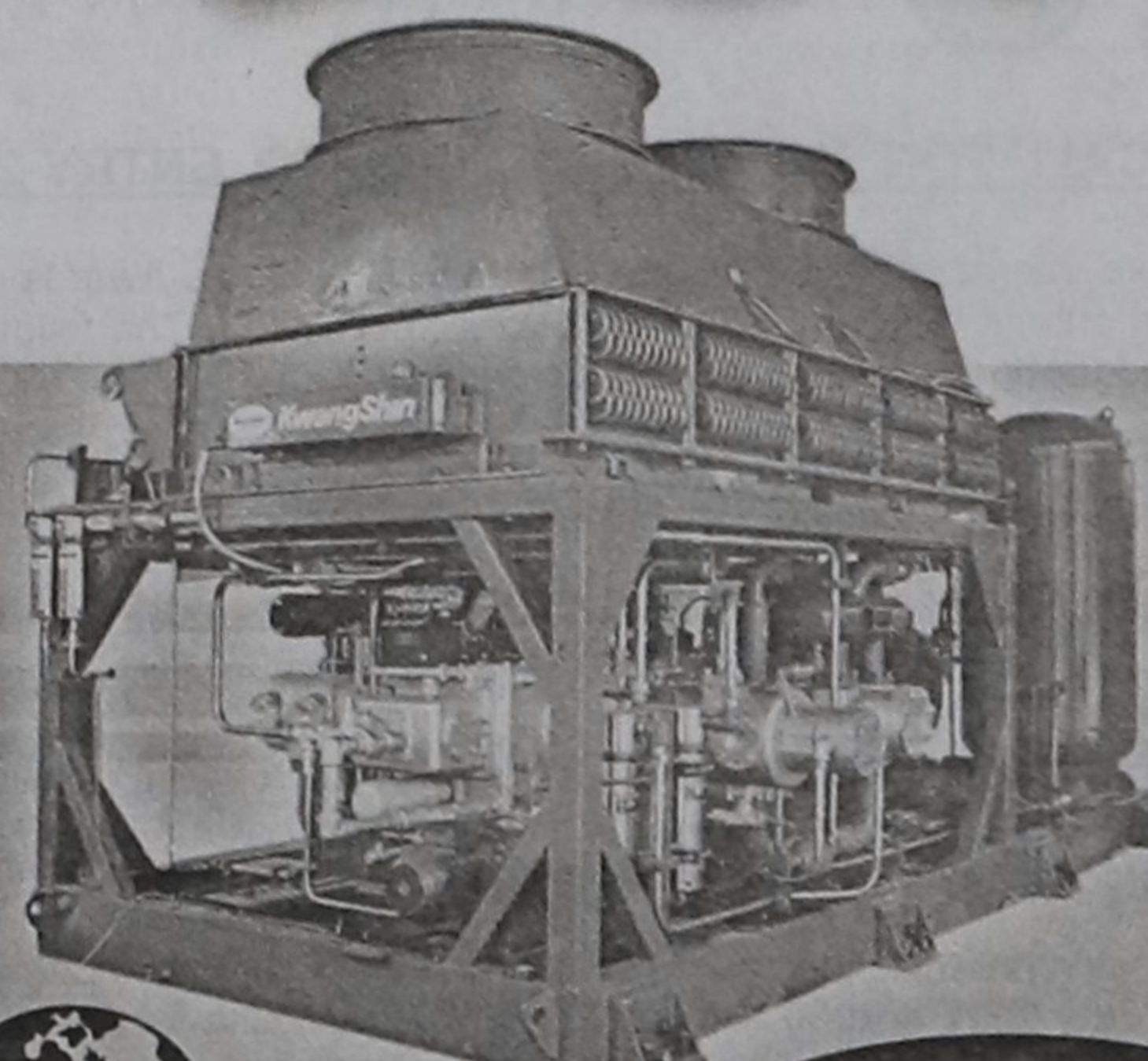
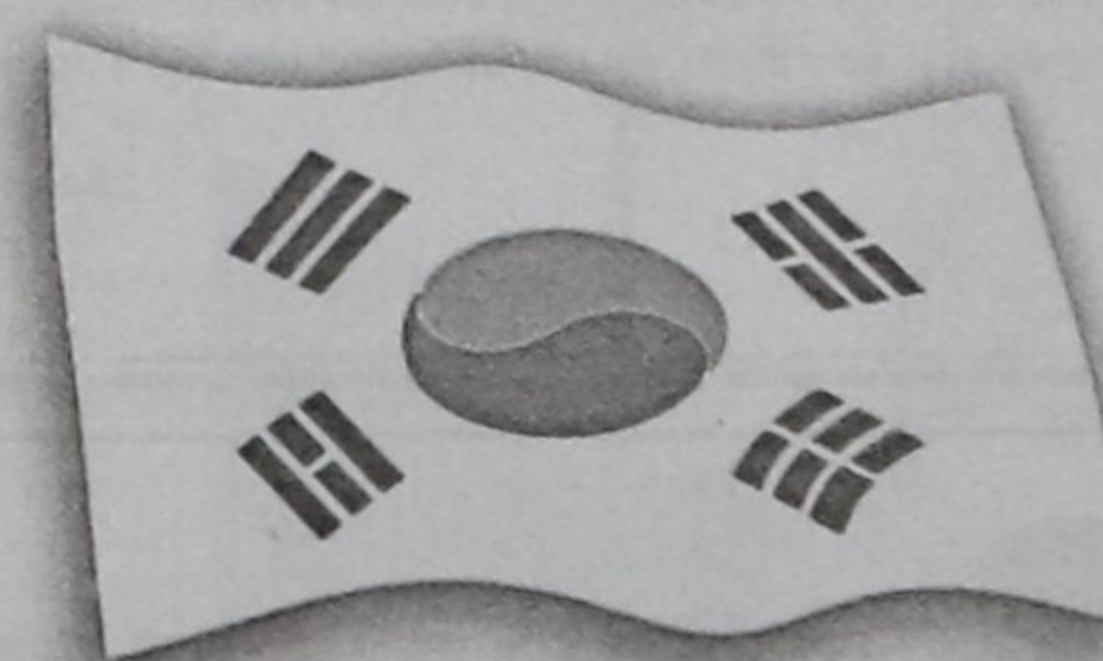
Terming his visit to Bangladesh as very fruitful, the Sri Lankan Navy Commander said that he is very much pleased to see the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation and Training (BIPSOT) at Rajendrapur and Chittagong Naval Academy.

He apprised the president that a number of Sri Lankan Naval officers are taking training at DSCSC and NDC in Bangladesh, which benefited them immensely. He also informed the president that a Sri Lankan Navy ship would be sent to Bangladesh as part of goodwill visit.

The Sri Lankan Navy Commander extended his gratefulness to the government and the people of Bangladesh for providing warm hospitality during his staying here.

The High Commissioner of Sri Lanka V Krishnamoorthy, Secretary of the President's Office Md Sirajul Islam, Military Secretary to the president Major General Muhammad Ruhul Amin, Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader and concerned officials from both the countries were present on the occasion.

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- Specific type of training needs
- Expected number of participants (relevant) in each type of training of interest.

All documents with a letter of EOI should reach the office of the InM by September 01, 2008 to be addressed to: The Deputy Director (Administration & Training), Institute of Microfinance (InM), PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. You may submit your information, as requested, in structured forms available in our web page.

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