

Five killed in Manikganj road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Five people were killed and 50 others injured in a road accident at Golora in Manikganj Sadar yesterday.

The accident occurred at around 2:15pm when a Dhaka-bound bus of Sahag Paribahan from Satkhira collided head-on with a Manikganj-bound minibus of Village Line Service.

Four of the dead were identified as Shantanu Roy, 35, Dipak, 25, Rekha, 2, daughter of Raja Mia, and Mohiuddin, 40, driver of the minibus, but the identity of the other victim could not be known immediately.

Among the injured, 25 were rushed to Manikganj Sadar Hospital while nine of them were shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Pongu Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

They are Rana, a student of class ten at Shahrai High School, Sofia, 38, wife of Raja Mia, Shafik, 35, Rudra, 7, son of Mamun, Eri, 25, Somapti, 35, Kabir, 28, Montu, 15,

and Moshir Rahman, 44.

Deputy Commissioner of Manikganj GM Saleh Uddin and Police Superintendent Sheikh Muhammad Maruf Hassan visited the spot and the hospitals.

The vehicular movement on the road was suspended for an hour following the accident.

2 killed in Mymensingh
Our correspondent from Mymensingh adds: Two people were killed and 15 others were injured in three separate road accidents at Bhaluka in Mymensingh yesterday.

A Bhaluka-bound pick up van crushed Robin, 10, son of Harun of Jamalpur, while overtaking another pick up van in front of Atia Textile Mills at around 11:00am, killing him on the spot.

Aminul Haque, 50, of Kishoreganj district was killed when a private car turned turtle on Kachina-Sakhipur road at around 2:45pm.

The bodies were sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for autopsy.

'Maintain existing communal harmony'

BSS, Dhaka

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday afternoon felicitated members of the Hindu community on the occasion of Durga Puja and urged all to maintain the existing communal harmony in the country.

The leaders made this call while addressing the devotees after exchanging pleasantries with them at Dhakeshwari Temple in the city.

They said Bangladesh is a land of communal harmony and from the time immemorial the believers of various faiths have been celebrating their festivals with full of joys. This trend must be maintained for better future of the country, they observed.

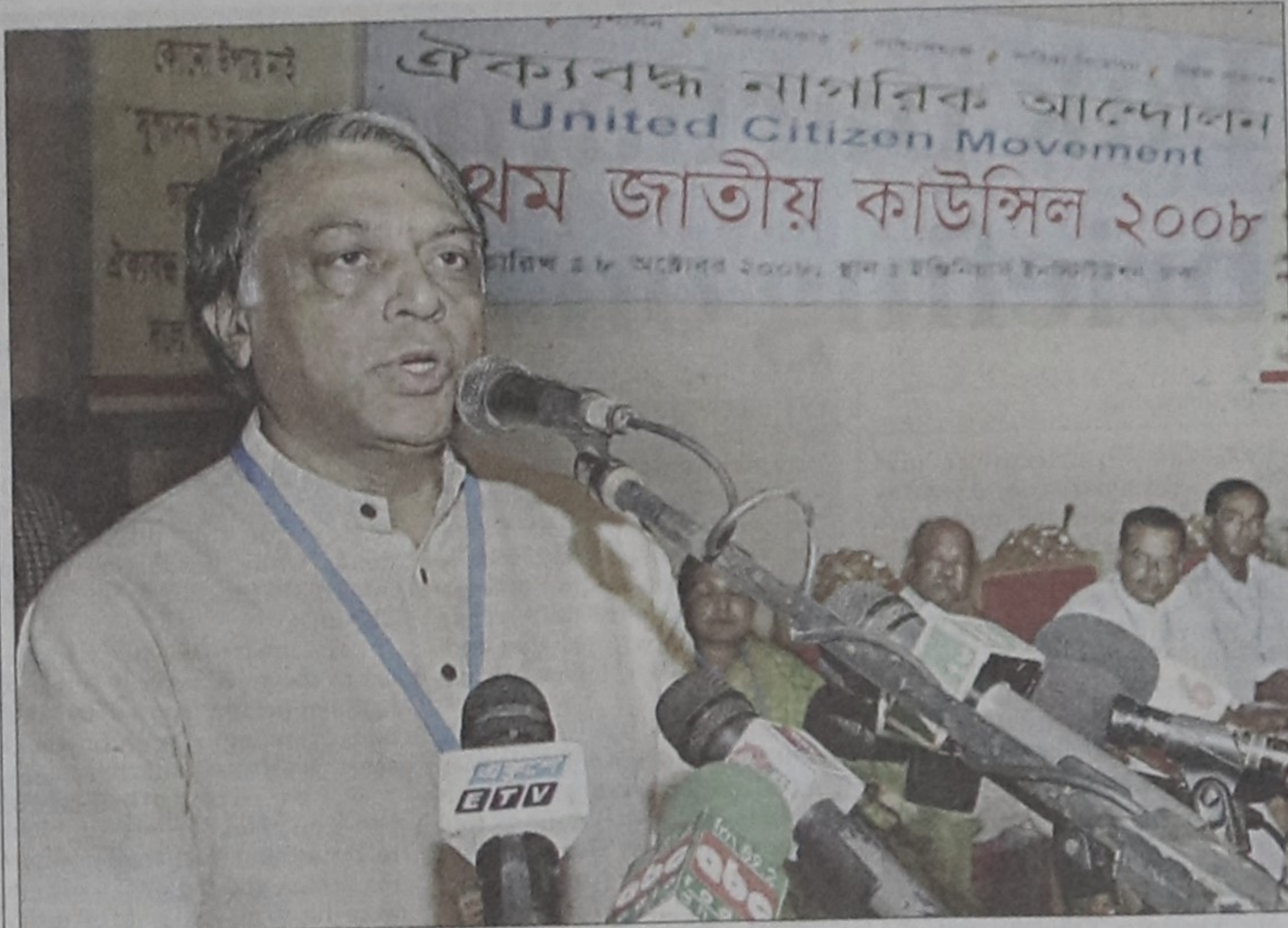
BFUJ President Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul and Secretary General Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, DUJ President Shah Alamgir and General Secretary Omar Faruque, former BFUJ president Abul Kalam Azad addressed the function. Senior vice-president of Bangladesh Puja Uddjan Committee and former general secretary of National Press Club Swapna Kumer Saha, and committee leaders Advocate Subrata Chowdhury and Tapas Pal welcomed the journalist leaders.

21 govt officials get promotion

METRO DESK

A total of 21 government officials at the planning division of Planning Ministry were promoted to the rank of deputy chief, says a press release.

They are Ayesha Begum, Mafidul Islam, Dr Abdul Ehsan, Selina Akhtar, Kazi Monirul Islam, Montu Kumar Biswas, Md Shahjahan, Khandaker Ahsan Hossain, Motiur Rahman, Rezaul Azam Faruki, Siddiqur Rahman, Mosharraf Hossain, Zakir Hossain, Abdul Azim Chowdhury, Balai Krishna Hazra, Tasharraf Hossain Farazi, Mosharraf Hussain, Mojibul Haq, Liakat Ali, Moshir Rahman and Kamrun Nahar.



Proshika Chairman Dr Kazi Faruk Ahmed speaks at the first national council of new political party United Citizen Movement (UCM) at the Institute of Engineers Bangladesh in the city yesterday. (Story on page 16)

'Hold national election on schedule, ensure voters' security'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Biplabi Workers' Party of Bangladesh yesterday called on the government to overcome all barriers and hold the national elections on December 18, says a press release.

They also condemned Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman's comment that the state of emergency is necessary till the general election to ensure voters' security and thwart poll violence.

The leaders in a meeting of its subcommittee on election affairs said existing laws of the country are enough to tackle any untoward situation and ensure security of voters if the government enforce the laws impartially.

They warned the government and the election commission that if they fail to hold the much-awaited general election, countrymen would not spare them.

With General Secretary Saiful Huq in the chair, central leaders Nasiruddin Ahmed Nasu, Bohnishikha Jamali and Abu Hasan Tipu addressed the meeting held at its central office in the capital.

The speakers in the meeting also demanded withdrawal of the state of emergency, cancellation of RPO and withdrawal of all agendas deliberately designed by the government.

Withdrawal of strike depends on govt

Say transport owners, workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The withdrawal of the proposed countrywide transport strike of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Malik Samik Oikya Parishad from October 14 depends on the next meeting with the government on October 12.

Meanwhile, a PID handout yesterday said after a successful meeting between the government and Oikya Parishad leaders at the communications ministry, transport leaders assured to withdraw the strike.

But the leaders said they would finalise the decision after their 11-point demand with 58 sub-demands are met at the next meeting.

The meeting decided to form an 11-member committee led by Md Shafiqul Alam, additional secretary of Roads and Railways Department, for reviewing their demands, the handout added.

Communications Adviser, Maj

Gen (ret'd) Golam Quader, LGRD Adviser Anwarul Iqbal, Roads and Railway Department Secretary Dr Md Habibur Rahman, Oikya Parishad joint conveners former MP Shahjahan Khan and Rustum Ali Khan and Member Secretary Habibur Rahman Khan attended the meeting.

On the other hand, Shahjahan told The Daily Star, "We will wait for the government's official decision until October 12. If our demands are met, the strike would be withdrawn, otherwise it would continue."

Their demands include cancellation of the amendment to Motor Vehicle Act-1983, amended Labour Law-2008, extortion by police and criminals and exemption of due taxes, he added.

He further said in the amendment, the government is introducing the non-bailable sections instead of bailable section after any accident takes place. It has also increased taxes.

Doa mahfil for Dr Fasihuddin

BSS, Rajbari

A doa mahfil for former minister Dr Fasihuddin Mahtab was held on Rajbari Diabetic Samity office premises on Tuesday.

A large number of local people attended the doa organised by the Later, Samity leaders distributed food among the destitute.

Dr Fasihuddin died in London recently.

UP chairman murdered in Satkhira

UNB, Satkhira

A union parishad (UP) chairman was killed by unidentified assailants at his house at Dhandia under Tala upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Dhandia UP Chairman Arifuzzaman Chanchal, 35.

Police said the assailants stormed into his house at night and strangled him to death. Later, they threw the body into a pond and fled the scene.

The reason behind the murder could not be known immediately.

Police held five people suspecting their involvement with the killing.

Schoolboy drowns

RU CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy drowned after falling into a pond in Upashahar area in Rajshahi city on Tuesday.

The victim was identified as Sheikh Abdus Salam, 15, son of Sheikh Abdul Malek, of the same area.

He was a student of Rajshahi Cantonment Board School.

JOURNALISM AWARD

FPAB invites entries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) invited reporters of different print media in the country to submit their reports or features for the FPAB award on journalism for 2008, says a press release.

The reports or features should be on population, reproductive health, family planning, mother and child health, safe maternity, violence against women, adolescents' reproductive health, and women empowerment.

The report must be published in any national or regional dailies or weeklies in Bangla or English language in between from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

The reporters are requested to send their curriculum vitae including five copies of their report with published date and name of the organisation, and two copies of their passport size photographs, attested copy of appointment letter and address of the workplace with contact number.

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Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury talks to family members at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) after release yesterday. (Story on page 1)

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