

5 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Five people were killed and 31 others injured in separate road accidents in Noakhali, Netrakona, Chandpur and Khagrachhari yesterday.

UNB adds: Four people were killed and five others injured when a bus rammed into a human hauler, locally known as maxi, on Choumuhoni-Feni road at Begumganj in Noakhali yesterday.

The dead were identified as passengers Abul Kashem, 58, Senbagh thana unit vice-president

of Awami League, Nurul Huq, 48, Nurul Islam, 45, and maxi driver Sumon, 25.

They all hailed from Senbagh upazila.

Police said the Choumuhoni-bound bus rammed the maxi near Jamindarhat Filling Station at about 9:00am, killing Sumon and Nurul Huq on the spot while the other two succumbed to their injuries on the way to the hospital.

The injured were admitted to Noakhali General Hospital. Condition of

Nirmal, 22, and Abdul Ali, 36,

was stated to be critical, hospital sources said.

Traffic on Choumuhoni-Feni road was disrupted for an hour following the accident.

Our correspondent in Netrakona adds: A man was killed in a road accident on Netrakona-Madan road at Joypasha at Madan upazila in the district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Mukul, 27, a BA third year student at Telegati College in the district.

The accident occurred when a Madan-bound passenger bus

knocked his bicycle from behind. He died on the spot.

Local people confined the bus and handed it over to police but the driver managed to flee.

Our correspondent in Chandpur adds: About 20 people were injured in a road accident on Chandpur-Comilla Highway at Baburhat in the district yesterday.

The accident occurred as the Chandpur-bound passenger bus from Chittagong lost control and fell into a roadside ditch.

Three injured women were treated at Sadar Hospital.

Our correspondent in Khagrachhari adds: Six people were injured in a road accident at Dumnighat at Mahalchhari in Khagrachhari district yesterday.

They were identified as Surendra Chakma, 60, Ajoy Chakma, 25, Minati Chakma, 28, Mohan Chakma, 65, Bhushan Chakma, 30, and Nayana Chakma, 25.

The accident occurred at about 11:00am when a Mahalchhari-bound human hauler from Pangkumara turned turtle.

A team of army from Mahalchhari Zone rushed to the spot and rescue the injured.

They were rushed to Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

Two JMB men get 10 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A Bogra court yesterday sentenced two leaders of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to 10 years' imprisonment for possessing explosives and bomb-making materials.

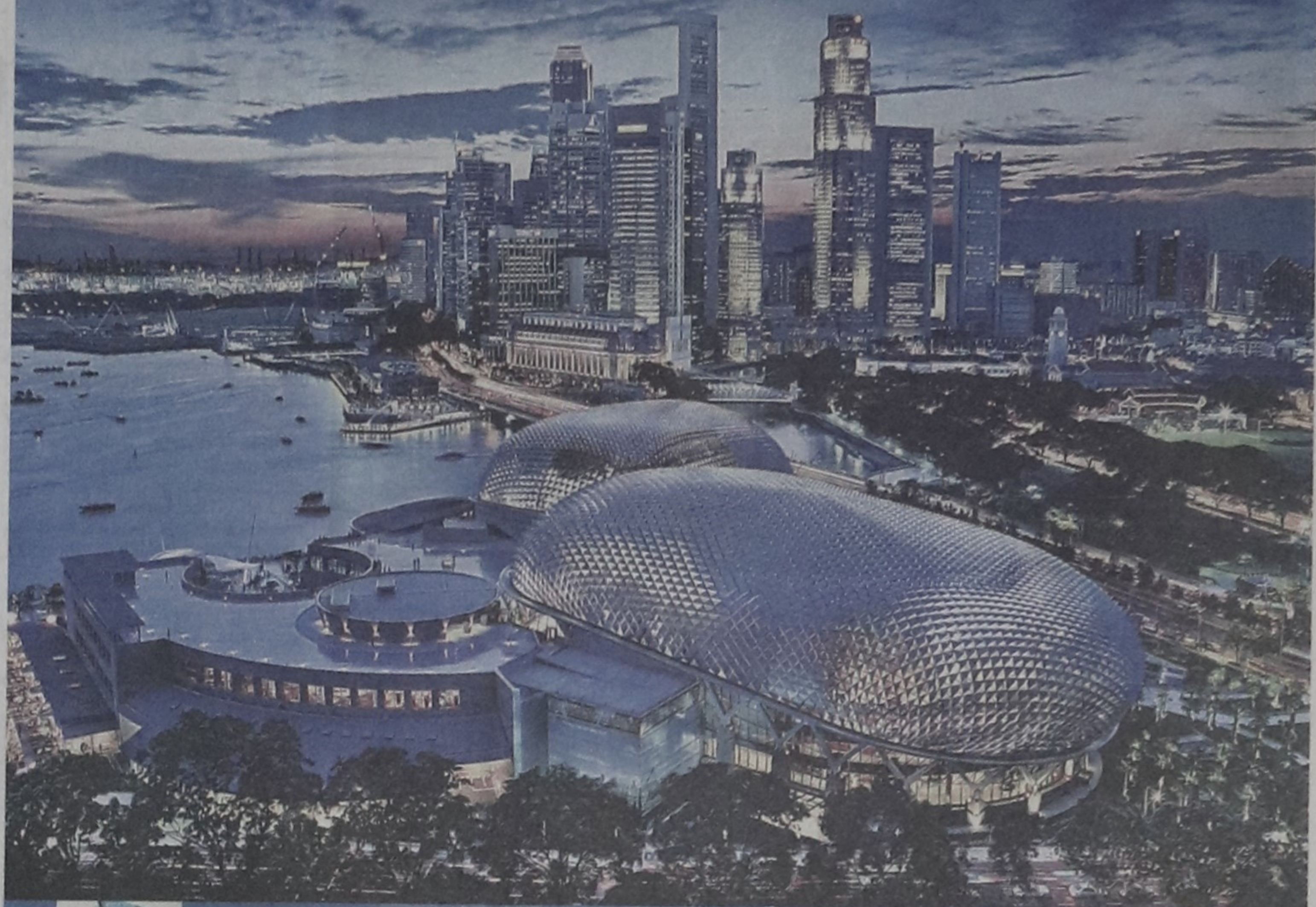
Special Tribunal Judge Khalilur Rahman handed down the verdict to Ashraf and Abu Taher.

They were also fined Tk 5,000 each. If they fail to pay, they will have to serve one more year in jail.

According to the prosecution, members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested the two militant leaders on January 21, 2006. Acting on their statement, the Rab members also seized a huge quantity of bomb-making materials kept under the ground at Bamunia village in Shahjahanpur upazila.

Advocate Jahangir Hossain appeared for the state while Abu Bakkar Siddique defended the accused.

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