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**MIST council meeting held**

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The 10th council meeting of the Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) was held at the institute at Mirpur Cantonment in the city yesterday.

Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman presided over the meeting.

Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed, Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam and Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman attended the meeting.

Various issues such as proposed revenue budget of 2009-2010 of MIST, inclusion of current and forthcoming academic programme of MIST under Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), transferring all the courses relating to management studies to BUP and inclusion of BUP representatives in the regulatory bodies of MIST came up for discussion.

Commandant of MIST, engineer-in-chief of Bangladesh Army, members from Dhaka University, Buet, BUP, ministries of defence, finance, education and science and information and communication technology, and dean of MIST were present at the meeting.

**8 killed in road crashes**

METRO DESK

Eight people were killed and 75 others injured in separate road accidents yesterday.

Of them, five died in Sylhet, two in Gaibandha and one in Netrakona.

Staff correspondent in Sylhet reports: Five people, including 2 unidentified women, were killed and 40 others injured in a road accident that took place at Bharaut near Lalabazar on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway yesterday morning.

The accident took place at about 9:30am when a Dhaka-bound bus from Sylhet collided head-on with a local bus.

The dead were identified as bus helper Abdullah, 22, Moko Miah, 55, and Rozina, a housewife, and two unidentified women, aged about 45 and 40 years.

Among the injured, 18 were admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital while the others received first aid.

Our correspondent in Gaibandha adds: Two people were killed and 35 others injured when a Gaibandha-bound passenger bus rammed a roadside tree on Palashbari-Gaibandha highway yesterday.

The bus also hit Montu Mia, 40, a timber trader, and Khaja Mia, 45, a rickshaw van puller, who died on the spot.

Ten of the injured were rushed to Gaibandha Hospital and four were sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

The driver and the helper managed to flee.

Our correspondent in Netrakona adds: A schoolboy was killed in a road accident on Netrakona-Kendua road at Noahati at Kendua in the district yesterday.

The dead was identified as Mansur Mortuza, 9, son of Ahmed Mortuza.

Mansur was a student of class three at Noahati Govt Primary School.

The accident took place at about 9:00am when a Kishoreganj-bound passenger bus knocked him down while he was going to school.

**First-ever Nat'l Agriculture Day tomorrow**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to observe the first-ever 'National Agriculture Day' tomorrow on the first day of Bangla month Agrabhayan in a bid to encourage the farmers.

Agriculture ministry and its subordinate organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day on November 15, said Agriculture Secretary M Abdul Aziz at a press conference at PID in the city yesterday.

The agriculture ministry formally announced the day following an announcement of the chief adviser during the programme of the World Food Day on October 16.

Every year the country would celebrate the day during the Aman harvesting season and the day will be celebrated in line with Nabanno, a traditional annual festival marking the harvest of winter crop in Agrabhayan.

The government has already earmarked Tk 93 lakh for the celebration of the day. Of the allocated money, each district would get Tk 50,000 and each upazila Tk 10,000.

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