

Bank official killed in B'baria road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A bank official was killed and nine other people were injured in a collision between two microbuses on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Malihata village yesterday evening.

The dead was identified as Abul Hasnat Babu, 42, of Ghurakanda village in Bhairab, Kishoreganj.

Local people said a Sylhet-bound microbus from Bhairab collided head-on with another microbus Malihata Bishwa Road, injuring 10 people.

Of them, the bank official succumbed to his injuries on the way to hospital.

Drivers and helpers of the microbuses fled the scene, leaving the vehicles behind.

Our correspondent in Patuakhali adds: A motorcyclist, Kamal, 28, was killed in a road accident in Hetalia Badghat area on Patuakhali-Kuakata road on Saturday night.

The accident took place when a Barisal-bound passenger bus from Kuakata hit the motorcycle from behind.



(Left) Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shafiqullah unveils the mural of MA Rab Bir Uttam at Dhanmondi Road No. 2. (Right) Piyari Mahbub, wife of Language Movement veteran Kazi Golam Mahbub, speaks after unveiling the mural of Kazi Golam Mahbub at Dhanmondi Road No. 9, in the city yesterday. Dhaka City Corporation implemented the project with the support from Mercantile Bank and South East Bank.

30000 die of lung cancer a yr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty thousand people die of lung cancer in the country while 40,000 more people fall victim to the disease a year due to lack of awareness about the harmful effects of smoking.

This was stated at an awareness building programme organised jointly by Sanofi-aventis and Raowa in

the city yesterday. November is observed as the month of creating awareness about lung cancer around the globe, says a press release.

Speakers at the programme said the main cause of lung cancer is smoking.

They said smoking causes 87 percent of lung cancer and the probability of being infected by lung cancer is 23 times higher for a smoker than a non-smoker.

Although lung cancer is prevalent among the males, this disease is also spreading among the females, they added.

In his welcome address, Dr Afroz Jallil, speciality business director of Sanofi-aventis, said

cancer can be cured if it is detected at an early stage and treated properly.

Dr Lt Mohammad Mofazzel Hossain, associate professor of Bangladesh Medical College and a cancer specialist, presented the keynote paper at the programme.

In his presentation, he had detailed discussion on the cause, treatment and the way of resisting the lung cancer.

Raowa Chairman Brig Gen (ret'd) Mohammad Moazzem Hossain in his speech hoped that such awareness building programme will make significant contribution to the struggle against a dreadful disease like cancer.

'40 lakh suffering from diabetes'

BSS, Dhaka

The prevalence of diabetic patients aged over 20 in the country was 40 lakh in 2007 and the number will stand at 75 lakh by 2025, health experts said at a seminar.

Eminence, a non-government organisation, in association with Square Pharmaceuticals Limited organised the seminar on 'Diabetes and responsibilities' at the National Press Club on Saturday.

President of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh Prof AK Azad Khan addressed the seminar as the chief guest while Dr MA Sabur presided over it.

The number of diabetic patients are increasing globally at an alarming rate, Prof AK

Azad said, adding that the lifestyle, food habit and other environmental factors are responsible for diabetes.

Prof Azad said, "We may not be able to eliminate diabetes as it transmitted genetically, so we need to pay attention to check the danger of the disease."

Prof AR Khan said, "We have to pay more attention to the healthcare of children in order to keep them free from diseases, including diabetes." Many children suffer from diabetes due to food habits, lifestyle and lack of facilities for physical exercise, he added.

In her keynote presentation, Dr Sultana Monira said the number of deaths attributable to complications of diabetes in the world is around 3.2 million every year.

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