

12 killed, 69 injured in road accidents

METRO DESK

Twelve people were killed and 69 others injured in separate road accidents across the country in the last two days.

UNB reports: Six people were killed and 43 others injured in separate road accidents in Faridpur and Joypurhat yesterday.

In Faridpur, four people were killed and 40 others injured when a passenger bus fell into a roadside ditch on Faridpur-Barisal highway at Bhanga yesterday noon.

Police and locals said the Dhaka-bound bus from Madaripur fell into the ditch at Hamirdi at about 1:15pm when its driver lost control, killing three passengers on the spot.

One of the injured succumbed to his injuries on his way to the hospital.

On information, police rushed to the spot and rescued the injured with the help of local people.

Three of the dead were identified as Ferdous, 38, Zakir Hossain, 32, and Sania Begum, 35. The identity of the other could not be known.

Of the injured, 26 were admitted to Bhanga Health Complex while six to Faridpur Medical College Hospital. Condition of six of the injured was stated to be critical, hospital sources said.

Meanwhile, two pedestrians were killed and three others injured in another accident at Shibpur Charnatha at Khetlal in Joypurhat.

The accident occurred at about 11:00am when the driver of the bus lost control and hit the pedestrians.

The dead were identified as Zillur Rahman and Tafizur Rahman.

The injured were admitted to Dupchachia Health Complex of neighbouring Bogra district.

Staff correspondent in Bogra adds: Two people were killed and five others injured when a potato-laden truck turned turtle due to foggy weather at Ranirhat at Shahjahanpur in the district early yesterday.

The dead were identified as potato traders Babu, 22, and Shankar, 40, who were returning home after buying potatoes from Bogra.

The injured were rushed to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

Another UNB report from Satkhira adds: A man was killed and 15 others injured as a bus fell into a roadside ditch on Satkhira-Khulna highway at Patkelghata at Tala in the district yesterday afternoon.

The dead was identified as Abdul Gafur Sheikh, 38.

Police said a Khulna-bound passenger bus from Satkhira skidded off the highway in front of local Palli Biddut office at about 5:30pm.

Two of the injured were admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital in critical condition while the rest of the injured were taken to Sadar Hospital and different local clinics.

Our correspondent in Khagrachhari adds: A man was killed and five others injured in a road accident at Baibonchhara in Khagrachhari Sadar yesterday.

The killed was identified as Shamsul Alam 37, but the identity of the injured could not be known immediately.

The accident occurred when a Khagrachhari-bound passenger bus from Panchhari collided head-on with a jeep.

Our correspondent in Patuakhali adds: Two people, including an army person, were killed and six others injured in separate road accidents on Saturday night.

Ibrahim Sikder, 32, an army man, was seriously injured when a Patuakhali-bound motor van fell into a roadside ditch as its driver lost control on Patuakhali-Kalapara highway.

Locals rushed Ibrahim to Patuakhali General Hospital where on duty doctors declared him dead.

In another accident, Abu Taher, 16, a helper of a passenger bus, was killed as the bus hit a roadside bridge on Baufal-Barisal highway.

In a separate accident, six others were injured when a Patuakhali-bound microbus from Kuakata fell into a roadside ditch at Amtali as its driver lost control.

Of the injured, Tonmoy, Roni, Mamun, Prince and Joydev were rushed to Amtali Upazila Health Complex and later referred to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

India to help construct new DU Kalabhaban MoU signed

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka University (DU) yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian High Commission in Bangladesh on construction of a new Kalabhaban for the Department of Theatre and Music.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Ranjan Chakravarty signed the MoU at a simple ceremony on the campus, a DU press release said.

As per the MoU, the Indian government agreed to extend supports to the construction of a new wing for Theatre and Music Department in the Faculty of Arts in Dhaka University.

The proposed wing will include classrooms for the students of the Music, Theatre and Drama, Library and computer rooms, design and makeup studio, and office space.

BFUJ demands arrest of attackers of journalists

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) yesterday condemned the attacks on journalists in Jessore.

In a statement, BFUJ President Ruhul Amin Gazi and Secretary General MA Aziz demanded immediate arrest of culprits involved in attacks and exemplary punishment to them for the sake of upholding freedom of the press, said a BFUJ press release.

The BFUJ leaders said staff reporter of Jessore-based Dainik Gramer Kagoj Faisal Islam, and Benapole correspondent of the daily Manabzamin and the Dainik Sangram Kazi Shahjahan Sabuj and Moshir Rahman had fallen prey to the attackers on Friday when they were returning homes after their professional duties.

GP distributes blankets in Rangamati

METRO DESK

Grameenphone Ltd distributed 2000 blankets among the poor people in Rangamati on Saturday, says a press release.

This is part of the GP's nationwide blanket distribution programme in worst affected areas in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions.

Grameenphone partner NGO and local government body provided support during the distribution.

Government and Grameenphone officials were present during the distribution programme. Teachers from local schools also voluntarily participated in the programme.



Untreated liquid wastage flows into the river Buriganga, contaminating its water. The picture was taken from Keraniganj yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Strong desire for change can lead to meaningful social reforms

Says Dr Kamal Hossain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-political organisations congratulated Bangladesh Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday on her being elected leader of the AL Parliamentary Party (ALPP) and Zillur Rahman as the deputy leader and nominee for presidency.

In separate statements, they hailed the historic victory of Awami League-led grand alliance in the 9th parliamentary elections on December 29 under the bold leadership of Hasina.

Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain at a standing committee meeting congratulated Awami League on its landslide victory in the general elections, says a press release.

The strong desire for a change in the minds of the

people reflected through the elections can lead to a meaningful social change, he added.

He further said that expectations of young generation for a modern future, women's desire for rights based on equity and strong public opinion to bring essential prices within the reach of the working class and low- and middle-class people built the foundation of this massive victory.

Leaders of the party Pankaj Bhattacharya, Mofizul Islam Khan Kamal, Subrata Chowdhury and Dr Mizanur Rahman took part in the programme.

Bangabandhu Sangkritik Jote, Jatiya Olama-Mashayekh Shamannay Parishad, TCB Employees' Union, Dakkhin Bangla Biplabi Ainjibi Shamannay Parishad Dhaka, Bangladesh Pustak Prakashak

O Bikreta Samity and ASM Rab also greeted the AL chief.

ACC sues ex-lawmaker Beltu

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed a case against former BNP lawmaker Shahiduzzaman Beltu in Jhenidah.

According to the case statement, Beltu submitted his wealth statement to the ACC in July 2008 through a lawyer. After investigation the ACC detected that he has concealed Tk 15,69,474.

ACC Sub-Assistant Director Md Wased Ali filed the case with Jhenidah Sadar Police Station at 9:00pm yesterday.

DU exams postponed

DU CORRESPONDENT

All examinations of Arts Building and Curzon Hall at Dhaka University (DU) have been postponed till January 7 due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Fresh dates for the postponed exams would be declared soon.

The time and date of previously scheduled examinations of other parts of the university would remain unchanged.

Besides, classes and offices of the university would remain closed on January 8 on the occasion of holy Ashura.

Children of FFs demand trial of war criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan, an organisation of the children of freedom fighters, yesterday demanded the government form a special tribunal immediately to try war criminals.

It also demanded restoration of the 1972 constitution, says a press release.

Speaking at a meeting at the organisation's temporary office at Bangla Motor, the leaders said it is clear that the entire nation wants the trial of the culprits.

They said International Crimes (Tribunal) Act formulated by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's government in 1973 gave the responsibility for trying war criminals to the country's government itself.

According to the law, the government can form one or a number of tribunals by issuing an official gazette anytime.

With President of the organization Md Humayun Kabir in the chair, the meeting was addressed by presidium member Md Emdadul Haque, Jobaida Haque Ajanta and General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam Nayan.

Keeping Mro in chains condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday condemned keeping Ranglai Mro, an indigenous community leader who fell seriously ill in Chittagong Central Jail, in chains even in the hospital.

Terming the act inhuman, they demanded removing the chains from his legs.

In the statement, Bangladesh Adivasi Odhikar Andolan General Secretary Mesbah Kamal said most of the corrupt people arrested by the caretaker government were freed on bail, but Ranglai did not get the bail although he was not guilty.

He urged the newly elected government to release the indigenous leader.

In a separate statement, Nagorik Uddyog also demanded his release and proper environment for treatment.

Apollo offers 4 new health screening packages

METRO DESK

Apollo Hospitals Dhaka introduced four new packages under its Master Health Check (MHC) services on January 1 -- Apollo Liver Screening, Apollo Screening for smokers, Apollo Thyroid Check, and Apollo DAP Screening (drugs with addiction potential), says a press release.

Apollo DAP Screening, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, is a convenient and all encompassing route to screen the people with history of alcoholic or other drug addiction. This includes tests for detecting presence and the level of drugs with addiction potential like cannabinoids, benzodiazepines, opiates, methamphetamine (commonly known as Yaba) and CDT in blood.

At present, the hospital has 12 health screening packages, which includes Apollo whole body check, Apollo heart check, Apollo diabetic check and Apollo common cancer screening. MHC services in Apollo Hospitals are available from 7:30am to 4:00pm daily except Friday.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Such traffic congestions are common phenomena in the city. The picture was taken from Shahbagh intersection yesterday.

SBMCH interns postpone strike

UNB, Barisal

The intern doctors of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) postponed their strike and joined duties yesterday morning 24 hours after the strike.

They went on the strike on Saturday morning to press their six-point demand that include ensuring security of physicians, improving health and sanitation condition, reducing number of visitors, preventing entry of male attendants in gynecology ward.

SM Ramiz, a leader of Intern Doctors' Association, said the strike was postponed as the authorities assured them of fulfilling the demands.

Mosaddek Hossain, director of SBMCH, said the interns called the strike after a female intern doctor lost her cellphone set at the gynecology ward Friday night.

Patients suffered a lot after the intern doctors enforced the strike, hospital sources said, adding that health services at SBMCH mainly depend on 120 interns.

MANIKDI FIRING Another succumbs to injuries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another man who was bullet-hit in indiscriminate firing at Manikdi in Dhaka Cantonment area on December 21 died on Saturday night with the death toll reaching four.

Identified as Khabir Uddin alias Kabir Hossain, 22, the victim died at the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) at around 8:00pm.

Two people killed on the spot

Indian goods seized in Jessore

BSS, Benapole

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday seized Indian goods worth around Tk 3.50 lakh from different areas under port police station in Jessore.

Sources said BDR personnel in several drives seized the Indian goods including Indian sarees and automobile spare parts.

were Ariful Alam, 30, a graphics analyst at a Banani firm, and Belayet Hossain alias Swapan, 25, while another injured Sayeed died on January 3 at DMCH.

The police suspected that an internal feud between two gangs of criminals might have led to the gun attack.

Local people said another person, Ayub Ali, was also injured in the attack, but he managed to escape the scene.

Sub-Inspector Zillur Rahman of Cantonment Police Station said those killed or injured were involved in criminal activities.

He, however, could not confirm whether it was a gun attack or a gunfight.

Cantonment police said three days after the incident, the case was shifted to the Detective Branch (DB) of Police.

Abul Kalam, father of Swapan, said his son was a mason and was never involved in any criminal activities.

Locals further said that Sayeed, Kabir and Ayub only took part in electioneering in the area, but they were not criminals.



PHOTO: GP

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