

# Ten killed, 27 injured in road accidents

METRO DESK

Ten people were killed and 27 others injured in separate road accidents in Comilla, Moulvibazar and Sirajganj yesterday.

UNB from Comilla adds: Four people, including two siblings, were killed and 20 others injured as a bus plunged into a roadside ditch at Amirabad Bazar in Daudkandi upazila in Comilla yesterday.

Police and witnesses said a passenger bus fell into the ditch at about 5:00pm as its driver lost control over the steering, killing four passengers on the spot.

The dead were identified as Jahangir Hossain and his brother Nasir Hossain, Mostafa Kamal and Alam Molla.

The injured were admitted to different hospitals and clinics.

Meanwhile, five people were killed and five others injured in separate road accidents in Moulvibazar yesterday.

A bus hit an auto-rickshaw at Amjhup on Kulaura-Rabirbazar road, leaving three auto-rickshaw passengers dead on the spot and five others injured.

The dead were identified as Jaigunnesa, 49, Salma Begum, 35 and Tajmin, 3, of Koula village of Kulaura upazila.

In another accident, two motorcyclists were killed on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Satgaon in Srimangol upazila yesterday.

Police said locals found the bodies of Chanchal Roy, 40, and Yadab Roy, 35, on the highway with their motorcycle which was badly damaged by any heavy vehicle.

On information, police recovered the bodies and sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports: A schoolboy was killed and two others were injured in a road accident on Bogra-Nagorbari road at Balshabari under Ullapara upazila in Sirajganj yesterday.

The dead was identified as Abdul Hai, 8, son of Alhaj Ali of Balshabari village and a class two student of a local primary school.

The injured were admitted to Ullapara upazila health complex.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at around 9:00am when a speeding bus hit their rickshaw from behind leaving Abdul Hai dead on the spot.

Following the accident, local people barricaded the road that hampered vehicle movement for an hour.

## Training for election observers held

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JANIPOP organised a training workshop for election observers at Manikganj Model High School in Manikganj on January 17, says a press release.

Prof Dr Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, chairman of JANIPOP, conducted the training.

In the workshop rules of the Election Commission, responsibilities of the observers and related issues were discussed.

A total of 30 participants took part in the workshop.

## Govt believes in free flow of information

Says foreign minister

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni yesterday said the government believes in democracy and free flow of information.

She made the remarks at a meeting with the newly elected executive committee of Diplomatic Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (DCAB) at foreign office.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Hasan Mahmud and Foreign Secretary Touhid

Hossain were also present on the occasion.

Dipu Moni assured of extending all possible assistance to DCAB in their professional pursuit while covering the Foreign Office and help arrange training programmes for journalists.

She also assured to hold briefings as and when required.

DCAB President Masud Karim, General Secretary Imran Alam and other executive committee members were present at the meeting.

## Sarkozy greets Hasina

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has greeted Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of office as the prime minister of Bangladesh.

In a letter of congratulation on Sunday, he described the last general election as a free and fair one, which is a testimony to the return of democracy.

"France and Bangladesh have been able to establish over the years relations stamped with friendship and confidence," he said.

President Sarkozy said Bangladesh plays an important role in the international arena and hoped that the existing relations between the two countries under her leadership would be more reinforced in the days to come.

The French president said Bangladesh has been facing the challenges of poverty alleviation, climate change issues and terrorism and assured French support to put an end to those problems.

## Nominees of Abu Zafar Obaidullah Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sixteen distinguished persons were nominated for the poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah Award 2009 in recognition of outstanding contribution in their respective fields, says a press release.

The nominees are -- Bangladesh Bank Deputy Governor Murshid Kuli Khan (Banking), country representative of the FAO Adv Spiker (Agriculture), scientist Dr MA Rahim (Science), Prof Col (ret'd) Dr Abdul Hai (Health Service), Asha International Chief Executive Enamul Haque (Microcredit), Khaled Bin Joenuddin and Tapankar Chakraborty (Child literature), Mustafa Habib (poetry), Pramath Barua and Alhaj Abdus Sattar Mian (Social Service), Alhaj Firoz Mukul (Education), Saiful Islam (Tree plantation), Motiar Rahaman (Fine Arts), Shah Noor (Photography), Hakim Abul Kashem (Herbal research) and Sufia Hafiz Mukta (Literature).

## Listed criminal dies in shootout with police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A listed criminal was killed during a shootout between his accomplices and policemen in Barisal Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The dead was identified as Alauddin, 38, of Choradi union of Bakerganj upazila of Barisal.

Commissioner Mohammad Akhbar Ali of Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP) said acting on a tip-off a team of police led by sub-inspector Anwar of Kotwali police station reached Shaheerhat-Chormonai road at Jatrakata area of Barisal sadar upazila where Alauddin and his gang were taking preparation to commit a crime.

Sensing police presence the criminals fired at the police team triggering a gunfight between police and the criminal gang, he said, adding that at one stage Alauddin was shot while his gang managed to escape the scene.

Alauddin succumbed to his bullet injuries on the way to



Fuler Mela, a children's organisation, stages a demonstration in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday protesting Israeli invasion of Gaza.

## Chandpur AL expels five

UNB, Chandpur

Awami League Haimchar Upazila unit on Saturday expelled three upazila chairman candidates and two vice chairman candidates from the party for violating party disciplines.

They are chairman candidates Kaikobad Chunnun Sarkar, Shahjahan Peda and M Kawser and vice chairman candidates Mujibur Rahman and Selina Begum.

The AL executive committee of the upazila took the decision at a meeting at its office on Saturday with upazila unit President Abdul Motaleb Jamadar in the chair.

District AL President Shamsul Haq Bhuiyan confirmed the expulsion and said the candidates have been expelled from the party as they are contesting the upcoming upazila election as 'rebel candidates' failing to get nomination from the party.

Local AL nominated Noor Hossain Patwary as chairman candidate from Haimchar upazila while Shaheed Hossain as vice-chairman and Nazma Begum as female vice-chairman candidate.

## SAUDI ROAD ACCIDENT Minister condoles death of seven Bangladeshis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday condoled the death of seven Bangladeshis in Saudi Arabia in a road accident.

Five more Bangladeshis were injured in the accident at Al Kashim, 650 kilometres off Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, on January 5, said an official handout.

The minister prayed for salvation of the departed souls and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved families.

He instructed Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Abdul Matin Chowdhury to make all arrangements to bring the dead bodies to the country.

The dead are Azimul Hossain, Mohammad Marik of Hobiganj village in Manikganj, Almas, son of Abdul Malek of

Dakatia village in Mymensingh, Farukul Islam, son of Ansar Uddin Ahmed of Char Jamalpur village in Manikganj, Shukur Mamud, son of Jasimuddin, of

Mollapara village in Tangail, Lokman, son of Ansar Ali of Nishchintapur village in Tangail, Mobarak Hossain, son of Mafiz Mia of Comilla and Enamul Hoque, son of

Abdul Jalil of Jagatdiar village in Mymensingh.

## Truck driver, helper stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A truck driver and his helper were stabbed to death by a gang of robbers at Balurghat in

the city's Kadamtali area yesterday.

The victims are truck driver Kabir Hossain, 32, and his helper Mizanur Rahman, 30.

Police said around 3:00am the gang of around 10-15 members hacked the two to death during loading sand to the truck.

Officer-in-charge (OC) Nur Hossain of Kadamtali Police Station said the robbers attacked the two as they tried to resist the robbery at a trowler on the Buriganga around 2:00am. After the killing the robbers fled by an engine boat.

OC Hossain said several gangs of robbers are reported to be committing robberies on vessels plying the river.

Police later sent the bodies to Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy.

## TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS Expats mobilise int'l opinion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi expatriates are maintaining contacts with different international organisations to create international opinion for trial of war criminals, reports ENA from USA.

International Campaign Against Genocide and War Crimes at a press conference on January 18 in New York said they are contacting different organisations so that no problem arises in trying war criminals.

They met with Human Rights Watch, Bangladesh Caucus in US congress others human rights officials in Geneva.

Chairman of the forum Dr Prodig Ranjan Kar presided over the press conference while member secretary Helal Mahmud gave the welcome speech.

They also condemned the Israeli genocide in Gaza.



Shujan President Prof Muzaffer Ahmad speaks at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the city yesterday. On his left is Syed Abul Maksud and on his right is Badiul Alam Majumder. Shujan organised the press conference. (Story on Page 1)

## Convicted Bogra Jubo Dal leader sent to jail after his surrender

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Local Jubo Dal leader Harunar Rashid Saju, a fugitive convict, surrendered to the court of additional chief judicial magistrate in Bogra yesterday and appealed for bail.

But the court rejected his bail prayer and sent him to jail.

Saju, who was convicted of snatching money from a cattle trader in 2006, had been on the run during the tenure of the caretaker government.

Saju, also a ward councillor, had also created a reign of terror in the town during the tenure of previous four-party alliance government.

## BCL declares JCD 'unwanted' on RU campus

RU CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists of Rajshahi University yesterday declared Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) 'unwanted' on the campus as JCD activists filed a case against five BCL men for beating up one of their activists.

BCL activists also staged a big showdown on the campus and hunt JCD men in front of police, creating panic among the general students.

Earlier, a group of BCL cadres severely beat up JCD Bangabandhu Hall unit joint convener Mir Khaled Ratul in front of the Folklore

Department, leaving him injured.

On Sunday night, Ratul with the help of Sher-e-Bangla Hall JCD convener Arafat Reza Asik filed the case against the BCL men with Motihar Police Station in this connection.

Later, police raided BCL controlled several students' messes near the campus but failed to arrest any one.

Assistant commissioner of police Jahangir Hossain told The Daily Star that police was trying to arrest the accused.

JCD leaders have urged the university authorities to ensure security of the JCD men on the campus.

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## Unesco Club flower show contest Feb 5

METRO DESK

The National Association of Unesco Clubs in Bangladesh will organise a 'Flower show competition' on February 5 in observance of the International Mother Language Day, says a press release.

Intending women participants have been requested to contact for entry to Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, secretary general, National Association of Unesco Clubs in Bangladesh, BANBEIS Bhaban, Palassy, Nilkhet, Dhaka by January 30.

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