

9 killed in road crashes

METRO DESK

Nine people were killed and 16 others injured in separate road accidents in Dinajpur, Gopalganj, Bogra, Naogaon and Chapainawabganj in the last two days.

Our correspondent in Dinajpur adds: A man was killed and three others injured in a road accident yesterday.

The accident occurred when a Naogaon-bound speeding passenger bus rammed a rickshaw van at 1:45pm at Puratan Bus Stand.

The dead was identified as Md Afaz Uddin 55.

The injured, identified as Md Abdul Mannan, Abu and Ronju, were rushed to Naogaon General Hospital in critical condition.

A correspondent in Gopalganj adds: An NGO official was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Barisal highway at Khanjapur village at Muksudpur yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as

Sirajul Islam, 48.

The accident occurred when a passenger bus knocked the motorcycle he was riding on.

Our staff correspondent in Bogra adds: Four people were killed and eight others injured in separate road accidents in Bogra in the last two days.

The dead were identified as truck driver Jinnah, 32, bus passenger Abdul Momin, 35, Polan, 33 and Noor Mohammad, 35.

Noor Mohammad was killed when a CNG-run autorickshaw hit him at Shukgachha in Sherpur early yesterday.

Jinnah, Abdul Momin and Polan were killed when a passenger bus collided head-on with a truck at Lichutola at Shahjahanpur upazila.

Among the injured, Abdus Salam, Ilim, Zillur Rahman, Shahidul and Khalilur Rahman were rushed to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

UNB adds: Two people were killed and four others injured in

separate road accidents in Naogaon in the last two days.

Police said an Atrai-bound bus hit three rickshaws one after another in the Old Bus Stand area of the town at about 2:00pm yesterday, killing a passenger on the spot and injuring three others.

The dead was identified as Apel Mandal, 65.

Injured Shafiqur Rahman, 20, Abdul Mannan, 40 and Aze, 25, were admitted to Sadar Hospital in a critical condition.

In another incident, Aminul Islam, 27, was killed on the spot when a sand-laden tractor overturned at Meserbar in the upazila at about 10:00pm on Saturday.

Mithun, 19, who was also injured during the incident, was rushed to Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

Our correspondent in Chapainawabganj reports: An elderly person was killed and a sub-inspector (SI) of Shibganj Police Station injured in separate road accidents in

Chapainawabganj on Saturday night.

The dead was identified as Abdul Zabbar, 60.

The accident occurred at around 7:00pm when a tractor crushed the victim under its wheels at Betbaria while Zabbar was going to Baroghoria Bazar from his residence.

Police have seized the tractor and arrested its driver Shahjamal.

In another accident at around 8:00pm, SI Siddiqur Rahman lost control over his motorcycle while trying to give side to an old man and injured himself on Chapainawabganj-Sona Masjid highway at Ranihati Bazar.

He was rushed to at Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital.

Books for Viqarunnisa school

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Mutual Trust Bank Limited donated 10,000 books on moral values for the school wing students of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, says a press release.

The books were distributed among the students at a simple ceremony at its auditorium recently.

Rokeya Akhter Begum, principal of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, chaired the ceremony and Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, deputy managing director of the bank, was present as the chief guest.

Md Hashem Chowdhury, senior executive vice-president of the bank, attended the function as special guest. Swapan Kumar Biswas, senior vice-president and Md Tauhidul Alam, assistant vice-president, were also present.



Participants at a book distribution ceremony held at Viqarunnisa Noon School and College auditorium in the city recently. Mutual Trust Bank Limited donated 10,000 books on moral values for the school students.



Students and teachers of Chittagong University (CU) take out a colourful procession in the port city yesterday as part of their three-day programmes to mark the Bangla New Year.

CHHATRA MOITRI CONFCE Call for uniform education policy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a conference yesterday called for uniform education policy to save the country from anational crisis.

They said the nation is now divided into different classes due to existence of different types of education system.

The two-day educational conference has been organised by Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri (Students Unity of Bangladesh) at the Teachers-Students Centre of Dhaka University.

The theme of the conference was "Resist, commercialisation, privatisation and commercialisation of education: Unite in establishing a pro-people education system in the country."

Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon MP inaugurated the conference by hoisting the national flag.

He said only a people-oriented education system can bring welfare for the nation.

Prof Syed Anwar Hussain presented the keynote paper at the conference highlighting the flaws of the existing education system in the country.

He said different academic curricula and methods are creating class conflict in the society.

"Education creates skilled manpower enhancing the wisdom of the society, but our existing system is taking the people backward instead of forward," he added.

Quoting clause 17 of the constitution he said people should not be deprived of their right to education which is now very apparent owing to different education systems.

He also urged the government to remove current administrative and academic anomalies in public education system.

Cultural personality Mamunur Rashid and eminent writer Selina Hossain were also present at the programme.

The speakers apprehended that a full-fledged education policy capable of serving the common people can be announced in three months' time.

They cautioned that if the government fails to formulate an ideal policy, students would not keep quiet and go for movement.

The inaugural session of the conference was followed by a colourful cultural function participated by the artistes of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Hrishi, and Aronyak Natya Dal.

AL factions clash in Munshiganj

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

At least five people were injured in a clash between two factions of Awami League (AL) centreing acceptance of a tender for leasing of a water body at Sadar upazila parishad auditorium in Munshiganj yesterday.

Witnesses said 26 people submitted tender documents in an open bidding for a water body at Sukhbaspur under Sadar upazila, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Raina Ahmed opened the bidding documents at 11:00am. Jubo League Rampal Union President Rashed Kabir Sohel won the bid as the

highest bidder.

Later, two groups of Awami League engaged in clash on the upazila parishad premises at one stage of altercation on the issue.

Witnesses said a group of Awami League beat Akkur Rahman of another group. Then Akkur's brother and their supporters came forward which culminated in clash.

Arifur Rahman, Akkur's elder brother, alleged that Kajal of Nayagaon and his supporters beat Akkur. But Kajal alleged that his rivals attacked them without any provocation.

Police arrested one Monir. No case was filed in this connection.

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