

10 killed in road crashes

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At least 10 people were killed and 20 others injured in separate road accidents in Gazipur, Savar, Chittagong, Bogra and Gaibandha yesterday.

UNB from Gazipur reports: Three friends riding on a motorcycle were killed in a road accident at Porabari in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Police said Rana, 25, and Kajal, 32, died on the spot as a covered van hit their motorcycle in the afternoon.

Another rider Motaleb, 31, injured in the accident succumbed to his injuries at Sadar Hospital.

Police later seized the covered van, but its driver managed to escape.

The three friends, who hailed from Dighirchala in Sadar upazila, met the accident while going to Masterbari for catching fish.

A report from Savar adds: A college student was

crushed under the wheels of a bus in C&B bus stand area on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar yesterday.

The dead was identified as Murad Hossain, an HSC examinee from Dhamrai Government College.

Witnesses said a bus ran over Murad near Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) at 12:00 noon when he was waiting for a bus to go to the college.

Police seized the bus but the driver and helper managed to flee.

As the death news spread, students of the college rushed to the spot and blocked the road for three hours from 1:00pm.

Later, local administration and police brought the situation under control.

Meanwhile, Two people were killed and 10 others injured as a bus hit a tempo at Badamtali under Chandanaish upazila in Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Nurul Haque, 45,

and Alamghir, 25, of Elahabad village in the upazila.

Police and witnesses said the bus hit the tempo as its driver lost his control over the steering at about 1:00pm, leaving two tempo passengers dead on the spot and 10 others injured.

A van-puller and a pedestrian were also injured in the accident.

The injured were admitted to local upazila health complex and clinics.

However, the bus driver and helper managed to flee the scene.

Police sent the bodies to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Another report from Bogra adds: Two people were killed and two others injured in a road crash on Bogra-Rangpur highway at Thengamara in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The identity of the deceased could not be known immediately.

Police said the accident

occurred at around 3:00am when a Dhaka-bound cow-laden truck from Rangpur plunged into a roadside ditch hitting an electric pole, killing two cattle traders and five cows on the spot.

The two injured cattle traders were rushed to Bogra Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hospital.

Police sent the bodies to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Our correspondent from Gaibandha adds: Two people were killed and eight others injured as a tempo and truck collided head-on on Bogra-Rangpur highway at Kalitola yesterday.

Highway police said the accident occurred when a tempo with passengers on board was going to Gobindaganj, leaving tempo passengers Abu Sayeed Khandker, 60, and Abdur Rashid, 49, dead on the spot and eight others injured.

Truck driver and helper managed to flee.



Proshika staffs stage a sit-in in front of the main gate of the head office at Mirpur in the city yesterday as Dr Kazi Faruque Ahmed, former chairman of the NGO, was supposed to visit the office.



Participants of the 'Training of Trainers on Business Journalism' pose with resource persons Martin Mulligan, Robert Powell and Farid Hossain at CCDB Hope Centre in Savar yesterday

Training of business journalism trainers ends

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A core group of trainers on business journalism has been developed under a non-government initiative aiming at long-term capacity development of the media houses, says a press release.

The initiative took final shape yesterday as a 10-day training of trainers concluded in two phases at CCDB Hope Centre in Savar yesterday.

The Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) organised the training under a project titled 'Training of Trainers on Business Journalism', supported by Katalyst.

A total of 15 business/economic reporters from the print and electronic media took part in the training. They will act as in-house trainers to train up their colleagues.

The prospective trainers were imparted practical knowledge to make them able to train others on writing stock market reports, enhancing accountancy skills for better financial reporting, analysing financial statements of companies, doing research for business and SME reports and all other major aspects relating to business journalism.

Earlier in the first phase, a weeklong course was held in August using the training modules developed by senior journalists Moazzem Hossain, editor of The Financial Express, and Farid Hossain, bureau chief, Associated Press (AP), Bangladesh along with Martin Mulligan, senior sub-editor and writer, Financial Times, UK and Robert Powell, financial journalist, BBC World Service Trust, UK.

Apart from the training module development team, local resource persons including renowned journalists, business leaders, company representatives, academics, economists, stock exchange analysts, chartered accountants, investment analysts and researchers conducted the course.

Plan to develop Cox's Bazar, Kuakata as tourist spots of global standards

BSS, Dhaka

Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism GM Qader yesterday said the government is preparing two separate master plans for Cox's Bazar and Kuakata to develop them as highly attractive tourist spots of global standards.

Qader said this while presiding over an inter-ministerial meeting to review the progress of preparing master plans for the two locations to build those as global standard tourist destinations. He asked the authorities concerned to quickly formulate the plans.

He said the government has decided to set up Cox's Bazar Development Authority

and upgrade Kuakata into a municipality as part of its plan to refurbish the locations with all tourist facilities.

The minister asked the authorities that care should be taken in preparing the plans to add new infrastructures and other facilities to both the spots without disturbing the natural beauty and local resources.

They should add more natural beauty in those areas, promote good communication network, hotels, restaurants and other entertainment facilities and sports outlets, including venues for international cricket.

Modern shopping malls and security arrangements should be at the centre of

such plans, he said, adding that the government is giving top priority to development of tourism and the master plans are being prepared accordingly.

Acting secretary of the ministry Shafique Al-Mehdi, Forest and Environment Ministry Secretary Dr Mihir Kanti Majumder, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Chairman M Hemayet Uddin Talukder attended the meeting.

Representatives of the ministry of public works and housing, ministry of land, communications, cultural affairs, urban development authority, district administration of Cox's Bazar and Patuakhali and project directors of both the plans were present.

Non-formal education to eradicate illiteracy stressed

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Training officials to undertake an effective non-formal education programme through proper analysis of policy guideline will ultimately help eradicate illiteracy from the country once for all, speakers said at a seminar yesterday.

They also said that the government is determined to eradicate illiteracy from Bangladesh by the year 2014.

They were speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a five-day seminar to improve the skills of non-formal education officials in analysis of policy guideline at Tejgaon Non-

formal Education Bureau auditorium in the city.

They further said the necessity of skilled analysts is immense in this sub-sector to build an institutional base of non-formal education.

The Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Non-formal Education Bureau, UNESCO and Sector for International Education and Development of Dhaka Ahsania Mission are jointly organising the seminar.

A total of 25 participants are participating at the seminar.

Of them, three are from primary and mass education ministry, 17 from non-formal

education bureau, five each from DORP, RIK, PIATC Bangladesh, ERAB and Prottya Sangstha.

Director General of Non-formal Education Bureau Rezaul Kader presided over the seminar while acting secretary of primary and mass education ministry Abu Alam Md Shahid Khan was present as the chief guest.

UNESCO Bangladesh Representative Malama Meleisea was present as special guest while Mission Executive Director M Ehsanur Rahman and UNESCO National Programme Officer Abdur Rafique also spoke.



Adviser to the Prime Minister Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique speaks at the launching of BBA programme and inauguration of Academic Year-2010 of the Faculty of Business Studies, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) at MIST Tower Building in the city's Mirpur Cantonment yesterday.

BBA programme of BUP launched

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The responsibility of the students is to prepare themselves through higher education and contribute to the nation from their respective position, Adviser to the Prime Minister Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique said yesterday.

He also advised the students to be open-minded and creative in their thought process.

He was speaking at the launching of BBA programme and inauguration of Academic Year-2010 of the Faculty of Business Studies, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) at MIST Tower Building in the city's Mirpur Cantonment as the chief guest.

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