Two killed in road crash | Star Campus

UNB, Chittagong

Two people were killed and five others injured in a road accident at Sonapahar in Mirsarai yesterday.

The identities of the dead could not be known.

Police said a truck collided with a bus on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at about 5:30pm and then rammed into a taxicab. "Two passengers of the taxicab died instantly," said a witness.



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Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project and Star Campus, a weekly supplement of The Daily Star, jointly organise a training session on primary eye care at a conference centre in the city yesterday.

With a view to raising aware-

ness to eradicate avoidable

blindness and prevent com-

mon eye diseases, Dhaka

Urban Comprehensive Eye

Care Project (DUCECP) and

Star Campus, a weekly supple-

ment of The Daily Star, jointly

organised a training session

on primary eye care at a city

team members from Star

Campus were present at the

programme to gain knowl-

edge and exchange their views

on avoidable blindness and

ways to keep eyes healthy, says

eliminate the treatable cause

of blindness (such as cata-

ract) and ensure other pri-

mary eye care services like

refractive error, low vision in

Dhaka city at minimum to

urban poor, the project has

already established a link

with the community-based

organisations (CBOs) pro-

viding primary healthcare

services within the project

area and other government

and NGO health service

providers to ensure greater

utilisation of static eye

health facilities throughout

said that awareness on pri-

mary eye care is extremely low

in the community and many

people become blind simply because of not knowing the

fact that there is a free to mini-

forward to fill the gap and aid DUCEC project's awareness

campaign. Participants of the

training session vowed to

disseminate the relevant

information among commu-

ract, dacryocystitis (Infection

of the lacrimal gland) and

other treatment (specially

spectacles) for refractive error

is given free of cost for extreme

poor. Since its beginning in

October 2008, 9500 people

have got their sight restored

after successful cataract sur-

mostly by the Standard

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The project is funded

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The speakers at the training

Specially designed for the

DUCECP has set a target to

a press release.

free of cost.

the city.

University students and

conference centre yesterday.

Training on Call to stamp out primary eye fundamentalism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Sampradayikata -Jangibad Birodhi Mancha, a platform against communalism, yesterday urged countrymen to uproot fundamentalism and Islamist militancy from the country.

Addressing a public gathering at Muktangan in the capital, they demanded ban on religion-based politics, reinstatement of the constitution of 1972 and immediate trail of the war criminals.

It would create avenues of socio-economic growth for the country, they pointed out.

The speakers warned that the recent killing in Rajshahi University by Shibir and the atrocities in Chittagong Hill Tracts are linked together. It is actually a manifestation that the fundamentalist forces are very much active and they are hatching conspiracy to unsettle the state. They also demanded imme-

diate trial of the people respon-sible for Ramna Botomul and Udichi bomb blasts.

Lawmaker Mahbubul Alam Hanif, joint general secretary of Bangladesh Awami League (AL), said fundamentalism and Islamic militancy were backed by two political par-

care held METRO DESK ties, BNP and Jamat.

Lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha said even though they are no longer in power they are still conspiring. Mentioning recent atrocities by Shibir in Rajshahi University he said, these are manifestation of such conspiracy. He warned Jamat-BNP that any effort to spoil the recent democratic movement would be confronted.

Ajoy Roy, coordinator of the platform, said if these forces cannot be uprooted the country awaits another disaster.

Pankaj Bhattacharya, presidium member of Gono Forum, Rokeya Kabir, executive director of Nari Pragati Sangha, Mahmuda Imam, executive director of Karmojibi Nari, Mukul Chowdhury, vice president of AL Dhaka Committee, Lelin Chowdhury, general secretary of Kendriya Khelaghar, Ziauddin Tareq Ali, vice president of Sammilita Samajik Andolon, Dr Nur Mohammad Talukdar, general secretary of Bangladesh College-University Teachers' Association, Atiur Rahman, joint general secretary of Bangladesh Teachers' Association, also spoke.



Deputy Commissioner of Narayanganj Shamsur Rahman hands over the 10th Hossain Jamal Memorial Award to Palan Sarker at an award giving ceremony at Sudhijan Pathagar, a public library in Narayanganj, on Friday.



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Max Healthcare, India's leading healthcare provider, launched its first information and facilitation centre in Bangladesh at a programme at Gulshan in the city yesterday. From left are Nawsher Ally, Bangladesh correspondent, Hari Boolchandani, head of international patient services at Max Healthcare, and Vipul Jain, CEO of Mirage Medserv Private Limited.

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steps have been taken to launch double shifts in the city's quality government high schools in the

BSS, Rajshahi

Mayor of Rajshahi AHM Khairuzzaman Liton has said coming year to ease admission

Rajshahi City Corporation is also going to start five educational institutes with quality teachers and the number of institutions would be increased

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in phases, he said.

in Rajshahi from next year

Mayor Liton said this while addressing the SEF Foundation Scholarship-2009 distribution ceremony hosted by Shaheen Education Family at Zila Parishad Auditorium as the chiefguest.

Double shifts in some govt schools

Liton said the RCC has also a plan to launch English medium school in addition to the Bangla medium in the city so that students can cope with the tough competition at home and

abroad.

He also said that many educated people are not interested to go abroad due to their weakness in English.

Chairman of the Foundation Masudul Amin Shaheen presided over the ceremony. Industrialist Monzur Faruque Chowdhury and Principal of Bangabandhu Degree College Sheikh Lutfor Rahman Babu also spoke.

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Consumer Rights Day on Monday

UNB, Dhaka

The World Consumer Rights Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe on Monday with a view to promoting basic rights of all consumers.

This year's theme for the day is 'Our Money Our Rights'.

The day was celebrated in 1983 for the first time in the world history. World Consumer Rights Day is an annual occasion to celebrate and express solidarity towards international consumer movement.

Bangladesh Kreta-Vokta Adhikar Sanrakshan Foundation has chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

The foundation will arrange a colorful procession, which will start at 11:00 am from the Jatiya Press Club premises and end at Muktangan.

A discussion will also be held at 5:00pm at the Jatiya Press Club.





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