

# 6 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

At least six people were killed and nine others injured in separate road accidents in Gazipur, Bogra, Meherpur and Brahmanbaria yesterday.

UNB from Gazipur says: Two workers of Standard Garments were killed and six others injured in a head-on collision between a truck and a microbus on Dhaka-Tangail Highway at Chandra in Kaliakoir upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Hasina, 24 and Lipi, 25, hailed from Kapur in Sirajganj. Police said, the accident occurred at about 8:00am when a truck collided head-on with a Sirajganj-bound microbus, carrying eight garment workers, leaving two of them dead on the spot and injuring others.

The injured were rushed to a local hospital.

Staff correspondent from Bogra reports: At least two people were killed in a road accident on Bogra-Shantahar highway near Paota level crossing area in the district.

The deceased were identified as Abdur Rob, 45, and his mother Achhia Begum, 65.

Police said the accident occurred when Rob along with his mother Achhia was travelling in a Naogaon-bound car from Dhaka. Driver of the car lost his control over the steering and fell into a ditch near an under-construction bridge in Paota level crossing area at around 12:00 midnight yesterday, killing them on the spot.

Our correspondent from Jhenidah reports: An Awami League leader was killed in a road accident in front of the Meherpur police super office yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shamsujah, 50, son of Mohammad Ali and general secretary of Meherpur pourasava ward No-7 Awami League.

Witnesses said the accident occurred a mango-laden truck hit Shamsujah from behind while he was walking along the Wapda road at around 8:30am, leaving him dead on the spot.

Local alleged that a helper was driving the truck.

Officer-in-charge (OC) Jihad Hossain of Meherpur Sadar police station said the body has been sent to Meherpur Sadar

Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Police seized the truck but its driver and helper managed to flee.

Our correspondent from Brahmanbaria adds: One passerby was killed and three others were injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Budhmti village under Bijoynagar Upazila in the district yesterday.

The dead was identified only as a fisherman, 45.

Witnesses and police said a speeding truck knocked two fishermen and two madrasa students from behind while they were standing on the highway and fell into wayside ditch.

One fisherman died on the spot and another unidentified fisherman aged about 25 and tow madrasa students Abed, 16, and Monir, 16, were injured seriously.

The injured were rushed to Brahmanbaria Modern Hospital in critical condition.

The driver and helper of the truck managed to escape.

The body was sent to Brahmanbaria Modern Hospital for autopsy.

# Turkish Hope School award ceremony held

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The 'Year End Award Ceremony' of International Turkish Hope School was held at Shilpakala Academy Auditorium in the city on Saturday, says a press release.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Md Motahar Hossain attended the ceremony as the guest of honour and University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam and Honorary Consul General of Turkey Salahuddin Kasem Khan were present as the chief and special guests respectively.

Bayram Saatci, principal of the school, delivered the welcome speech.

In his speech, State Minister Motahar Hossain called on the school authorities to establish more schools in divisional cities and the other districts to provide better education.

Later, State Minister Motahar Hossain and Prof Nazrul Islam gave away awards to the students who achieved excellent results in GCE O & A level examinations and won medals in International science and computer Olympiads in Georgia and Turkey, in the 7th International Turkish Language Olympiad in Turkey and in the First Biochemistry Olympiad organised by Dhaka University.

The teachers behind all these achievements were also awarded a plaque of appreciation.

Saidur Rahman, representative of Edexcel in Bangladesh, Genec Agacikoglu, third secretary of Turkish Embassy, Olcay Karatas, administrative attaché of Turkish Embassy, Sami Jamil A Al-Hindi, deputy head of mission (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia), Ghazy M H Al-Osaimi, assistant military attaché (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia), Hikmet Mesut Turkeven, country manager of Turkish Airlines, and Mohammad Zainal, country manager of Gulf Air, attended the ceremony.



State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Md Motahar Hossain gives away awards to students of International Turkish Hope School at an award ceremony at Shilpakala Academy Auditorium in the city on Saturday.



Winners of a quiz competition on climate change pose with State Minister for Environment and Forest Hasan Mahmud, Rahimafrooz Group Director Niaz Rahim, Rahimafrooz Managing Director Munawar M Moin, RSF Executive Director Md Ruhul Quddus and other guests at the award giving ceremony at Mirpur Indoor Stadium in the city on Saturday.

# NIMTOLI FIRE Fair probe demanded

UNB, Dhaka

Hundreds of people from all strata yesterday formed a human chain in the city demanding a fair investigation into the Nimtoli fire and immediate punishment to the persons responsible for the fire.

Acid Survivors Foundation, a human rights organisation, organised the human chain in front of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the morning.

During the human chain program, speakers said use of acid and chemical in the country has been increasing day by day because of non-

implementation of the Acid Control Act 2002 and casualties caused by acid is also increasing gradually.

Recalling the Borichang incident of Comilla that occurred in November 6 in 2008, they said at least 18 people were killed by acid in a road mishap due to unsafe carrying of acid and government did not take any steps to stop unsafe use and carrying of acid and other dangerous chemical.

They also urged the government to take measures for creating awareness among the people to reduce risky use of acid and chemical.

# RSF QUIZ CONTEST 450 students awarded

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The award giving ceremony of a quiz competition on climate change, renewable energy and 3R (reduce, reuse & recycle) issues was held at Mirpur Indoor Stadium in the city on Saturday.

Rural Services Foundation (RSF), an initiative of Rahimafrooz (Bangladesh) Limited, organised the contest to celebrate the World Environment Day as part of its social responsibility.

Like in the previous years, the quiz competition was held in 30 upazilas for the students of SSC/equivalent students.

A total of 450 winners received cash prize, crests and certificates at "RSF

Poribesh Utsav 2010". The programme was aimed to encourage the students to increase their knowledge on environment as well as to make them conscious about climate change.

State Minister for Environment and Forests Hasan Mahmud attended the award giving ceremony as the special guest.

Niaz Rahim, chairman of RSF and group director, Rahimafrooz (Bangladesh) Limited, gave a welcome address.

Dildar Ahmed Taufiq, head of programme (Finance and Administration), GTZ-SED, and Islam Sharif, executive director and CEO of IDCOL, were also present.

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# 3 confectioneries fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court led by a Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) executive magistrate yesterday fined three confectioneries Tk 1,65,000 in city's Khilgaon and Bashabo area during a drive for producing substandard foods, says a press release.

The court also filed case against them on charge of producing and selling substandard foods.

The New B-Baria Bakery and Confectionery at East Bashabo was fined Tk 80,000, Asfian Bread and Confectionery at Dakkhin Para Pradhan Sharak in Khilgaon Tk 55,000 and Konika Bread and Biscuits factory at Nandipara in Khilgaon Tk 30,000.

They were fined for producing and selling biscuit, bread and cake without licence from Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI); producing foods in unhygienic condition with fake trademarks and using concentrated sugar.

# KCC ward by-polls June 29

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The by-election to the post of councillor at ward No. 24 of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) will be held on June 29.

The post fell vacant following the murder of ward councillor Shahid Iqbal Bithar who was gunned down at midnight on May 11 last year in front of his residence at Musalmanpara.

The deputy election commissioner in charge of Khulna division announced the election schedule on Sunday. The last date for submitting nomination papers is June 13.

Nomination papers will be scrutinised on June 14 and the date for withdrawal of nomination papers is June 16.

Meanwhile, Runu Iqbal, wife of slain ward councillor Bithar, has demanded that the charge sheet in the murder case be submitted before the by-election.

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