

Seven die in road crashes

METRO DESK

At least seven people were killed in separate road accidents in Sirajganj and Narayanganj yesterday.

A correspondent from Sirajganj reports: At least four people were killed and three others injured in separate road accidents in the district yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Sourav, 6, and Nipa, 5, of Haydarpur village, Altaf Hossain, 35, of Bagbari village under Kamarkhand upazila and Sohel, 28, of Sadar upazila.

Police said an accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound covered-van of Korotoa service collided head-on with a passenger bus in Baalukole area.

Nuru Mia along with his family members was going to attend the janaza of his relative by the bus from Koddarmore area.

Locals rushed the severely injured Nuru, his wife Sokhina Khatun, their son Sourav, daughter Nipa and his brother Sanwar to Sirajganj General Hospital.

Sourav and Nipa succumbed to their injuries at the hospital while the others are undergoing treatment.

Of the injured, Sakhina's condition was stated to be critical.

Meanwhile, a passerby was killed in Bagbari area near Jamuna bridge west connecting road when an autorickshaw hit him while he was crossing the road.

The deceased was identified as Altaf Hossain.

Altaf succumbed to his injuries in Sirajganj General Hospital.

In another incident, a man was killed when a speedy truck ran over him at Chandidasgati in the district.

The victim was identified as Sohel.

He was rushed to Sirajganj Hospital from where he was shifted to Dhaka. He died in the evening.

A correspondent from Narayanganj adds: A college student was killed when a truck turned upside down and hit her at Vitekandi under Sonargaon upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Salma Akhtar Shila, 22, daughter of Salaudun Mia of Vitekandi village in the district.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Ajay Pal of Sonargaon police station said the accident occurred at around 10:30am yesterday when Salma was waiting for a bus at Vitekandi bus stand. A goods-laden truck hit her while it was trying to give side to a pick-up van coming from the opposite direction, leaving her dead on the spot.

Another report says: At least two people were killed and two others injured in a head-on collision between a microbus and a truck in the Tarabo Poursova area under Rupganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as microbus driver Mosharraf Hossain, 27, and its passenger Swapna Akhtar, 22.

Officer-in-Charge Forkan Shikder of Rupganj police station said the accident occurred at around 11:45pm on Tuesday.

The injured were admitted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.



A huge tailback forms on the road in the High Court area yesterday, as the BNP stages a sit-in on the premises of Engineers Institution, Bangladesh nearby to protest the 'government interference in the judiciary'. (Story on Page-1)

PHOTO: STAR

Dhaka for concerted efforts against terrorism

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni has reiterated that Bangladesh denounces terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and urged Asian and European states for making concerted efforts against terrorism.

Addressing the 3rd Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) in Istanbul of Turkey, she also stressed on the necessity of addressing root causes of terrorism, according to a message received here yesterday.

The foreign minister, who addressed the summit on Tuesday, mentioned that Bangladesh firmly believes in harmonious coexistence of the nations and peaceful resolution of all disputes.

She added that Bangladesh strongly cherishes the concept of 'friendship to all malice to none' and the initiative of the CICA conference is well in line with this value, which 'we hold so close to our heart.'

Dipu Moni strongly condemned the barbaric attack on the flotilla carrying humanitar-

ian support for the people of Gaza. She strongly emphasised the need for peaceful and sustainable resolution of the

Middle East crisis.

The Bangladesh foreign minister urged the CICA member states to engage in address-

ing pressing issues like climate change, education, poverty eradication, social and gender justice and women empowerment in Asia.

Mentioning Bangladesh's role in global peace and security, the foreign minister expressed her support to establish nuclear-weapons-free zone in various regions of the world.

SIDELINES MEETING
At the sidelines of the summit, Dipu Moni called on the vice-president of Vietnam, met the foreign ministers of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Jordan, Turkey and the Special Envoy of Japan.

During meeting with Nguyen Thi Doan, vice-president of Vietnam, the Bangladesh foreign minister mentioned that frequent political interactions and people to people contact are imperative for strengthening bilateral relations between two friendly countries.

In a meeting, Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, foreign minister of the UAE, invited his Bangladeshi counterpart to visit the UAE soon. Nahyan also informed that the UAE is seriously considering investing in the Bangladesh's energy sector.

On her meeting with Yutaka Imura, special envoy of the Japanese prime minister, Dipu Moni thanked Japan for their continued support to the development activities in

Bangladesh.

Dipu Moni had a bilateral meeting with her Turkish counterpart Ahmet Davutoglu on Tuesday. Thanking Turkey for hosting the CICA summit, she said Turkey's role in catalyzing international peace and stability as well as dialogue among the nations for confidence building is highly laudable.

Mentioning Turkish President Abdullah Gul's recent visit to Bangladesh, the foreign minister termed it a breakthrough in context of political and trade relations.

She hoped that the trade volume between Bangladesh and Turkey will go beyond \$800 million by December 2010. Both the ministers agreed to continue to work for strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries.

The CICA is a multinational forum for enhancing co-operation and promoting peace, security and stability in Asia.

It has 20 members -- Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Palestine, South Korea, Russia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, the UAE and Uzbekistan.

The UN, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the League of Arab States, Qatar, Malaysia, Japan, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh are observers of the forum.



PHOTO: FOREIGN MINISTRY

Turkish President Abdullah Gul receives Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni at the Giragan Palace in Istanbul on Tuesday.

'Come forward to help street children'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Announcing her decision to take whole education responsibility of a street child, lawmaker Tarana Halim said if every well-off family comes forward with such support, no children would have to reside on streets.

Apart from the government efforts, people from the privileged groups of the society should do something meaningful for such children, said Tarana, a cultural and human rights activist.

She was speaking at a seminar on 'Situation of street children in Dhaka city and way forward'

organised at the Cirdap auditorium in the city by Population Services and Training Centre (PSTC) in association with Plan Bangladesh.

The government has a number of successes in the implementation of child rights, yet it has miles to go to create a perfect atmosphere for the children to grow up, said Tarana, a deputy of the governing Awami League.

Milon Bikash Paul, executive director of the PSTC, presented a keynote speech at the seminar. Referring to the statistics of the Department of Social Services, he said some 335,000 children live on streets in the Dhaka city alone.

Chehlam of Late Farhad Bin Mannan
Director, Phoenix Insurance Company Ltd
on Friday, June 11, 2010



Chehlam of Late Farhad Bin Mannan, the Director of Phoenix Insurance Company Ltd, will be held on Friday 11 June, 2010 post Asr Prayer. He was the only son of Late Maj. Gen. Abdul Mannan Siddiqui (Retd.). He died on May 7, 2010 at his residence. On the occasion of Chehlam of the deceased, special prayers and Milad will be offered at his residence. Well wishers and relatives are requested to attend the program and pray for the eternal salvation of the departed soul.

On behalf of the family,
Dr. Maliha Mannan

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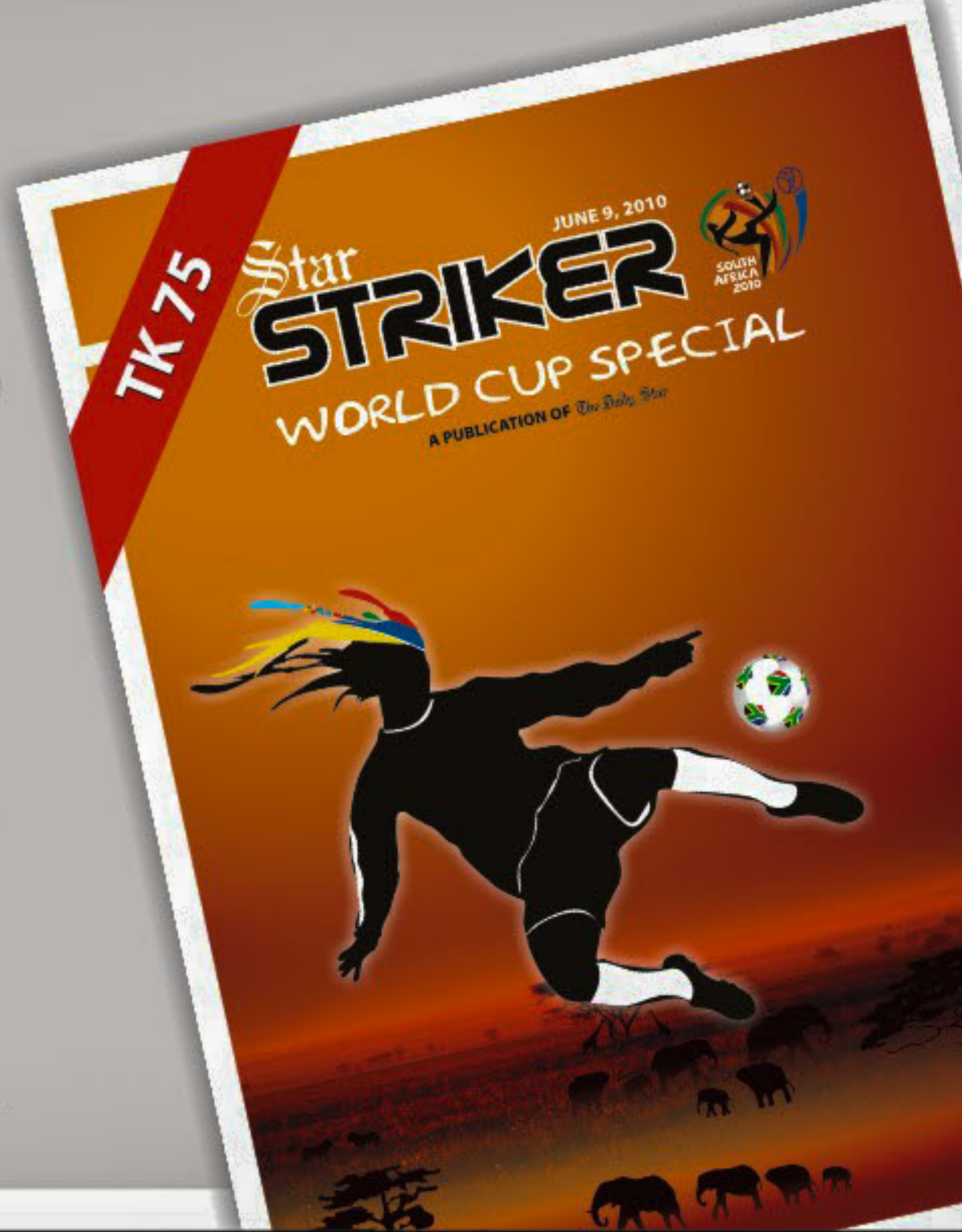
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