

# Eight killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

At least eight people were killed and eight others injured in separate road accidents yesterday and on Sunday.

Staff correspondent reports: A marblestone loaded truck skidded and overturned while making way for a CNG-run auto rickshaw in the city's Turag area killing four workers and leaving six others injured when the driver lost control of the vehicle yesterday morning.

The dead were identified as Akhter Hossain, 26, Sirajuddin, 45, Al Amin, 20, and Jafar Ullah, 18. The six injured, including the driver and helper of the truck, were sent to different hospitals and could not be identified.

The truck was seized and a case filed with the Turag Police Station.

Our Jhenidah correspondent says: An 11-year-old, identified as Sohan, son of Abdur Rashid of Fatehpur, was killed in a tragic accident on Monday, Sohan, a student of class five in Fatehpur Dakhil Madrasa, was run over by a Jibon Nagar-bound speeding bus while cycling to Khalishpur Bazar.

Students of Ziaur Rahman College blocked the Jibon Nagar- Kaliganj road in protest of

Sohan's death. Later, the police removed the blockade and sent Sohan's body to the Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue.

Our correspondent from Dinajpur adds: One person was killed and two injured when a Dinajpur-bound passenger bus hit their motorcycle.

The deceased was identified as Suja Ur Rahman Suja, 25, son of Md Abdul Hossain of Fazirpara, Dinajpur. The injured were taken to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent adds: A woman identified as Begum, 50, wife of Rabiul Hossain of Kumerpukur of Thakurgaon Sadar, was killed after being hit by a Thakurgaon-bound truck at Bhulli Bazar on the Thakurgaon-Panchagarh Highway at around 5:00pm Sunday.

She was rushed to the Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries at about 9:00am yesterday.

A case was filed with the Thakurgaon Police Station in this regard.

BSS from Manikganj reports: Dhala Mia, 65, of Dhankara village was killed when his motorcycle was hit by a bus near Golara bus stand in Satura yesterday. Police sent the body to a local hospital morgue for autopsy.

## WAR CRIMES IN '71 Punishment of Jamaat leaders demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Islamic Revolutionary Movement (BIRM) yesterday demanded exemption punishment of Jamaat leaders for their involvement in war crimes during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

The demand came when BIRM Founding Chairman Shamsul Haque Jahedi was addressing a press conference at Bangladesh Crime Reporters' Association.

Shamsul termed Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami an agent of anti-Islamic group.

He said Jamaat leaders should go punished because they had committed hateful crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

BIRM chairman said he was preparing to lodge a case with a Comilla court against the collaborators who help the then Pakistani army kill 17 people of Atakra, Boskra, Tarashail and Komardoga village of the district.

He urged the government to bring the Biharis to trial, who took part in killings during the 1971 war.

## AUW team meets DU VC

DU CORRESPONDENT

A delegation of teachers from Asian University for Women (AUW), Chittagong met Dhaka University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique at his official residence yesterday, says a press release.

Dr Georgia Guldan led the delegation that included Deputy Director Md Rafiqul Islam, Dr ANM Moinul Islam, Dr Shahira Majumder, Dr Yan Gao, Dr Joanne Janssen and Dr Meghan Anne Neff Simpson.

During the meeting, the delegation members discussed the possibilities of academic collaboration between DU and AUW. They also sought cooperation from DU to run the newly established university.

Prof Arefin assured the AUW delegation of all possible cooperation.

## Jamaat MP Azad gets bail in three cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted anticipatory bail for four months to Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Hamidur Rahman Azad in three cases filed against him on charge of obstructing police in discharging their duties.

An HC bench of Justice Afzal Hossain Ahmed and Justice MA Hafiz also issued three separate rules upon the government to explain within three weeks why Azad should not be granted regular bail in the cases.

The bench gave the order following three petitions filed by the Jamaat lawyer.

Azad, also the party's Dhaka city unit general secretary, appeared before the HC bench for bail in the cases.

Paltan police filed these cases against the Jamaat leader on June 20, 30 and July 3 this year for obstructing police in discharging their duties at different times.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed appeared for the petitioner.



Alleged mutineers of Sadar Rifle Battalion in the BDR mutiny case are being produced before the BDR Special Court-6 at Pilkhana in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

## IRRI CHIEF CALLS ON FM Food security, climate discussed

UNB, Dhaka

Dr Robert Zeigler, director general of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), called on Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni at the foreign ministry in the city yesterday.

During the meeting they discussed the issues of global concern like food security, climate change and disaster management.

Dipu Moni thanked Dr Zeigler for IRRI's continuous support to Bangladesh in enhancing the food production. She

also expressed hoped that IRRI would continue its efforts to maintain food security of the least developed countries.

She said her government has adopted the National Agriculture Policy and undertaken various effective measures to achieve the food security.

The main objectives of these measures are to reduce the price of fertiliser to an affordable cost for the cultivator, facilitate irrigation through lowering the price of diesel; ensure timely supply of quality seeds and provide incentives to

agricultural products to ensure fair price, she said.

The foreign minister said Bangladesh is paying due importance to upgrade the conventional technology in the area of agriculture and extending the scope of ICT for disseminating information in the agriculture sector.

They also discussed the negative impacts of climate change including uncertainties with rainfall, flash and stagnant floods, cyclones and salinity that have drastically affected the production of crops in Bangladesh.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding immediate trial of the war criminals.

## Try war criminals: BMA

STAFF REPORTER

Leaders of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) at a meeting at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) yesterday urged the government for immediate trial of war criminals.

BMA leaders said it is impossible to establish a prosperous, non-communal and democratic Bangladesh without bringing the anti-liberation forces to book.

"People of the country want speedy trial of the war criminals and we hope the government will complete the trial process immediately," said Mahmud Hasan, president of BMA adding that they would strengthen the movement to eliminate

the war criminals from the country.

Speakers said the military government, after the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, rehabilitated the collaborators, who are conspiring to establish fundamentalism and anarchy in the country.

"Our souls will be at rest only after the trial of the nation's silent but active enemies, the war criminals," said Pran Gopal Datta, vice chancellor of BSMMU.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammad Shahidullah and Treasurer Moazzem Hossain also spoke at the programme.

BMA later brought out a procession from the BSMMU, which paraded different streets of the city and ended at Jatiya Press Club.



PHOTO: DU

A delegation of teachers from Asian University for Women, Chittagong poses for photograph with Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique at his official residence on the campus yesterday.

## ECNEC MEETS TODAY

# Tk 59cr Ctg flyover may get nod

UNB, Dhaka

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) meets today to consider five development projects, including construction of a flyover in Chittagong.

Ecneec Chairperson and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will preside over the second Ecneec meeting of the current fiscal year.

According to the project proposal, the

flyover will be constructed at Kadamtali junction in the port city at an estimated cost of Tk 59 crore under the Housing and Public Works Ministry and Chittagong Development Authority (CDA).

The other projects are Chandana-Barasia river dredging project under the Water Resources Ministry, construction of National Institute of Neurosurgeons (2nd revised) project under the Health and Family Welfare Ministry, upgrading

Baoshi-Gopalpur-Bhuapur road to a regional highway (connecting Madhupur) project under the communications ministry, and construction of Sirajganj 150 MW gas turbine (peaking) power plant project (revised) under the Power Division.

The Ecneec meeting will also review the ADP implementation progress of the information ministry from July 2009-June 2010 and the other projects approved by Ecneec from February 2-17 this year.

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## Provide quality education with less tuition fees

### President asks pvt varsities

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday called upon the private universities to provide quality higher education with less tuition fees, particularly for the poor students.

The president made the call when a three-member delegation of the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB), led by its Secretary General Prof Dr M Alimulla Mian, called on him at Mangabhaban.

Zillur said the private universities would have to emphasise research activities along side ensuring adequate academic infrastructures for students and faculty members.

"Take steps to increase research activities at the universities to upgrade modern

and time-befitting curriculums to keep pace with the world," he said.

He also emphasised establishing more private universities outside Dhaka with a view to facilitating higher education for rural students across the country.

The APUB delegation apprised the president of various problems of the private universities. Nearly 215,000 students are pursuing higher education at some 54 private universities across the country, they said.

Zillur assured the delegation of his all-out support and cooperation to ensure quality higher education at the private universities.

Secretaries concerned to the president's office were present at the meeting.

**Bayer CropScience**

During its 15th Annual General Meeting on 1st July 2010, M/s. Bayer CropScience Ltd. Bangladesh, have declared 20% cash dividend for the year 2009. The dividend cheque for its 40% share holding of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) was handed over to its Chairman Mr. K.H. Masud Siddiqui by the Managing Director of Bayer CropScience Ltd. Mr. Sunirmal Chaudhuri (standing 4th from left). Other member of the Board and special invitees to the occasion are seen in the photograph. Company deposited Taka 55 Million to the Government treasury during the year 2009.