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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presides over the 25th meeting of Board of Investment (BoI) held at her office in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

Road crashes kill 6, injure 50

METRO DESK

At least six people were killed and 50 others injured in separate road accidents in Mymensingh and Sirajganj yesterday.

Our correspondent from Mymensingh reports: Four people were killed and 40 others injured in a head-on collision between two buses on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Ukilbari of Bailor in Trishal upazila yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Noor Mohammad, 40, son of Md Almas Ali of Nakla of Sherpur district. Identity of others could not be known immediately.

The accident occurred when a Sherpur-bound Dreamland Service's bus collided head-on with another bus coming from the opposite direction at around 1:15pm, killing Noor, driver of the Dreamland bus, and a 10-year-old boy on the spot.

Of the injured, 30 were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) where two others died. Of the injured, condition of five was stated to be critical.

Police sent the bodies to the MMCH morgue for autopsy.

A correspondent from Sirajganj adds: At least two people were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident on Hitakumrul-Bonpara highway on Goza Bridge No-2

under Hatikumrul police station here yesterday.

One of the dead was identified as Golam Mostafa, 37, of Bashbaria village under Tarash upazila. Identity of the other deceased could not be known immediately.

Police said the accident occurred at around 2:00pm when a Rajshahi-bound passenger bus of Tamim Paribahan from Dhaka collided head-on with a car coming from the opposite direction, leaving Mostafa and an unidentified person dead on the spot and 10 others injured.

Police recovered the body and sent the injured to hospital.

Police seized both the vehicles.

'Expand Dhaka-Manila trade'

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman has emphasised the need for further increasing investments and also expanding trade between Bangladesh and the Philippines.

The president made the remark when newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to Philippines Majeda Rafiqun Nessa paid a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

During the meeting, Zillur Rahman

asked the new envoy to take necessary measures to further strengthen the existing relations between the two countries.

"Bangladesh values excellent bilateral relations with the Philippines that have been further strengthened with the establishment of democratic governments in the two countries," he said.

The new ambassador assured the president that she would make her best efforts to further improve the bilateral relations and also expand trade and commerce between Bangladesh and

Philippines.

Majeda joined the BCS Foreign Service cadre on January 21 in 1986 and is presently serving as the director general (South East Asia wing) of the foreign affairs ministry.

Secretary to the President's office M Saful Alam, Military Secretary Major Gen Abul Kalam M Humayun Kabir and Press Secretary AKM Nesar

Bhuiyan were present during the meeting.

Bangladesh model among LDCs

says UN body observer

BSS, Dhaka

Achieving self-sufficiency in food and advancing towards implementation of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) has made it possible for Bangladesh to be a model among least developing countries.

"Bangladesh has set a rare example among least developing countries in achieving self-sufficiency in food," said Permanent Observer of Partners in

Population and Development (PPD) to the United Nations Sethuramiah L.Rao.

He said this at a courtesy call on Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the United Nations AK Abdul Momen at the permanent mission office in New York.

"As a small country with a population of 160 million alongside natural disasters, Bangladesh is advancing towards implementing the MDGs," he added.

Rao said with these achievements

Bangladesh emerged as a model among developing countries that would be highlighted at the 4th conference of the developing countries in Istanbul scheduled for May next year.

Momen apprised Rao, who was involved with United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) for three decades, of Bangladesh prime minister's "Vision 2021" and said girls are advancing forwards and registering more in the primary schools than boys.

Razia's husband expresses gratitude to PM

BSS, Dhaka

Nazrul Islam Khan, husband of deceased Woman and Children Affairs Secretary of the government Razia Begum, expressed his special gratefulness to the prime minister, political leaders and colleagues for their cooperation and sympathies.

Razia was killed in a road accident on July 31.

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