

Road crashes kill 9

METRO DESK

At least nine people were killed and 25 others injured in separate road accidents in Cox's Bazar, Mymensingh, Gaibandha, Benapole, Satkhira and Lalmonirhat districts yesterday.

A correspondent from Cox's Bazar reports: At least three people including two minor girls were killed and nine others injured in a road accident in Khodaibari area under Sadar upazila of the district yesterday afternoon.

Agitating locals barricaded the highway for half an hour, causing huge tailbacks in the road.

The deceased were identified as Akhi Moni, 4, daughter of Saber Ahmed, Nasima Akhter, 4, daughter of Amena Khatun and Mizanur Rahman, 18, son of Abul Kashem.

Sub-Inspector Anwar Hossain Khan of Eidgah Police Camp said the driver of a Cox's Bazar bound microbus lost control over the steering and ran over pedestrians, leaving three people dead on the spot and injuring nine others.

Our correspondent from Mymensingh reports: At least two people were killed and five others injured in a road accident at Dhali Bazar on Mymensingh-Sherpur road under Phulpur Upazila yesterday.

The victims were identified as Mazed,

38, son of Idris Ali of Sreebordi area in Sherpur and Amanullah, 35, son of Akkas Ali of Khilgaon Bagicha in Dhaka.

Police said the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound bus skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch, killing Mazed on the spot and injuring six others.

Officer-in-Charge SA Alam of Phulpur Police Station said the injured were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where Amanullah, the bus driver, succumbed to his injuries.

Our correspondent from Gaibandha adds: One person was killed and eleven others were injured in a road accident at Gopinath in the district yesterday.

Police said the driver of a Thakurgaon-bound bus lost his control over the steering, hit a pedestrian and then rammed a roadside tree on Rangpur-Bogra Highway.

The unidentified pedestrian, aged 35, was killed on the spot and eleven passengers on board sustained injuries.

The bus driver and helper managed to flee.

A correspondent from Benapole reports: A youth was crushed under the wheels of a tractor at Shasha upazila in Jessore district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Babu Ahmed, 30, son of Ranat Ali of Barun Hal village under Jhikargachha upazila.

Police said the accident occurred when the driver of a tractor lost control over the steering and ran over Babu at Matikumra bazar, leaving him dead on the spot.

Our correspondent from Satkhira reports: An old man was killed in a road accident near Eidgah area of Debhata upazila in the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Nesar Ali Moral, 60, son of Babar Ali Moral of Shushilgati village in the upazila.

Police said the accident occurred when a motorcycle hit him from around 8:00am.

He was rushed to Khulna Surgical Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Our correspondent from Lalmonirhat reports: A vegetable trader was killed in a road accident in Teesta Bazar area at Lalmonirhat sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Nur Islam, 40, son of Abul Hossain of Panchoagram village at Lalmonirhat sadar upazila.

Police said a Rangpur-bound truck hit Nur on the Rangpur-Kurigram road under Lalmonirhat sadar upazila, killing him on the spot.

Local people caught the truck driver and handed him over to police.



Chittagong City Corporation (CCC), in a drive, knocks down an illegal police box at Bahoddarhat crossing in the port city yesterday. The CCC removed seven more police boxes from the city on the day.

PHOTO: STAR

STAMFORD UNIVERSITY

60 hurt in cop-student clash in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 60 people including law enforcers were injured in hour-long clashes between police and students of Stamford University Bangladesh in the capital over an incident of barring a student from taking part in mid-term examination.

Around 20 injured students took first aid in the university medical centre and at a local hospital, said university sources.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Ramna police station Shiblee Noman said around 40 police persons received injuries in the brickbats hurling.

He also said they picked 17 students up to the police station suspecting their involvement in the vandalism and clash.

The eyewitnesses said the angry students of Siddheswari campus of the university vandalised two private cars, offices and rooms of different faculties including vice chancellor's (VC) room, and set some furniture on fire.

They kept confined officials and teachers at around 10:30am after the authorities barred a student of Department of Film and Media named Mithun from taking part in the exams.

The agitating students demonstrated protesting the authorities move at that time when examinations of different departments were on, they said.

The sources also said the students shut the main gate of the university before the members of law enforcement agencies reached the spot at around 1:00pm.

Police and Rab lobbed tear shell canisters and brickbats. The situation continued till 4:30pm when the law enforcement agencies entered into the university by breaking the lock at the main gate, and brought the situation under control within few minutes by charging baton.

Though all the female and other students came out of the campus at that time, police kept around 200 students inside.

Around a hundred of anxious guardians and parents were seen waiting outside the campus since the incident.

VC Prof Md Majibur Rahman alleged that the student Mithun with the help of some other students took the university officials hostage at around 10:30am as he was barred from taking the exams because of not paying a due of around Tk 80,000.

But some of the agitating students said Mithun had some dues of only few thousand.

Moreover, the accounts section insulted him in presence of his father which prompted them to demonstrate.

OC Shiblee Noman said they had to fire 18 rounds of tear shell to disperse the gathering to control the situation.

DHAKA TODAY

Meeting

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries will hold a view exchange meeting; Time: 12:30 noon; Venue: FBCCI auditorium, Floor #8, Federation building, 60 Motijheel.

Ceremony

Ministry of Foreign Affairs will hold an opening ceremony; Time: 11:30am; Venue: Foreign Service Academy.

Sit-in

The Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco alliance will hold a sit-in; Time: 11:00am; Venue: Khamar Bari.

Meeting

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and Cooperatives will hold a meeting; Time: 12:00 noon; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

Memorial

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigosthi will organise a memorial meeting; Time: 5:30pm; Venue: 14/2, Topkhana road.

Meeting

Bangabandhu Society will hold a meeting; Time: 4:00pm; Venue: National Press Club.

Meeting

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal will hold a meeting; Time: 10:00am; Venue: Maulana Bhasani Auditorium, 80 Naya Paltan.

Meeting

Gono Forum will hold a meeting; Time: 4:00pm; Venue: Eden Complex, 2/1-A-Arambagh.

Roundtable

Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee will hold a roundtable; Time: 3:00pm; Venue: Dhanmondi Bilia Auditorium, House #22, Road #7.

Meeting

Doctors Association of Bangladesh will hold a meeting; Time: 3:00pm; Venue: National Press Club.

Workshop

Ministry of Environment and Forests will hold a workshop; Time: 8:30am; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium, 17 Topekhana Road.

Conference

Bangladesh Society for Geotechnical Engineering will hold a conference; Time: 9:30am; Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Case against Koko to be conducted in absentia

Says attorney general

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The attorney general yesterday said the money-laundering case against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's younger son Arafat Rahman Koko will be conducted in absentia as per law if he does not appear before the court within November 30.

"Police will submit a report before the court as per its directive on November 30. Then a gazette will be issued on Koko's absentia based on the report if he does not appear before the court," Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told a press briefing at his office.

Though the case is ready to be conducted in the court it is stalled for Koko's absence, he said, adding, a gazette has already been published against another accused Ismail Hossain Saimon declaring him an absconder.

Mahbubey Alam organised the briefing to clear his stance following criticism by some BNP leaders for his submission before a Dhaka court that issued arrest warrant against Koko on October 31.

"As the attorney general I can make submission before any court in the country as the constitution provides me the authority," he said.

"I made submission before the Dhaka court as it's an issue of national interest and I conducted the petition with the Supreme Court that had stayed for six weeks a High Court order extending Koko's parole for 20 days," he added.

The Dhaka court that day issued arrest warrant against Koko and directed the police to report by November 30 on its execution.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case against Koko and Saimon, son of former shipping minister Akbar Hossain, on March 17 last year. The case statement says the accused laundered money they received from China Harbour Engineering Company Ltd and Siemens for helping them win government contracts.

Arrested in September 2007 on graft charges, Koko was paroled for treatment abroad in July the following year and is now in Bangkok. On October 13, the SC stayed for six weeks an HC order extending Koko's parole for 20 days.

Meanwhile, Koko's lawyer AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon reacted sharply against the attorney general's statement that he can speak before any court in the country.

"He [attorney general] can appear before any court but cannot make submission," Khokon said, claiming that the attorney general made submission before the Dhaka court to implement the government's intention of issuing arrest warrant against Koko.

Briefing reporters at the office of Supreme Court Bar Association' president, Khokon claimed the Dhaka court's arrest warrant was the result of attorney general's submission before it.

Indo-Bangla joint exercise begins today

METRO DESK

A 12-day long joint exercise by Special Forces of Bangladesh and Indian Army begins in India today.

The exercise includes parachute jump training, small team activities and using of helicopter in the training activities, said an ISPR release.

The main objective of the joint exercise is to establish goodwill and mutual cooperation between the two armies. A 23-member team from Bangladesh Army led by Lt Col Md Anwar Hossain left here for Kolkata to take part in the exercise yesterday.

BSF kills 1

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi in Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shahidul Islam, 22, a cattle trader of Mughlibari village in the upazila.

BDR sources said a patrol team of BSF opened fire at Shahidul and a group of cattle traders while they were crossing Burimari border around 5:00am.

Locals rushed Shahidul, who received bullets in his leg and back, to Patgram Upazila Health Complex where he died later.

Lieutenant Colonel Aslam Hossain, commanding officer of Lalmonirhat 31 Rifles Battalion, said a protest letter has been sent to BSF in this connection.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 10th death anniversary of Orony Mohona Momen, the granddaughter of Natyaguru Nurul Momen and daughter of journalist Mahmud Nurul Momen.

On the occasion, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Aurny Mohona International Foundation will organise weeklong programmes, scheduled to begin on November 22 at the auditorium and seminar room of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

A milad mahfil will be arranged to mark the day, said a press release yesterday.

Stalkers are criminals: IGP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Now incidents of stalking have gained more attention in the society as people have become more conscious of the crime, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Hassan Mahmood Khandker said yesterday.

He told journalists at a briefing at Rapid Action Battalion headquarters in the city. The IGP said the stalkers should not be referred to "teasers" but termed criminals.

"It is a positive sign that the society is not turning a blind eye to the issue anymore but has started to raise its voice against the hoodlums who harass young women," IGP Hassan Mahmood said.

Replying to a query, the IGP denied the allegation of cordoning off BNP's office at Gulshan on Tuesday night.

Call to bring back Rupganj villagers

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of teachers and students of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday demanded the government take steps to bring back the villagers of Rupganj who are out of their houses in fear of arrest.

The appeal came at a human chain formed at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla at DU.

They expressed concerns as many male villagers of Rupganj are passing their days in fear of arrest in connection with the cases filed by law-enforcers following clashes between law enforcers and villagers on October 23 over "forced purchase of land" by army officers for an army housing scheme.

The teachers condemned the "aggressive role" of army men during the clash and demanded compensation to the victims' families.

Robaet Ferdous, a teacher of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ) department, criticised army officers for "forcing" the villagers to sell their agricultural land at a cheap price for the housing scheme.

Teachers Zobiaida Nasreen of Sociology department, AKM Salauddin of Philosophy, Amanullah Ferdous of Political Science, Ruhul Amin of International Relations, Fahmidul Haque of MCJ and over one hundred students joined the human chain.

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