

'Let all be aware about road accidents'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League lawmaker Advocate Tarana Halim yesterday said every citizen needs to step forward to build awareness regarding road accidents.

Only integrated and united efforts will curb the road accidents, she added.

Tarana, a general secretary of Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, said told a human chain programme. Families United Against Road Accidents (FUARA) organised the programme in front of the New Market Government College in the city, says a press release.

The law minister has assured to enforce stringent laws to prevent accidents, Tarana said adding that the prime minister is also aware of the situation and does not want to see any more accidents.

Cultural personalities, college teachers and members of various organisations took part in the programme.



Police bar entrances of heavy vehicles on Dhaka University (DU) campus yesterday to check road accidents there, inset, some vehicles of DU teachers, students and staff are parked out side of the campus at Palashi intersection following the bar. PHOTO: STAR

Ban heavy vehicles on DU campus Demand students

DU CORRESPONDENT

A section of Dhaka University (DU) students yesterday demanded imposing of a ban on the movement of heavy vehicles on the streets of the campus and setting up of security posts at its entry points.

With the demands, some students of Jagannath Hall brought out a procession on the campus early yesterday. They placed the demand before the university Proctor Dr KM Saiful Islam Khan.

The students made the demand in the wake of a road accident that hurt a student of the hall on Thursday. The victim Sadhan Kumar Ghosh received injuries when a private car, driven by a trainee driver on the campus, hit him from behind.

Agitating students also staged demonstration in front of the official residence of DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique. Meanwhile, Pragatishil Chhatra Jote leaders, an alliance of left leaning student bodies, demanded a permanent solution to the problem of road accident on campus streets.

Speaking at a press conference at Madhur Canteen, the leaders said university administration should take effective measures immediately to control the movement of public vehicles on campus.

On the other hand, Prof Arefin urged the students to be more careful when they walk on the campus roads.

Authorities are taking initiatives to stop entrance of heavy vehicles and will extremely monitor the maximum 20 km speed per hour for others on the campus roads, he told reporters.

The VC said stern action would be ensured against people using the campus as a training place to learn driving and speeding motorcycles or cars on the campus.

Mayor Hanif's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Mohammad Hanif, the first elected mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and an Awami League leader.

Four years back on this day, Hanif died at the city's Apollo Hospital due to a prolonged illness and multiple organ failures.

He served as the DCC mayor for eight years from March 12, 1994 to April 4, 2002.

He was also a close aide to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and contributed to every democratic movement.

Hanif was an elected parliament member from Dhaka-12 constituency in 1973 and served as a whip of the national parliament.

President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Speaker of the Parliament Md Abdul Hamid Advocate delivered separate messages marking the death anniversary.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Md Nazrul Islam, an employee of a private organisation of Faridpur upazila in Pabna, has been suffering from lung cancer since 2006 and needs around Tk 10 lakh for treatment.

In a letter to the prime minister seeking financial help, Nazrul mentioned that he had to sell his village home and spend Tk 12 lakh but he is not cured.

Md Nazrul requested the financially solvent people of the society to help him recover from the fatal disease.

Financial assistance can be sent to Md Ahsan Habib, savings account number 34024395, Rajuk Bhaban corporate branch, Janata Bank, Dhaka.

6 killed, 11 injured in road crashes

METRO DESK

Six people were killed and 11 others injured in separate road accidents in the capital, Sitakunda and Gaibandha yesterday.

In an accident, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit Mohammad Mohiuddin, 41, of Uzirpur upazila under Barisal when he was crossing the road near Rampura Bazar in the capital at about 11:00am yesterday.

Police said he was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he died. Police arrested the driver and seized the vehicle.

In another accident, police recovered a body of an unidentified youth from Airport road of the capital.

The youth, aged about 20, was run over by an unknown vehicle on the road at about 12:30am, said Sub-Inspector GM Shamsunnur of Airport Police Station.

Police sent the body to the DMCH

morgue for autopsy

A correspondent from Chittagong reports: Two people were killed and six others injured in two road accidents in Sitakunda.

In an accident, a vehicle hit Abu Sahed, 18, son of Abu Jafor of North Salimpur village, while he was crossing the road at Banu Bazar of the upazila around 9:30am.

He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

In another accident, an unidentified truck driver was killed and six other people were injured on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway of the upazila.

Officer-in-Charge Wahid Siddique of Highway Police said the accident occurred when a Chittagong bound bus collided head-on with a truck, standing in front of Teri Main High School, at 12:00 noon. The truck driver died on the spot. Driver of the bus Sohel, his helper

Abdul Hai, two passengers Guljer Ali and Hafijur Hahman and two helpers of the truck's driver were also injured.

Our correspondent from Gaibandha reports: Two motorcycle riders, including a woman, were killed in two road accidents in the district.

Police said the first accident occurred when two motorcycles collided head on at Gaibandha-Palashbari road near Gaibandha Fire Service unit, injuring one of the riders Sumaiya Akhter, 18. She succumbed to her injuries on way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. Her husband Mahfuzur Rahman, riding the motorcycle, also received injuries.

In the second accident, police said motorcycle rider Abdul Litif, a village physician, hit a rickshaw van on Sadullapur-Gaibandha road at Patilakura. He received severe injuries and succumbed on way to hospital. Four people on the rickshaw van also received injuries.

Build healthy culture free from govt influence Says Justice Habibur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The overall development of a healthy culture requires that it keep away from government influence, Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman has said.

"Governments of different ideologies try to control cultural activities alongside supporting them," he said yesterday while speaking at a programme styled "Development and Culture" at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The Department of Theatre of Dhaka University and Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts (BITA) jointly organised the function to recall the contribution of eminent poet and theatre activist Prof Zia Haider in arts and culture.

Zia Haider, founding presi-

dent of BITA, died on 2 September 2008. In his lifetime, he received Bangla Academy Award 1977, Ekushey Padak 2000 and Shaheed Munier Chowdhury Padak 2007 for his contribution to theatre.

Theatre activist Liakat Ali Lucky said Zia Haider was a pioneer in institutionalising theatre education in the country.

Zia Haider also took the country's theatre to international arena and was a great critic of theatre, he added.

Rahmat Ali, chairman of the Department of Theatre of DU, its teacher Dr Israfil Shaheen, Prof Abul Mansur of Chittagong University and Aatur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute, also spoke at the programme.

DHAKA TODAY

Human chain
Horitri Foundation for Information Education will form a human chain. Venue: In front of National Museum, Time: 11:00am.

Meeting
Jatiya Gonotantrik League will arrange a meeting. Venue: 21/1, Purana Paltan, Time: 10:30am.

Seminar
Green Belt Trust and Centre for Disaster and Vulnerability Studies will jointly arrange a seminar. Venue: Lecture Theatre, University of Dhaka, Time: 10:00am.

Cultural programme
Bangladesh Writers Guild will organise a cultural programme. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Time: 5:30pm.

Mukta Sanglap
The Daily Prothom Alo will organise a Mukta Sanglap. Venue: 100, Karwanbazar, Time: 10:30am.

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