

Road crashes kill 6

METRO DESK

Six people were killed and five injured in separate road accidents in Lalmonirhat, Pabna, Natore, Madaripur and Manikganj yesterday.

Our correspondent from Lalmonirhat reports: A rickshaw-van puller was killed on the spot when his van was hit by a truck at Kashiram highway gate in Lalmonirhat-Burimari Highway at Kaligonj upazila.

The victim was identified as Nazmul Islam, 20, son of Bodiuzzaman of the area. Nazmul's father Bodiuzzaman filed a murder case with Kaligonj Police Station.

Our correspondent from Pabna adds: An elderly man died on the spot when a truck hit him on Pabna-Rajshahi Highway at Atmail area in Ishwardi upazila under Pabna district.

The deceased is identified as Kipat Pramanik, 70, son of Jeher Pramanik of village Bhojanipur.

Our correspondent from Natore reports: A man died on the spot when a

Dhaka bound bus ran him over at Calk Baddhanath area in Natore.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Ali, 50, son of Iyad Ali of Banbelghoria area in the town.

UNB from Madaripur adds: A man was killed and five others were injured when a pickup van and a locally made three-wheeler collided head-on in Takerhat Bridge area in Rajoir upazila.

The deceased was identified as Nurul Islam, 50, son of Zakir Hossain of Rasdaskandi village in the upazila.

A case was filed with the local police station in this connection.

UNB from Manikganj adds: Driver and helper of a truck were killed as a branch of a roadside tree fell on it during a storm at Mohadevpur on Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Shibalaya upazila around 6:45pm.

Vehicular movement there remained halted till filing of this report at 7:00pm.

Police recovered the bodies and sent it to Manikganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.



Lawmaker Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury hands over a crest to Sector Commander Lt Col (retd) Abu Osman at Dhaka Club yesterday during a reception programme for the families of Bir Shresthas and freedom fighters, who were conferred different titles. On her left are Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafiullah and the club's President Sadat Hossain Salim and on her right is Planning Minister Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandker.

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Commemorative postage stamps released

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday released a set of five commemorative postage stamps and a first day cover marking the 40th anniversary of the country's independence.

The stamps, issued by Bangladesh Postal Department, were released at a simple ceremony at Ganobhaban in the city.

Of the stamps, one of Tk 20 denomination is inscribed with the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the other four stamps of Tk 10 denomination each are inscribed with four memorial sculptures of the country's War of Liberation.

The commemorative stamps will be available at the General Post Office and all grade 'A' post offices across the country.

Armed forces observe Independence Day

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Armed Forces joined the nation in observing the Independence and National Day in a befitting manner yesterday.

The day's programme began with thirty-one gun salutes at the old airport of the city the moment the sun rose and Bangladesh stepped into its 40th year.

Special prayers were offered at all mosques of army, navy, and air force across the country for peace and progress of the country and development of the armed forces.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed wreaths at National Mausoleum, Savar with sunrise, and armed forces personnel presented guard of honour.

The National Flag was hoisted atop all headquarters, installations and important buildings of the armed forces and MP check posts and naval ships were illuminated in the evening.

Bands of the three forces performed in Crescent Lake (Sangshad Bhaban Area), Farmgate Park Area, and Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

A combined band of army, navy, air force, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), police, and ansar and VDP played patriotic tunes at Suhrawardy Uddyan from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Bangladesh Navy also kept open a few ships for visitors from 2:00pm till sunset in Dhaka (Sadarghat), Chittagong, Khulna, Mongla, Barisal, and Narayanganj.

Special feasts were served in the headquarters, units, establishments, soldier messes, hospitals, and ships of the three services.

Boy injured upon sexual harassment by youth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four-and-half-year-old boy sustained serious injuries after he was sexually harassed by a youth at Sabujbagh in the city yesterday.

Locals rushed the boy to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he underwent a surgery is still under treatment.

The culprit Parvez, 24, was beaten up and handed over to Sabujbagh police. Parvez resides on a footpath near AGB colony in Motijheel.

The victim's mother said the culprit lured her son with biscuits and took him away from her to a nearby house in Kadamtali area when she was breaking bricks there.

Minutes later the boy returned to his mother crying and bleeding.

Officer-in-charge (OC) Mohammad Asaduzzaman of Sabujbagh Police Station said they interrogated Parvez, and he admitted the crime.

Homage to martyrs of war at Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, Nepal

The Bangladesh Embassy in Katmandu yesterday observed the 41st Independence and National Day of Bangladesh in a befitting manner.

The day's programme began with the hoisting of the national flag on the embassy premises here.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Nepal Dr Neem Chandra Bhowmik hoisted the national flag of Bangladesh, when the national anthem was played.

Prices of essentials to decrease: Faruk

BSS, Dhaka

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan yesterday linked escalation of prices in the local market to the international market trend and said the prices started coming down with the end of the global financial recession.

"Prices of a number of essentials have already come down and many of those are to fall in the next few days," he told reporters at Tungipara in Gopalganj district.

Faruk said the government is providing the poorer section of people with rice at Tk 24 after purchasing it at Tk 45 from abroad.

About trial of war criminals, he said the government would start their trial soon for freeing the nation from stigma. Steps would be taken to hold trial of all acts against the rule of law, he added.

Earlier, the minister paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreaths at the mazar of the great leader.

Party leaders including Tungipara upazila Awami League president Abdul Halim and upazila chairman Soleman Biswas were present.

CU holds nat'l day events

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) observed the 40th Independence and National Day yesterday amid much enthusiasm as elsewhere in the country.

A huge number of students and visitors thronged the university campus to mark the day. CU acting Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof Dr Mohammad Alauddin paid tribute to the martyrs through placing wreaths at Swadhinatar Swarak Vaskarjo at 8:00am. Teachers' association, provosts, directors of the institutes and various socio-cultural organisations of CU also placed wreaths there.



Seminar

Brac will organise a seminar; Venue: Brac Centre auditorium; Time: 9:30am.

Ceremony

World's Poultry Science Association-Bangladesh Branch will hold a ceremony; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre; Time: 10:30am.

Discussion

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry will organise a discussion; Venue: DCCI auditorium; Time: 11:00am.

Contest

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigosthi will organise a contest; Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 4:00pm.

Rally

Bangladesh Nationalist Party will hold a rally; Venue: its central office; Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion

Citizens Committee To Protect Honour of Bangladesh and Noble Laureate Dr Yunus will hold a discussion; Venue: IDEB building; Time: 4:00pm.

Ceremony

Transparency International Bangladesh will hold an inaugural ceremony; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar; Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion

Palli Karma-Shahayak Foundation will hold a discussion; Venue: PKSF building; Time: 10:30am.

Seminar

Bangladesh Industry and Development Council will hold a seminar; Venue: DU Senate building; Time: 11:00am.

Seminar

The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh will hold a seminar; Venue: IEB auditorium; Time: 6:30pm.



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Debidas Ghat Samaj Kalyan Sangsad brings out a procession from Dhaka University yesterday marking the Independence Day.

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