

Woman crushed to death under train wheels

UNB, Chuadanga

An unidentified woman was crushed to death under the wheels of a train at Gaidghat village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Witnesses said the Chapainawabganj-bound train of Mahananda Express from Khulna ran over the woman while she was sitting on the rail line near Gaidghat Railway Station around 7:00pm.

The woman, aged about 30, was left spot dead.

Correction, an apology

The Daily Star published a report titled "Pvt varsity class at DU" on Saturday where we mistakenly mentioned that Professor Ali Ahsan of Management Studies department was found taking the class of around 30 students of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) at DU. In fact, Prof Ali Ahsan of DU was taking a class of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). We stand corrected and regret the mistake.



(From left) Chittagong Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Manwara Ali, Chittagong Development Authority Chairman Abdus Salam, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, former advisers to caretaker government Sultana Kamal and Rokia Afzal Rahman, and Asian University for Women (AUW) Physical Sciences and Engineering Department Dean Dr Ashok Keshari at a meeting on the AUW campus on Friday.

PHOTO: AUW

Six killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Six people were killed and two others injured in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Noakhali, Satkhira and Rangpur early Saturday and yesterday.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports: Two motorcyclists were injured as a truck hit their bike on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Sufia Road area at Mirsarai upazila yesterday noon.

They are Md Ali Mamun, 27, and Ripon Kanti Das, 28.

After the accident, another Chittagong-bound truck ran over the two injured when they skidded off the bike, leaving them dead instantly, said police.

In Noakhali, Md Ripon, 11, a primary school student, was killed as a truck ran over him while he was crossing the Datterhat-Baderhat road at Jalal Miar godown in the sadar upazila yesterday night.

In Natore, Obaidul Islam, 40, a three-wheeler driver died and two others injured as the vehicle overturned on Natore-Dhaka highway in Ahmedpur area in the sadar upazila on Saturday.

In Satkhira, betel leaf trader Sohrab Hossain, 52, was killed when a truck rammed an auto-rickshaw carrying him at Patkelghata Bazar in Tala upazila yesterday.

In Rangpur, Kinder Garten student Maria Aktar Mumu, 7, died on the spot as a truck ran over her in Jalkar area on the outskirts of the town on Saturday morning.

AUW reviews academic activities, funding

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Bangladesh Board of Advisors of Asian University for Women (AUW) held a meeting on the campus in Chittagong on Friday to review developments in AUW's governance, academic and extracurricular activities and funding.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni chaired the meeting while former advisers to caretaker governments Sultana Kamal and Rokia Afzal Rahman, the prime minister's Adviser on International Affairs Gowher Rizvi, Chittagong Development Authority Chairman Abdus Salam, former principal secretary to the prime minister Abdul Karim, Prof Hamida Banu and Manwara Ali, president of Chittagong Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, were present.

AUW acting vice-chancellor Kamal Ahmad, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Dean Prof

Kathleen Hewett-Smith, Physical Sciences and Engineering Dean Dr Ashok Keshari and Dean of Students Fatema Haque were also present, says a press release.

The advisers meet with the students from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and noted the uniqueness of the learning environment and opportunities

Sultana Kamal also donated a collection of books and papers on her mother, Begum Sufia Kamal, to the AUW library.

Abducted baby rescued in Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) men rescued an eight-month-old baby from Ramu upazila in Cox's Bazar on Saturday night after abduction by a female domestic help from the port city on March 22.

The victim is Safuanur Rahman, son of Saifur Rahman of Sailors Colony at South Halishahar in Potenga.

Acting on a tip-off, Rab men conducted a drive at Eidgah area around 9:00pm on Saturday but sensing presence of the law enforcers, the abductors fled the scene leaving the child at Eidgah Bus Stoppage, said Rab 7 Headquarters Company Commander Major Raqibul Amin.

Rab did not mention the name of the domestic help for the sake of investigation but it said she was "involved with a gang of abductors."

Safuanur was abducted by the abductors with the help of Ismat Ara Dilu, domestic help of its house, when the family members were watching television in their house around 8:30pm on March 22, said Saifur Rahman. The next day, the abductors demanded Tk 50,000 from Tariqul Islam, the baby's uncle, over phone as ransom.

The victim's father, Saifur, later filed a case with the police.

DCCs to check dog population

UNB, Dhaka

The bifurcated Dhaka city corporations (DCCs) have undertaken a new scheme to contain the dog population and check rabies through sterilisation and vaccination instead of killing stray dogs.

Taken up with the support from Obhoyaranno-Bangladesh Animal Welfare Foundation, the scheme is aimed at reducing rabies and dog bite in the city.

The activities have already been launched in words No-45 and 46 of DCC (north). The activities will gradually be expanded to other parts of the DCCs.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed between Chief Executive Nazrul Islam of DCC (north) and Sultan Ul Islam of DCC (south) and Obhoyaranno at the conference room of the local government ministry yesterday.

Obhoyaranno has been advocating for controlling rabies and number of dogs through modern system since 2009. As part of its efforts, Local Government Department imposed a complete ban on killing dogs in the city from January 1 this year.



Some students of Ashkane Awlia Fazil (degree) Madrasa in Chittagong who could not appear in the Alim examinations yesterday for not having admit cards. (Inset) A female examinee holds up a coupon, which was earlier issued by the madrasa authorities after it had failed to arrange the admit cards.

PHOTO: STAR

17 madrasa students miss Alim exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 17 students of a madrasa in the port city could not appear in the Alim examinations yesterday since they did not have the admit card.

The students of Ashkane Awlia Fazil (degree) Madrasa claimed that the madrasa authorities earlier issued them coupons bearing their registration numbers and roll numbers, saying that the admit cards would be distributed later on.

"Our principal assured that the madrasa board would provide the admit cards on time but it did not", they alleged.

They blamed the madrasa authorities for their negligence in arranging the admit cards and registration cards, despite the students having submitted necessary forms for the cards on time.

However, Khairul Baar Hakkani, the madrasa principal, said the students had dual registration in different institutions, so they were not allowed for sitting in the examination.

Contacted, Additional Deputy Commissioner (education) Khaled Mahmud Chowdhury said to have asked the students to submit applications in this regard.

The madrasa authorities would be punished if found responsible, he added.

BRTA Irregularities won't be tolerated

Says Obaidul Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday warned of stern action against irregularities, corruption and negligence of duty and said the ministry would take departmental action against those responsible.

He said this while paying a surprise visit to Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) office at Mirpur to see for himself the ongoing activities there. He talked to those who came there to deposit money for tax token, fitness certificate and driving license, a press release said.

Some of them said quality of service of BRTA was improved recently due to surprise visit of the minister while others complained to the minister about widespread irregularities in the office. They said they (clients) didn't get any service without paying money.

"I will not tolerate any irregularities anymore. Stern action will be taken against those officials who would be found involved in irregularities," Quader warned.

The minister also asked the authorities concerned to provide due services to the clients, the release added.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saiful Islam, a language movement veteran, freedom fighter and presidium member of Ganotantri Party, passed away due to old age complication at his residence yesterday at the age of 80.

He left behind his wife, two sons, one grandson, a host of relatives and well-wishers.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Zohr prayers.

He was taken to the party office before the janaza where party leaders, activists showed their last respect to him.

He will be laid to rest in his Sirajganj hometown.

Saiful, who led progressive movements at different times, worked as an organiser of National Awami Party, Ekota Party and Ganotantri Party.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the third death anniversary of Matin Uddin Ahmed, founder

managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil was held at his Banani residence on Friday to pray for the salvation of his departed soul said a press release.

Matin died on April 2, 2009.

He served the Rupali Bank Ltd, Al Baraka Bank Ltd, and Al Arafah Bank Ltd in his life.

Amin Laskar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 15th death anniversary of Amin Laskar, former president of

Bangladesh Chemist and Druggist and a founder member of Saarc Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held after Maghrib prayers at DOHS Mosque in city's Baridhara, said a press release.

Sabrina Arjumand Tina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The 10th death anniversary of Sabrina Arjumand Tina, a former

student of Dhaka City Dental College, will be observed today.

Family members of Tina, the youngest daughter of ex-additional divisional commissioner of Dhaka Mohammad Tahir and Monowara Tahir, requested friends, relatives and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.

DHAKA TODAY

Training course
Bangladesh National Commission for Unesco (BNCU) will arrange a training course; Venue: BNCU auditorium, Palassey-Nilkhet; Time: 9:00am.

Procession
Society for the Welfare of Autistic Children (SWAC) will bring out a procession; Venue: SWAC premises; Time: 1:30pm.

Discussion
Agameer Bangladesh will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.

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