



Deadly 50km

210 road crashes in 5 months occurred on part of Dhaka-Ctg highway; reckless driving blamed

TAREK MAHMUD, Ctg

The 50-kilometre long Mirsarai-Chittagong stretch of Dhaka-Chittagong highway has become a dreaded route as 82 people have been killed in 210 road crashes here in the first five months of this year.

About 200 more sustained injuries in these accidents, according to newspaper reports.

Traffic experts said reckless driving, risky overtaking manoeuvres, lack of traffic signs at appropriate locations and roadside markets are the major contributors to these accidents.

Besides, ignorance of pedestrians and drivers about traffic rules and flouting the rules by young and new drivers lead to road crashes.

"Small vehicles, particularly the CNG-run threewheelers, are driven by unskilled drivers. They keep crisscrossing the roads at every opportunity. It disturbs the drivers of large vehicles and ultimately causes accidents," said Mainuddin Chisti, a bus driver. He has been SEE PAGE 19 COL 3



Big lorries bully small three-wheelers on to the hard shoulder on Dhaka-Chittagong highway to get ahead of each other. The craze for speed is a key reason for accidents on highways that do not have central reservations. The photo was taken from Sitakunda in Chittagong recently.

Construction worker falls to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died after falling from the second floor of a fourstorey building under construction at South Banasree, Goran, in the

capital yesterday. Khorshed Alam, 22, along with four other workers were pulling off wooden covers from pillars said Habibur Rahman, the contractor of the building.

Around 9:15am, Khorshed lost his balance while working on a pillar at the edge of the building.

Coworkers rushed him to Dhaka Medical College SEE PAGE 19 COL 2

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KILLING OF OFFICIAL

Saudi govt happy with arrests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saudi foreign minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal has thanked the government of Bangladesh, on behalf of his government, for arresting the alleged killers of Khalaf Al Ali, a

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Syria army mounts assault

Massacre fear grows in Aleppo as France urges immediate UN intervention

AFP, Aleppo

The Syrian army launched a massive assault on rebels in Aleppo yesterday amid growing world concern about the risks of reprisals against civilians in the country's commercial capital.

massing for two days, moved on southwestern districts of Aleppo, where rebels concentrated their forces when they seized much of the northern city on July 20.

Artillery pounded Salaheddin and other neighbourhoods from 8:00am as ground troops advanced, an AFP correspondent reported.

Trapped civilians crowded into basements, seeking refuge from the bombardment.

Meanwhile, condemning the assault, French President Francois Hollande yesterday urged the UN Security Council to rapidly intervene in the Syria conflict to pre-empt an

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PRAYER TIMING Azan Jamaat 5-00 5-15 8-15 8-45 Islamic Foundation



Humayun Ahmed, wipes away tears at Shawkat Osman auditorium in the capital during a memorial for the writer yesterday. Sitting next to her are Humayun's sister-in-law Yasmin Haque and brother Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, also a noted author. Story on page 3.

PALASH KHAN



বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

ডিপার্টমেন্ট অব কারেন্সী ম্যানেজমেন্ট এভ পেমেন্ট সিস্টেমস্ প্রধান কার্যালয়, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা

আপনার লেনদেন নিরাপদ, দ্রুত ও মূল্যসাশ্রয়ী করতে ইলেক্সনিক ফান্ড ট্রান্সফার নেটওয়ার্ক (EFTN) ব্যবহার করুন

আপনি জানেন কি?

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক পরিচালিত বাংলাদেশ ইলেক্ট্রনিক ফান্ড ট্রান্সফার নেটওয়ার্ক- BEFTN বাংলাদেশের সবচেয়ে নিরাপদ ও মূল্যসাশ্রয়ী ইলেক্ট্রনিক নিকাশ ব্যবস্থা।

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের বিভিন্ন মন্ত্রণালয় EFTN ব্যবহার করে কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের বেতন-ভাতা প্রদান করছে।

বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক, আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানসহ বিভিন্ন ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান EFTN ব্যবহার করে বেতন-ভাতা এবং লভ্যাংশ/আইপিও রিফাভ স্বল্পতম সময়ে প্রদান করছে।

আপনার প্রতিষ্ঠানের কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের বেতন-ভাতা/লভ্যাংশ/আইপিও রিফান্ড প্রদান, বৈদেশিক ও অভ্যন্তরীণ রেমিট্যান্স প্রেরণ, বিভিন্ন ধরনের কর পরিশোধসহ যেকোন লেনদেন সম্পন্ন করতে EFT Credit পদ্ধতি ব্যবহার করুন।

EFT Debit সুবিধার মাধ্যমে আপনি বিদ্যুৎ, গ্যাস ও পানির বিল, ঋণের কিস্তি, বীমার প্রিমিয়াম, কর পরিশোধ, লাইসেন্স ফি প্রদান ইত্যাদি লেনদেন সম্পন্ন করতে পারবেন।

EFTN এর মাধ্যমে অর্থ লেনদেনের বিষয়ে বিস্তারিত জানার জন্য বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ডিপার্টমেন্ট অব কারেন্সী ম্যানেজমেন্ট এন্ড পেমেন্ট সিস্টেমস্ (টেলিফোনঃ ৯৫১২৩৪২, ৯৫৩০১৭৪) অথবা আপনার ব্যাংকের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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BNP slates PM over London remarks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Acting secretary general of BNP Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said there was no substance to the prime minister's recent remarks on the next general election.

"Fair election is not possible under a political administration and the ruling Awami League once again proved it in the last three years," he told newsmen after paying tributes to late president Ziaur Rahman at his grave in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

He visited the grave along with Jubo Dal leader Rafiqul Alam Majnu, who was recently released from jail.

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PADMA BRIDGE PROJECT

Adviser Moshiur's silence questioned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has both financial and technical capabilities to construct Padma bridge, and the government should move ahead confidently and maintaining transparency in the process, without being subservient to donors. Expressing this view at a seminar in the capital yester-

day, economists and engineers suggested that the government stop making contradictory statements about funding the bridge project. Titled "Technical and Financial Ability of Bangladesh

to Construct the Padma Bridge", the seminar was organised by Engineers and Architects for Environment and Development and held at the Institution of Engineers. Addressing the seminar, economist Anu Muhammad

questioned the silence of the prime minister's economic adviser Moshiur Rahman on the Padma bridge project.

"He [Moshiur] made the World Bank the lead partner **SEE PAGE 19 COL 8**





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