



This road on the western side of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar intersection in the capital has been in a deplorable condition for about a month, making it almost impossible for vehicles to ply the road.
PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

7 killed, 18 hurt in road crashes

METRO DESK

Seven people were killed and eighteen others injured in separate road accidents in Thakurgaon, Chittagong, Jessore, Rangpur and Dinajpur on Saturday and yesterday.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reports, two persons were killed and 18 others injured as a Dinajpur-bound bus from Panchagarh fell into a ditch beside Thakurgaon-Dinajpur highway at Khochabari in sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased were Girish Chandra, 75, and Alam, 55. Of the injured, six were undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital while the others at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital.

In Chittagong, an unidentified old man died after a vehicle ran him over in Patiya upazila early yesterday. He succumbed to his injuries at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

In Jessore, Liton Rahman, 24, a worker and son of Abdul Majid of Benapole, was killed instantly as a truck ran him over in Benapole port area yesterday morning.

In Rangpur, motorcyclist Lokman Ali, 45, of Kellabandh area, died instantly as a bus hit him on Rangpur-Dinajpur highway in Hajirhat area in the city yesterday morning. Following the accident, agitating locals put up barricades on the highway for one hour.

In Dinajpur, a bus hit motorcyclist Md Motin, son of Md Mominul Islam of Biral upazila, at Dhukurjhari village in the upazila yesterday morning, killing him instantly.

Meanwhile, Abdul Zabbar, son of late Insan Ali of Dinajpur municipality, was killed when a tractor hit him in Pulhat area of Dinajpur town on Saturday night.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE Destiny director Kalam gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Abul Kalam Azad, a director of Destiny 2000 Ltd, in two money laundering cases.

Azad is the last one out of 22 accused, including the company chairman and managing director, who got bail.

Earlier on September 6 and August 6, two separate Dhaka courts had granted bail to 21 other officials in the two cases.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Saifur Rahman passed the order after Azad's lawyer filed two separate petitions seeking bail in the cases.

On July 31, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed two separate cases with Kalabagan Police Station against 22 officials of the Destiny group, including Abul Kalam, for laundering Tk 3,285.26 crore by swindling investors.

RABINDRANATH'S HOUSEBOATS Bangladesh to present replicas to Indian universities

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will present replicas of two houseboats, used by Rabindranath Tagore during his stay in Bangladesh, to two Indian universities on Wednesday.

Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad, on a four-day visit to India from today, will present the replicas of the houseboats -- "Padma" and "Chopola" -- to Rabindra Bharati University in Kolkata and Visva Bharati University in Shantiniketan.

Rabindranath Tagore composed some of his works while sailing along the Padma river on the houseboats to oversee his

family estates in Silaidah, Shahzadpur and Patisar for a decade from 1890, said official sources.

The vice-chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University will receive the replicas at a function in Kolkata and the vice-chancellor of Visva Bharati University will receive those in another function in Bolpur of Birbhum district, said the ministry sources.

Azad is leading an 11-member delegation, including Asaduzzaman Noor MP, singers Momtaz Begum MP and Papiya Sarwar and academic Prof Anisuzzaman, at the invitation of his Indian counterpart Kumari Selja.

Tripartite MoU signed to reduce blindness, extreme poverty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed yesterday to strengthen eye care services in selected slum areas of Dhaka and reduce avoidable blindness and extreme poverty.

The signatories are Strengthening Household Improvements Resulting in Economic Empowerment (Shiree), Sightsavers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blinds) and Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project (DUCECP).

Under the MoU, DFID project Shiree will mobilise poor people having eyesight complications to get eye care services and cataract operation through DUCECP till September 2013.

DUCECP is working with partner hospitals -- Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital, Bangladesh National Society for Blinds, Salauddin Specialised Hospital Limited and Ad-din Hospital -- alongside 72 collaborative partners.



(From left) M Nurun Nabi, project coordinator of DUCECP; Dr Wahidul Islam, country director of Sightsavers; and Colin Risner, CEO of Shiree; exchange copies of an MoU in the Shiree office in the capital
PHOTO: COURTESY



Female students of secondary schools show their aim in life through illustrations at an event styled "Literacy and Peace for Girls", jointly organised by the American Center and Room to Read at the American Center in Baridhara yesterday. The event was organised on the occasion of International Literacy Day 2012, which was celebrated on September 8.
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