

DoE fines dyeing factory Tk 25.62 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a dyeing factory Tk 25.62 lakh for polluting Shitalakhya river in Gazipur.

A team of DoE found that the effluent treatment plant (ETP) of Argon Denims was partially shut and liquid waste was being dumped into the river, said a DoE press release.

Laboratory tests found that the liquid was hazardous for environment and ecology. The DoE also found that the factory dumped 8 crore litres of toxic effluent into the river in the past six months.

Munir Chowdhury, director of DoE, ordered the company to keep ETP operational round the clock.

Anwarul Alam Chowdhury Parvez, managing director of the company, said the disposal pipe of the ETP was temporarily disconnected for an expansion work. The DoE team went on an inspection right at that time, he added.

13 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Thirteen people were killed and 31 others injured in road accidents in Munshiganj, Manikganj, Comilla, Chittagong, Naogaon and Rangpur on Saturday and yesterday.

Our Munshiganj correspondent reports, four people were killed and eight others injured as a bus hit a pickup from the opposite direction in Keyotkhali of Shreenagar upazila on Saturday, said police.

The deceased were Shahjahan, 45, his wife Nasima, 35, of Deulbhog in the upazila; the pickup driver Md Ali and his helper Hridoy. Shahjahan and Hridoy died at two hospitals in the capital.

In Manikganj, three members of a family were killed and three others injured as a truck rammed a microbus on Dhaka-Aricha highway in sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased Razzak Sheikh, 40, Nurul, 38, and Sujon, 10, were of Faridpur.

Injured Lal Miah, 50, Rafiqul, 16, and the microbus driver, Monirul, 30, were rushed to Manikganj Sadar Hospital.

Later, Lal Miah and Monirul were shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

UNB from Comilla reports, three people were killed and 10 others injured as a bus

plunged into a roadside ditch at Bijoypara in Burichang yesterday.

The deceased Zakir, 30, Sabuj, 14, and Rakib, 4, son of Sohel Mia, were residents of the upazila.

Sabuj, who was fishing in the ditch, died instantly as the bus hit him.

In Chittagong, CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, Abu Syed of Patiya, was killed and four other unidentified people were injured as a bus hit the auto-rickshaw in Shantirhat Bazar area of the upazila yesterday.

The injured were taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Meanwhile, Swapan Das, 56, was killed and his brother injured as a truck hit them in Lal Dighirpar of the port city yesterday.

Injured Tapan, 60, of Dewan Bazar area, was rushed to the CMCH.

In Naogaon, motorcyclist Abdullah Al Mamun, 29, deputy assistant agriculture officer, of Goneshpur in Manda upazila, died as a bus hit his motorbike on Naogaon-Rajshahi road in Satbaria of the upazila yesterday.

In Rangpur, Khondkar Estiak Ahmed, UNO of Badarganj, and four others were injured as a tractor hit Estiak's jeep on Rangpur-Badarganj road in front of ABL Cold Storage yesterday evening.

Increase JS women's reserved seats

Says Mahila Parishad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad placed a 13-point recommendation, including raising the number of reserved seats for women in parliament to 100 and holding direct elections to those seats.

The parishad placed the suggestions at a meeting in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

Pointing out the attack on the Buddhists, Maleka Banu, general secretary of the Parishad, demanded that the government ensure the rights of all minority and ethnic groups, especially ethnic women.

She demanded that the government ensures equal rights of women in every sector, including equal inheritance rights.

Ayesha Khanom, president of the Parishad, and Mujahidul Islam Selim, general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh, also spoke at the meeting.

EC MEMBERS RESIGN EN MASSE BSMMUTA poll suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Election to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Teachers' Association (BSMMUTA), scheduled for today after a 13-year gap, was suspended for an indefinite period after the Election Commission resigned en masses yesterday.

The EC was formed with Prof Aga Mashud Chowdhury, chairman of skin and sexually transmitted diseases department, as chief election commissioner and Dr Md Abdul Aziz of hematology department and Dr AKM Zahid Hossain of pediatric surgery.

Dr Aziz, who could be reached by The Daily Star, declined to comment.

BSMMU sources said unidentified people were threatening the trio of dire consequences if they held the election while leaflets were distributed among doctors and officials, urging them not to participate in the election.

The sources added that a section of the top BSMMU administration was against the election on grounds that BSMMU's congenial atmosphere might be harmed.

Some fake voters, with no BSMMUTA membership, were included in the voter list with the top administration's help to ensure the victory of the pro-administration candidates, they said.

Prof Dr ASM Zakaria and Dr Harisul Haque were the president and general secretary candidates nominated by pro-Awami League doctors' body Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad.

Prof Dr Julfikar Rahman Khan and Dr Habiubur Rahman were the president and general secretary candidates nominated by the administration.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Alhaj Amjad Ali, former director of Social Marketing Company, died of old age complications at a hospital in the capital on Friday. He was 85.

He was buried in Banani graveyard on Saturday, says a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held after Maghrib prayers today at his House-132, Road-13/C, Block-E, Banani, Dhaka.

Death anniversary

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Today is the fifth death anniversary of Begum Jahanaara Ali, wife of late principal Askar Ali.

Her relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.

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