

Vessel capsizes in Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A lighter vessel with around 1700 tonnes of steel coils capsized at the outer anchorage of Chittagong Port yesterday.

The vessel's all the ten crews managed to save their lives by getting on board a mother vessel anchored beside it.

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Secretary Syed Farhad Uddin Ahmed said movement of ships through the port channel was normal.

The lighter vessel's master Abdus Sobhan said the accident occurred when workers of "MV Chisti Shohan" were unloading the steel coils from a Hong Kong flagged mother vessel "IPANEMA" anchored at alpha point of the anchorage around 9:45am.

Some coils suddenly rolled back to the rear portion of the vessel causing it tilted, he said adding that it capsized within 15 minutes.

Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) in Chittagong formed a three-member committee to probe accident. The committee was asked to submit its report within five working days.

Meanwhile, some local boatmen brought an unidentified body from the outer anchorage after the accident, police said.

Potenga Police Station Officer-in-Charge M Alamgir Hossain said they were investigating that whether the dead person appeared to be an outsider died in the accident or not, they said.



PHOTO: STAR

The level crossing where a goods train rammed a schoolbus carrying some 30 students in Chittagong's Kalurghat area yesterday. The accident left one student injured. Instead of a gate or gateman, the level crossing has a signboard, inset, warning people to take own responsibility while crossing the rail tracks.

Environment minister urges all to make Dhaka a clean city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For a clean and healthy city, individuals should refrain from throwing garbage in open and instill the habit of reducing, reusing and recycling in their lifestyle, said Environment and Forests Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday.

"The government will soon import six road cleaning trucks to better clean the capital city but individuals should also abide by environmental laws and regulations to ensure a clean city," he also said at a seminar at Nawab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Hall of Dhaka University.

The seminar was organised to launch the '3 R Pilot Strategy' initiated by Dhaka University and the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the patronage of the Climate Change Trust Fund.

Vice-Chancellor of DU AAMS Arefin Siddique and Secretary of Environment and Forests Ministry Mohd Shafiqur Rahman also addressed the seminar.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khairul Alam Bokul, former central leader of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee and a resident of Mirpur in the capital, died of backbone disease yesterday early morning. He was 54.

He left behind his wife, three sons and a host of relatives and well-wishers, says a press release.

Bokul had been involved with the committee since 1992.

Being an active member till his death, Bokul played an important role in forming the city units of the committee, the press release added.

Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee expressed profound shock at the death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Abdul Malek Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Malek Khan, father of Senior Reporter Dipu Sarwar at Boishakhi Television and Special Reporter Sajjad Alam Khan Tapu of the daily Jugantor, passed away due to old age complications at his residence in Sirajganj town on Saturday night. He was 72.

He left behind his wife, three sons, two daughters, and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Reduce cost of migration Says Dipu Moni

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for reducing the cost of migration and removing existing malpractices in the sector.

She was speaking at the seminar on "Manpower Export of Bangladesh: Trends, Prospects, and Considerations" held in the auditorium of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in the capital.

She said most of the workers who go abroad are not skilled, and so, they get sub-standard jobs and earn less.

In his opening remarks, Muhammad Imrul Quayes, director general of BISS, said Bangladesh is yet to tap its full potential and diversify manpower export destinations. "We have to identify the areas where we can compete," he added.

Hamidul Khan lauded for role in spreading Bangla culture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a reception yesterday lauded Hamidul Khan, president of German-Bangla Society, for his significant contribution in promoting Bangla language, literature and culture in the global community.

The expatriate introduced Bangladesh's culture in Germany and hence the global arena through various social activities and can be an inspiration for the next generation, they said.

The reception accorded to Hamidul was organised by Council for Bengali Language, Literature and Culture in Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University.

Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique was present as chief guest while lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor was the special guest. Prof Rafiqullah Khan of Bangla department presided over the reception.

Bangladesh National Museum Deputy Keeper Dr Niru Shamsunnahar, television personality Adam Dawla and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Secretary Manzoorur Rahman gave speeches on the occasion and the council's Joint Secretary Farzana Afrin conducted the programme.

Afterwards, a cultural programme was held where Warda Rihab and Samina Hossain Prema performed dance and Tripti Khan and Sharif Arefin Rony sang.

BANGABANDHU BRIDGE Official suspended for assaulting truck driver

OUT CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A retired army major, who has been serving as traffic and security manager of Bangabandhu Bridge, was suspended yesterday for attacking a truck driver and injuring him critically.

He was also fined Tk 10,000 for treating the injured driver. Police said the ex-major Hasanuzzaman hit driver Atikuzzaman with his wireless set.

Helaluzzaman, OC of Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station, said a coal-laden truck from Dhaka reached the bridge's east side weight station around 8:00am. The truck was not allowed to cross the bridge as it carried some extra weight. When its driver approached to the traffic manager over the issue, Hasanuzzaman hit his head with a wireless set as the driver called him "Chacha" (uncle), said the OC.

Being informed, truck union leaders from Tangail and Sirajganj went to the spot and demanded Hasanuzzaman's punishment.

Hasanuzzaman was employed by a joint venture comprising two Bangladeshi and one Chinese firm to operate the bridge.

Soon after his joining four months ago, he allegedly used to beat up drivers and smashed glasses of trucks. He also misbehaved with journalists, local people and the law enforcers. Despite retiring of his service, he used to wear army dress while on-duty at the bridge.

11 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Eleven people were killed and 17 others injured in separate road accidents in the capital, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Sunamganj, Naogaon and Mymensingh yesterday and on Saturday.

BSS from Dhaka reports, a rickshaw-van puller died as a Gulistan-bound bus ran him over just after he got off another bus at English Road intersection in the capital's old part around 6:30am yesterday.

Jamin Madbar, 50, of Faridpur, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 8:30am.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reports, a motorcyclist was killed instantly when a tractor hit the motorbike at Chowrangi intersection in Debiganj upazila in Panchagarh around 2:00pm yesterday.

The dead, Fazle Rabbi Razu, 30, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) upazila unit president, hailed from Madyapara village in the upazila.

Meanwhile, Abdus Salam, 23, of Ranishankoil upazila, was killed when a

tractor hit his motorbike from behind on Haripur-Dharmagarh road at Amgaon village in Thakurgaon around 9:30pm on Saturday.

UNB from Thakurgaon reports, a youth was killed as a minibus rammed the power trolley carrying him on Dhaka-Panchagarh highway in Chowdhuryhat area of Sadar upazila around 6:00pm on Saturday.

The deceased, Al Amin, 22, of the upazila, was helper of the power trolley driver.

The agitated locals blocked the road in protest until police managed them to free the road around 8:00pm.

Our staff correspondent from Sylhet reports, four passengers, including two siblings, were killed while twelve others injured when a bus collided head-on with their leguna (human-hauler) on Sylhet-Sunamganj highway in Chhatak upazila in Sunamganj district yesterday.

The dead are Tahid miah, 48, Selim Ahmed, 30, his sister Kalpona, 25, of Ronoshi village, and Abdul Hannan, 50, of Mohammadpur village, of Dakshin Sunamganj upazila.

The injured were admitted to Koitak health centre and Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

UNB from Naogaon adds, two siblings were killed and five other people injured when a Dhaka-bound bus, 'Druti Paribahan', hit their microbus at Jalchhatra Mor in Manda upazila of Naogaon around 11:00am on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Biswanath Murmu, 32, and his brother Rabidas Murmu, 28, of Dhamirhat upazila in the district.

The injured, Maklu Hemrom, 30, Parvin Hemrom, 20, Jarman Murmu, 18, Rubel Hossain, 19, and Goljar Hossain, 18, hailed from the same upazila.

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds, a schoolboy was killed instantly when a Dhaka-bound bus ran him over while crossing Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Raghmara in Trishal upazila of Mymensingh around 3:00pm yesterday.

Minhaz, 15, son of Bubul of Satarpara village in the upazila, was a ninth grader.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique addresses a promotion meeting on implementation of Three-R Pilot Initiative (Phase-1) Project, financed by Climate Trust Fund, at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of DU yesterday.

CANADIAN STUDENT'S DEATH Murder case filed against male friend

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A relative of a Canadian female student, who died after being hit by a train near the capital's Cantonment Railway Station on Saturday night, filed a murder case against a male friend of hers yesterday.

The deceased, as per her passport, is Munjerina Arabin Jerin, 22. The accused Mohiuddin Sharan, a cousin of Jerin's classmate, was arrested by Kamalapur Government Railway Police, with which the case was filed, yesterday.

Jerin visited her aunt in Rampura Saturday morning and left around 4:30pm, said the relative, Prof Afsar Ali.

"She (Jerin) went for a walk with Mohiuddin at the station area behind Hotel

Radisson around 6:30pm. Mohiuddin took her to a nearby hospital after the incident," said Jerin's uncle, Abu Bakar Siddique.

Prof Afsar, quoting witnesses, said Jerin had engaged in a heated argument with Mohiuddin but no one saw what happened right before the impact.

He said Mohiuddin gave him a vague description on how the train hit Jerin.

Born and raised in Canada, Jerin's grades were not good enough for enrollment in a medical school there. Therefore, she came to Bangladesh in 2012 and got enrolled in Uttara Women's Medical College, said Siddique.

She was residing in the college's hostel while her Bangladeshi parents reside in Canada.

POLICE ATTACK ON TEACHERS Agitators submit memo to NHRC chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers did a "condemnable" act by lobbing tear shells and spraying liquid gas on the agitating teachers and employees of non-MPO educational institutions, said National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

He also urged law enforcers to refrain from such acts in future.

His comments came after the teachers and employees of non-MPO secondary schools, colleges, madrasas and technical educational institutions submitted a memorandum to him at his office in the capital yesterday.

The teachers and employees, under the banner of "Non-MPO Shikkha Pratishthan Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Jote," have been agitating since Monday to press home their demand to include their educational institutions in the monthly payment order (MPO) list.

Esharat Ali, president of the Jote, said they submitted the memorandum to NHRC chairman after police barred their pre-scheduled sit-in programme on NHRC office premises around 11:00am yesterday and sprayed liquid gas to disperse them.

Prof Mizanur said he will meet the education minister and appeal for the teachers' demands.

Earlier on Wednesday, police lobbed tear shells and sprayed liquid gas on another demonstration of the teachers in the capital. Police also barred few other demonstrations of the teachers on Thursday and Friday.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the twenty-second death anniversary of Abul

Qasem FCA, founder president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB).

Qasem founded one of the oldest Chartered Accountancy firms of the country, A Quasem & Co, in 1953 and was a former president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (DCCI).

Qasem, the second Muslim chartered accountant in the country, was a member of Dhaka University Senate and its finance committee.



Unmukto Ganotantrik Parishad forms a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday protesting the exclusion of the name and biography of Maulana Bhasani from textbooks. Story on Page 2. PHOTO: STAR