



Nur Nahar Lucky breaks down before the coffin bearing the body of her 22-year-old son Md Arif in Chittagong's Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday. Arif was one of the 19 Bangladeshis who were killed in a UAE road accident on February 4.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

UAE ROAD CRASH Seven bodies arrive in Ctg

ARUN BIKASH DEY AND TAREK MAHMUD, Ctg

In his 60s, Idris Miah perhaps carried the heaviest thing in his lifetime yesterday--the coffins of his two sons who were killed in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) road accident on February 4.

The two--Khorshed Alam, 24, and Masud Rana, 18--were buried in their North Sartta village in Raozan upazila.

Idris and Hasina Begum have now only one child left--a daughter.

Seven bodies of the 19 Bangladeshis, who died in the tragedy with three other foreign nationals, reached Chittagong's Amanat International Airport yesterday morning.

In Anwara upazila, Borhan's mother passed out frequently, who came to know of her son's death only two days ago.

Jahangir, eldest brother of Borhanudin, 26, said he hid the news as his mother was ill. Borhan was the youngest of the three sons of Anwara Begum and Shah Alam of Khaskama village.

A pall of gloom enveloped Fatikchhari as four of the victims lived there.

Nur Nahar Lucky, mother of 22-year-old Md Arif, cried so much that she got so frail. "Who will call me 'ma'?" wondered the mother, Arif was whose only child.

Md Hashem, 42, of Dakkhin Paindong village had lived in UAE for the last 10 years. His family of five--

his wife, three daughters and a son--is now in deep uncertainty.

So are the families of Md Alauddin, 38, of Dakkin Paindong village and Sirajul Islam, 42, of Uttar Paindong village.

All of the victims were buried. Officials said the remaining 12 bodies would arrive home by February 13.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Jahangir Alam, a joint secretary to the expatriates' welfare ministry, yesterday handed over a cheque of Tk 35,000 to each of the seven families as burial cost.

An additional Tk 2 lakh will be donated to each of the families later, said Mohsin Chowdhury, director, Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training, Chittagong.

DU Shibir leader pushed off third floor

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University students pushed an Islami Chhatra Shibir leader off third floor and beat up two other leaders last night.

Rakib, the hall's Shibir unit president and of political science department, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after being pushed off.

Sanaullah Pritom, the hall's Shibir unit general secretary and of law department; and Noki, the hall's Shibir unit organising secretary and of development studies department; were handed over to police.

Students beat up the three, who admitted to be Shibir leaders, said police. Students said the three were posing as Bangladesh Chhatra League activists but the students found a list of Shibir activists in their rooms.

3 killed, 11 hurt in road crashes

METRO DESK

Three people were killed and 11 others injured in separate road accidents in Satkhira, Dinajpur and Natore on Saturday and yesterday.

A correspondent from Satkhira reports, a child died as a truck ran her over in front of Anwara Memorial Clinic in Satkhira around 2:00pm yesterday.

The deceased is Parul, 4, daughter of Mizanur Rahman of Agardari in Satkhira.

Police said the accident occurred while she was crossing road with her parents.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, a schoolteacher was killed and 10 others were injured as a bus fell into a roadside after hitting the teacher on Bochaganj-Biral road in Phulhat area of Biral upazila in Dinajpur yesterday.

The deceased Tarok Chandra Roy, 25, of Gangapur village in Bochaganj upazila of the district, was a computer teacher of Deepshikha School in Biral.

The injured were taken to Bochaganj Upazila Health Complex.

Our Natore correspondent reports, an elderly woman was killed and another injured as a truck rammed an oncoming human hauler on Natore-Dhaka highway in Chandpur area of Natore sadar upazila at about 4:30pm on Saturday.

The deceased was Aleya Begum, 55, wife of Zillur Rahman of village Bangabaria in the upazila.

Injured Apiya Begum, 57, was admitted to Natore Sadar Hospital and, later, shifted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Ahmadiyya convention concludes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 89th Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat ended yesterday with a message to establish peace and happiness in the lives of all people across the world.

In celebration of its 100 years, Bangladesh Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat organised the three-day long convention from February 8 at its central office in the capital.

National Ameer of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Mobasherur Rahman chaired the concluding session of the convention while Chief Ameer of world Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Mirza Masrur Ahmed addressed it through a telecast, said a press release. Members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat and representatives of the Muslim community from 15 countries attended the convention.

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