# Eid joy marred by deaths

Shahana Akhter, 35, Salma Akhter, 32, Shahnaz Parveen, 50, Marium Bewya, 70, Manti Begum, 50, Risha, 7, Sonali Begum, 45, Sabbir hossain, 12 and bus driver Dilip Proshad.

In Bogra, at least six people, including a mother and her daughter, were killed and 30 others injured when an out-of-control truck collided head-on with a bus at Banani intersection in Shajahanpur upazila around 3:00pm yesterday.

At least 21 injured were admitted to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital and nine left the hospital taking first aid. Of the injured was Habib

Ministry of Public Administration. In Madaripur, seven people were killed and 60 others were injured in three road

accidents during the Eid holidays and yesterday. Two of them died and 60 were injured when a bus fell into a ditch near Shariatullah

Bridge on Dhaka-Khulna highway on Friday after-Three people died as a bus hit the motorbike they were

travelling on at Gabindapur area on Dhaka-Barisal highway in Madaripur on Saturday. A man was killed after

at Raijoir upazila on Dhaka-Barisal highway in Madaripur on Thursday night. On Friday, police recovered the body of an

elderly person who apparently died in a road accident at Gabindapur area.

were killed and 10 others

injured in two road acci-

dents at Tepra bus stand and

at Borongali bus stand in

Shivalaya upazila o

Manikganj on Saturday. A

bus fell into a ditch near

Tepra bus stand killing one

while a man died when his

died when a microbus broke

through the guardrails of a

bridge at Gharakhola on

Khulna-Dhaka highway

Saturday morning and

battery-run three-wheeler

on Lalmonirhat-Kurigram

highway at Khedabagh on

Saturday killing one person.

ans were killed when a bus

ran them over on Tangail

Jamalpur highway at

Raghunathpurdigholi in

Jamalpur Sunday afternoon

was killed and seven others

were injured as a sports

utility vehicle plunged into

a ditch near Chittagong-

Cox's Bazar highway around

missing since Thursday

when they fell into the

Jamuna river from the roof a

bus on Bangabandhu

Bridge. One person was

Gaibandha, Jhenidah

Madaripur, Dinajpur

Jessore, Narail, Comilla,

Pabna, Brahmanbaria

Manikganj, Gopalganj

contributed to this report.

Lalmonirhat, and Jamalpur

passers-by at moving trains,

but very few of such inci-

dents are reported to the

railway authorities however

no action is taken against

those responsible for such

charge of Chittagong

Government Railway Police,

Ahsan Habib, officer-in-

acts, said train commuters.

Correspondents in Bogra,

At least three people are

4:00pm yesterday.

rescued.

In Chittagong, a woman

In Jamalpur, two pedestri-

In Lalmonirhat, a bus hit a

landed in a ditch.

In Gopalganj, two people

motorbike was hit by a bus.

In Dinajpur five people were killed.

Three women died and 50 others were injured when a bus blew one of its tyres and collided head on with and injuring 10 people another bus at Birganj upazila around 2:30pm vesterday. A lecturer of Bondhomata

School and College of Phulbari upazila in Dinajpur was killed when his motorbike collided with another motorbike in Phulbaria yesterday and another person died in Gopalganj area of the district after being hit by a cycle Friday night.

In Jhenidah, two people were killed at Charmuraridah near Jhenidah Cadet College on Jhenidah-Kushtia highway after a truck hit a broken down truck on Thursday morning.

In Narail, an elderly man died when he was run over by a motorbike in Chowgachha of Lohagara around 3:30pm yesterday.

In Comilla, eight people were killed and several others were injured in five road accidents at Daudkandi and Laksam upazila during the Eid holidays and yesterday.

In Brahmanbaria, a woman was killed on Eid day, Friday, when the CNG run auto-rickshaw carrying her fell into a roadside ditch at Pahartali of Bancharampur.

In Manikganj, two people

friends, who accompanied

them on the journey, rushed

## Eyes on election

During their stay in their electoral areas, AL MPs and central leaders have held meetings with locals, highlighting government's suc-

cesses in various sectors. BNP lawmakers and leaders also held such meetings, urging local leaders and supporters to ready themselves to

intensify street agitations in the coming days and force the AL-led government to form a non-partisan polls-time government. Several top BNP leaders

told this newspaper yesterday that the party high command will soon sit to draw up the agitation programmes.

"Programmes like road blockade and hartal will be enforced to step up the antigovernment movement," said Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, a standing committee member of the BNP.

Ever since the caretaker government system was scrapped in June 2011, the BNP-led 18-party alliance has maintained that it will not contest the polls if the system is not restored. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and other top leaders or the ruling alliance have dismissed the demand as unacceptable. Under the amended

constitutional provisions, national polls are now to be held under the incumbent administration. This face-off between the two main parties has sparked

fears of further political unrest in the coming days. It has also created a sense of doubt in public mind as to whether the polls could be held in due time. The current parliament

completes its five-year tenure on January 24 next year, and under the constitutional provisions the next general elections should be held 90 days before that. It is generally expected that the polls will be held between late December and early January.

However, the uncertainty did not matter much for the ruling party and opposition are already in a competition, demonstrating their strength through showdowns in district towns. In some constituencies,

party men. Both the camps

each of the two parties seems to have more than one potential contender. In more examples of elec-

tioneering during the Eid vacation, State Minister for Youth Ahad Ali Sarker hosted a feast for more than 200 leaders of his constituency on Saturday. The Natore-2 AL lawmaker asked the local leaders and activists to start working for the election,

Enamul Haque, AL MF from Rajshahi-4, distributed three truckloads of saris and lungis among the locals on the eve of Eid. He also hosted Iftar parties in each of the 15 unions of his constituency locals said.

locals said.

According to his close aides, each of these Iftan parties cost Tk 15 lakh.

Aminul Haque, former telecommunications minister and ex-BNP lawmaker also hosted a feast for leaders and workers of his Rajshahi-1 constituency on Saturday. In the evening, he led a procession of party leaders and workers on more than 500 motorbikes. Like in other districts,

Kurigram pasted posters on walls offering Eid greetings in different areas. In Pabna, BNP leaders willing to contest the polls

lawmakers and leaders of AL,

BNP and Jatiya Party in

were seen busy drumming up support for party nomination. BNP leader Shimul Biswas, a personal assistant to opposition leader Khaleda

Zia, wants to contest the polls from Pabna-5. On such electioneering he said: "Being political

persons, we uphold the spirit of elections. "But we are now ready to follow the BNP chief's direc-

tives to intensify the movement for the formation of a non-partisan government to conduct a free and fair parliamentary election."

### Govt set to launch

Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina is expected to kick off the mega campaign by inaugurating the fair.

Seven motorcades carrying different slogans and success stories would start marching across the country from the day of inauguration. A three-day fair would

also be organised at every district. Apart from that, banners, leaflets, posters and testoons would be distributed and documentaries would be screened up to village level.

Apan Communications, a company owned by Ruhul Amin Bhuiyan Arif, vicepresident of BNP's cultural wing Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Jote, was awarded the project through a bidding process.

As per the project, there would be a colossal inauguration and closing function of the campaign to be held in Dhaka.

"The date of the inauguration will be fixed depending on the prime minister's consent," said Director (Publications) of the Directorate of Communications Sachindra Nath Halder.

He said the fair would host stalls of different ministries and projects highlighting success and ongoing development projects of the government.

On the budget of the project, Sachindra said the government had floated a tender as per which the winning bidder would manage sponsorship for the job.

Sources in the information ministry said a few influential ruling party leaders were involved in the project who would implement it by taking sponsorship from various sources including stateowned banks, insurance official plan".

companies, business houses and individual donors.

The ruling party lawmakers would also take initiatives to collect fund for the campaign in their respective constituencies, they added.

A 13-member central committee has been formed comprising the information minister and the information secretary as the advisers to carry out the campaign successfully.

Similar committees have been formed at district and upazila levels headed by the deputy commissioners and the upazila nirbahi officers respectively.

The city corporations, police department, Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Betar, civil surgeons, district and upazila education officers, press clubs and reporters' unities and Shilpakala Academy would also be involved in

In addition, the informa tion ministry has chalked out a three-month-long campaign which is expected to start in October. Seminars, discussions, photo exhibitions and screening documentaries would be held under this plan to be carried out by the Directorate of Communications with government funding. "The Department of Films

the campaign.

and Publications has prepared more than 100 documentaries highlighting different projects and success stories of the government, Sachindra Nath Halder told The Daily Star.

A ruling party activist, who was involved in pasting adverts on the billboards, said the massive campaign had already started with the billboards now displaying in the capital under an "un-

#### S. Korean bid wins contract to build Myanmar airport preferred bidder to construct the AFP, Yangon

Korea's state-run airport operator to build a new international

hub near it's main city, as the once-isolated nation sees booming tourist and business visitor numbers. A consortium led by the Incheon International Airport

Hanthawaddy International Airport as a second hub for the country's commercial centre Yangon, Myanmar's Department of Civil Aviation said.

The final contract for the \$1.1 billion project will be signed at the end of this year, Seoul's transport ministry said in a statement on Sunday con-

#### Buet student stabbed Tonmoy exposed a network FROM PAGE 16

occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Police said the victim, son of Manik Mian of Jamalpur village under the upazila, was travelling with some friends on a rickshaw van in Kishoreganj area. When they reached

Kashiabari around 9:00pm, a gang of nine, all masked and riding three motorcycles, encircled the van. They stabbed Tonmoy at least ten times and left the scene. Locals took him to Palashbari Health Complex. Later, he was sent to Rangpur

Medical College Hospital in

a critical condition, report

our Gaibandha and Rangpur correspondents. Al Helal Didarul Alam, assistant professor of Rangpur Medical College Hospital, told The Daily Star yesterday that Tonmoy suffered grievous injuries in several parts of his body, including the head, left ear

and right hand. The victim's condition was very critical when he was admitted to RMCH. After a three-hour surgery, he was now out of danger and kept at the post operative centre of RMCH, the doctor said.

Shiekh Md Golam Mostafa, OC (investigation) of Palashbari Police Station,

said a probe was going on to nab the criminals.

Tonmoy told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon over the phone he had identified three of the nine attackers. "Although the

assailants to law enforcers. Tonmoy, a central com-

mittee member of Bangladesh Chhatra League, has all along been actively involved in Shahbagh movement. According to his family

mother, he has no political or any sort of conflict with anyone in the locality. He was stabbed by the assailants from Jamaat and Shibir as he used to write

campaigns of Jamaat-e-Islam and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir, they alleged. Tonmoy, also a former general secretary of Buet Chhatra League, claimed he had received threats over the phone from Shibir activists

to police in the past one year.

handed over 18 Shibir men

members, including his

articles in blogs against smear

for he and his friends had

Campus sources say

of Shibir men carrying out propaganda against Gonojagoron Mancha, which spearheads the Shahbagh movement for

Jamaat-Shibir politics. A few weeks back, he also provided The Daily Star with huge documents

capital punishment to war

criminals and banning of

revealing the network. On April 9, Arif Rayhan Dwip, another Buet student and Gonojagoron Mancha activist, was stabbed indiscriminately. He succumbed to his injuries on July 2 after remain-

sent by post shrouds to Tonmoy and Buet Chhatra League Convener Amanur Rahman Palash in their dormitories, the victim said. The deliveries bore the mark of Mirpur post office.

Maruf Rasul, an organiser of Gonojagoron Mancha, said those who stabbed Tonmoy should be arrested immediately and tried in speedy tribunals.

general secretary of BCL, in a statement condemned incident and said this is an ominous sign for the coun-

### Political dynasties government has ever done FROM PAGE 16

peace between the prime minister, Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League, and the opposition leader, Khaleda Zia of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), mean little," read the article posted on its website on August 10.

"A European diplomat says he has just sent two cables to his capital. The first discusses the growing chances of the League's defeat in elections due by next January. The second is about the dynastic succession plans of the battling begums. "One political party is

likely to be missing at the coming election. On August 1st, the High Court ruled that the country's biggest religious party, the Jamaat-e-Islami, is unfit to contest national polls because its charter puts God above democratic process. The court has cancelled Jamaat's registration. A few months ago this might have sealed victory for the League, for Jamaat has been a crucial vote-winning ally for BNP.

"Yet growing numbers now doubt whether the League can win a second the party." consecutive term, and not

so in Bangladesh," it said. The write-up also made

mentions of the ongoing war crimes trial and the crackdown on Hefajat-e Islam in the capital in May. "... the BNP has been in

the ascendant. It thrashed the

League in mayoral elections in June and July, notably in Gazipur in the industrial belt, hitherto one of the League's safest constituencies. "In an attempt to reverse its fortunes, the government plans to raise wages for 4m

garment workers, who are angry at its failure to make factories safe and to compensate relatives of more than 1,100 killed in a ghastly factory collapse in May. "A wage rise could sway many voters, but factory bosses are likely to resist a deal. A push against party corruption would also boost

Sheikh Hasina's popularity. A good third of her MPs dare not visit their fiefs for fear of being lynched for treating their constituencies as cash tills. Yet no precedent exists for firing miscreants, and appointing credible candidates would probably split

"As a last resort, Sheikh only because no elected Hasina's son and heir appar-

handed around for three weeks in July before flying back to the United States. At this point, he looks like a non-starter.

ent, Sajeeb Wazed, was

"His dynastic counterpart, Tarique Rahman, Mrs Zia's son, is wilier. He would jump on a plane from London tomorrow. His mother is in poor health and keen to pass power to her first-born." "But he faces charges of

corruption and money laundering in Bangladesh: Mr Rahman was instrumental in ensuring that the BNP's last stint in power was a glorious plunder. He would go straight to jail unless the League agrees in the coming weeks to pass control of the country's institutions to a caretaker government for the elections, a stickingpoint that could trigger a constitutional crisis.

"The League will fight bitterly. But if it loses an election, the BNP would rehabilitate its disgraced heir and its Jamaat allies (at least, those not executed by then). Once a party is in power in Bangladesh it is the unalterable tradition to declare nearly everything decreed by your opponents to be null and void," it said.

### Row over death figure

Motijheel.

May 5.

FROM PAGE 1

Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan in the capital's Gulshan vesterday for publishing false information on casualties during the crackdown. While Hefajat, a Qawmi

madrasa-based organisation,

and the BNP-led opposition

alliance kept claiming that

law enforcers killed hundreds in the drive, online propaganda continued supporting the claim. Speaking at a press conference on May 6, hours after the Motijheel drive, BNP Vice-Chairman Sadeque Hossain Khoka said more than 1,000

the bodies were concealed. Later on May 8, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Benazir Ahmed told the media that 11 people, including a policeman, died during the May 5-6 unrest.

Hefajat men were killed and

The Daily Star also has estimated that the number of casualties could be not more than 40.

at least 58 people, including seven members of security forces, died on May 5 and 6. The Odhikar report put the death toll at 61 but gives

and one missing person. student of Baitul Fozol

family details.

In a reply to the ministry on July 17, Nasiruddin Elan

brother was informed The NGO urged the governaround 6:00am on May 6 ment to "form a neutral about the madrasa teacher's Investigation Commission death by an unknown policeheaded by a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of man, who claimed to have recovered the body from Bangladesh, after having discussion with human

was brought to Islami Bank Hospital around 7:00pm on Nannu was found injured around 6:00am on May 6 by some people, who later hospitalised him. He succumbed to his injuries on May 11, his brother Hafez

Saidul Bari's cousin Ananya

Sultana said in an interview

published in the report that

the teenager, heavily injured,

Md Hafizul Haq told Odhikar. Furthermore, the report quoted family members of Monowar Siddiki, 28, an imam from Comilla, as saying he had been missing since the Hefajat held a rally at Shapla Chattar on May 5. He joined the rally and contacted his family members

around 5:00pm the last time.

In addition, the report said Sekandar, an assistant at Dhaka Medical College morgue, notified Odhikar that a postmortem was carried out on the 16 bodies on May 6. Of them, two were policemen, two BGB rity of the victims and witpersonnel, and 11 others were The report did not say

whether the 11 victims were The information ministry

in a letter, dated July 10, to Odhikar Director Nasiruddin Elan asked for the list of the 61 people and their names, addresses and

refused to give the information, citing inadequate vic-

rights organisations, which are working to prepare the list of the deceased persons."

The organisation would "submit its in-depth fact finding mission report, including the detailed list of the deceased to the impartial, independent Investigation Commission".

Taskin Fahmina, senior researcher and programme coordinator of Odhikar, told this correspondent that it is a practice of human rights organisations not to disclose information on the victims to the state, if the state itself is an oppressor or violator of human rights, or if there is a concern regarding the security of the victims.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, eminent rights activist Sultana Kamal said, "If they [Odhikar] are making an allegation against the government, they are legally bound to provide justifica-"If they feared for the secu-

nesses, they should have approached the matter through the court instead of addressing it in a letter to the information ministry." Khushi Kabir, coordinator

of Nijera Kori, told The Daily Star that a human rights organisation can withhold information if they feel that it will jeopardise the lives of their clients. The noted rights activist

added, "The government's record has not always been clean regarding the protection of victims or witnesses ".

Receiving tender document

Address of tender opening

documents selling

Special instruction

Description of goods

submitting

Last date & time for tender

Last date & time of tender

Tender opening date & time

GD-2974

Mohammad Halimuzzan, 47, a deputy secretary of the

falling from the roof of a bus

As soon as the train reached Bridge Bhanga area at Bhatiary in Sitakunda upazila, an apple-sized stone rocketed through the window next to Priti and hit

unconscious, said Mintu, who was in the next seat.

Priti to the nearby Sitakunda Upazila Health Complex. She was then transferred to her head while she was asleep. She gave out a sud-

Passenger killed

Mintu and his two

Chittagong Medical College Hosptial where doctors declared herdead around 12:30am. Dilip Das, Priti's father, den scream and became termed the untimely death of

his only daughter as murder. said they lack adequate Many passengers get manpower to check such injured by stones thrown by

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Police Dhaka Metropolitan Police Headquarters

Logistics and Procurement Division, Rajarbagh, Dhaka

Date: 5/08/2013 Memo No. 09/L&P/RS/DMP/2013-2014/1035

**Invitation for Auction** Sealed tenders are hereby invited for selling by auction of rejected gunny bags (small) & plastic bags of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ration Store, Rajarbagh Police Lines, Rajarbagh, Dhaka. Ministry Ministry of Home Affairs. Agency Bangladesh Police. Procuring entity name Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Logistics Procuring entity address and Procurement), Rajarbagh Police Lines, Dhaka. Open Tendering Method (OTM). Procurement method Tender items Auction of rejected gunny bags (small) & plastic bags. Budget & source of funds Eligibility of tenderer

original documents for purchase of tender documents & shall have to submit the following documents with the tender attested by 1st class govt. officer. Valid trade license 2. Up-to-date bank statement to prove solvency for supply of goods 3. Tenderer shall have to 10% liquid asset (working capital) of tendered amount of the particular item 4. Up-to-date income tax pay certificate 5. Certificate of nationality 6. Ownership affidavit Two copies of passport size photo 8. Vat registration & 9. Work experience (if any). At the time of tender submitting the tenderer shall have to enclosed Bank Guarantee/Bank

Draft/Pay-Order from any schedule bank in favour of Commissioner, DMP, Dhaka as tender

27/08/2013 at 12.00 noon.

plastic bags= 7,203pcs.

1. All the activities of this tender will run according to "The Public Procurement Rules, 2008".

This tender notice will be available in Bangladesh Police website (www.police.gov.bd).

present).

the tender.

Tenderer shall have to apply to DC (Logistics and Procurement) and have to show the following

security Auction item/schedule price/tender security money Tk. 50,000/-Gunny bags (small) As per schedule Tk. 1,000/-Plastic bags As per schedule 02 (a) Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Logistics Tender seller's document and Procurement), Rajarbagh Police Lines, Dhaka. (b) designation, address, date & time Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Finance & Budget), DMP HQ, Ramna, Dhaka. (c) Office of the S.P.

> (Admin. & Telecom), Rajarbagh, Dhaka. Tender documents will be available for sell from the date of publishing of concern advertisement in the newspaper

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Auction of rejected gunny bags (small)= 98,877pcs &

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For Commissioner

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27/08/2013 at 12.30pm (in front of the tenderer, if The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject

Myanmar has picked South

Corp (IIAC) was chosen as the firming the successful bid.

Rights body HRW recently in a report said it believes that

detailed information only about three of the deceased It gave details about Hefajatmen. Mohammad Saidul Bari, 17, a

Islamia Madrasa in Mohammadpur, Dhaka; Mawlana Mufti Mohammad Yunus, 32, a teacher of Forkhola Hafezia Madrasa in Daudkandi, and Moazzemul Haq Nannu, 35, from Khorki, Jessore.

According to the report, Mohammad Yunus's elder tim protection laws.

gang members were masked, I could identify the three from their physiques and getups." Of the three, he said, two were locals and the other was from the capital. He will disclose the identities of the

ingunconscious for 84 days. Within a month of the attack on Dwip, somebody

Siddique Nazmul Alam, try's politics.