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Road crash death toll soars by 1,420

Reveals survey of Nirapad Sarak Chai

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 6,582 people died in road accidents across the country in 2014, marking a rise by over a quarter, or 1,420 deaths, from the previous year's toll, reveals a survey of Nirapad Sarak Chai.

The casualties increased despite the government's several moves to ensure road safety--drives against unfit vehicles, repair of spots with engineering faults, and awareness building.

Nirapad Sarak Chai pointed out reckless driving, untrained drivers, poor traffic management, lack of public awareness and law enforcement as major causes of the accidents.

In 2013, the death toll was 5,162, according to the report revealed at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday. Nirapad Sarak Chai has been campaigning for road safety since 1993.

Of those killed in 2014, at least 4,536 died on the spot and the rest in hospital or after treatment. Pedestrians' death toll surpasses that of passengers.

At least 10,770 people were injured in 2,713 accidents in 2014, while 8,914 were wounded in 2,753 accidents the previous year.

The report says most accidents occurred because of motorcycles and locally-made unfit vehicles like Nasimon, Karimon and Bhatbhati on highways, which collided with

2014

2,713 accidents

6,582 killed

10,770 injured

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Train all drivers
- Create nat'l monitoring cell
- Punish corrupt officials

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Road accidents kill 6

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Six people died and five others were injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Tuesday.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports, three people were killed and three others injured when a truck hit a stranded bus which hit a police-van parked before it on Dhaka-Sirajganj highway at Kodda intersection in Sirajganj Sadar yesterday.

The deceased were Abdul Based, 35, a police

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Ex-army officer sued for Tk 60cr swindle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday sued Maj Gen (retd) Jalal Uddin Ahmed and his wife, son and daughter for misappropriating around Tk 60 crore taken from 1,449 persons with return promises of Tk 2,000 per month for every Tk 1 lakh and of deposits on 10 to 15 days' notice.

Now a fugitive alongside his family, Jalal opened

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Man shot dead in Ctg clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was shot dead and another was injured in a clash over a land dispute in Banshkhalia area under Banshkhalia upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased was Didarul Alam, 38, of Banshkhalia area.

Locals said there has been a longstanding

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Prisons to get body, luggage scanners

Jail chief tells press to check drug trade, cellphone use

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With allegations rife over cellphone use and drug trade in the country's 68 prisons, the authorities concerned have decided using two body scanners at Dhaka central and Kashimpur high security jails soon alongside luggage scanners and increasing the number of CCTV cameras in all.

Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Iftekhhar Uddin yesterday also said the jails lacked specialist doctors for the jail code barred private practice.

He was addressing a press conference the prison directorate organised at its Bakshibazar office in the capital on "Kara Saptaha-2014" (prison week) ending December 29.

The week's views-exchange meetings with some 5,000 participants, mostly relatives of prisoners, raised 118 issues, said Iftekhhar, adding that they were taking into consideration one over increasing visitors' time from the present 20 minutes.

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