

Two killed, 30 injured in road crashes

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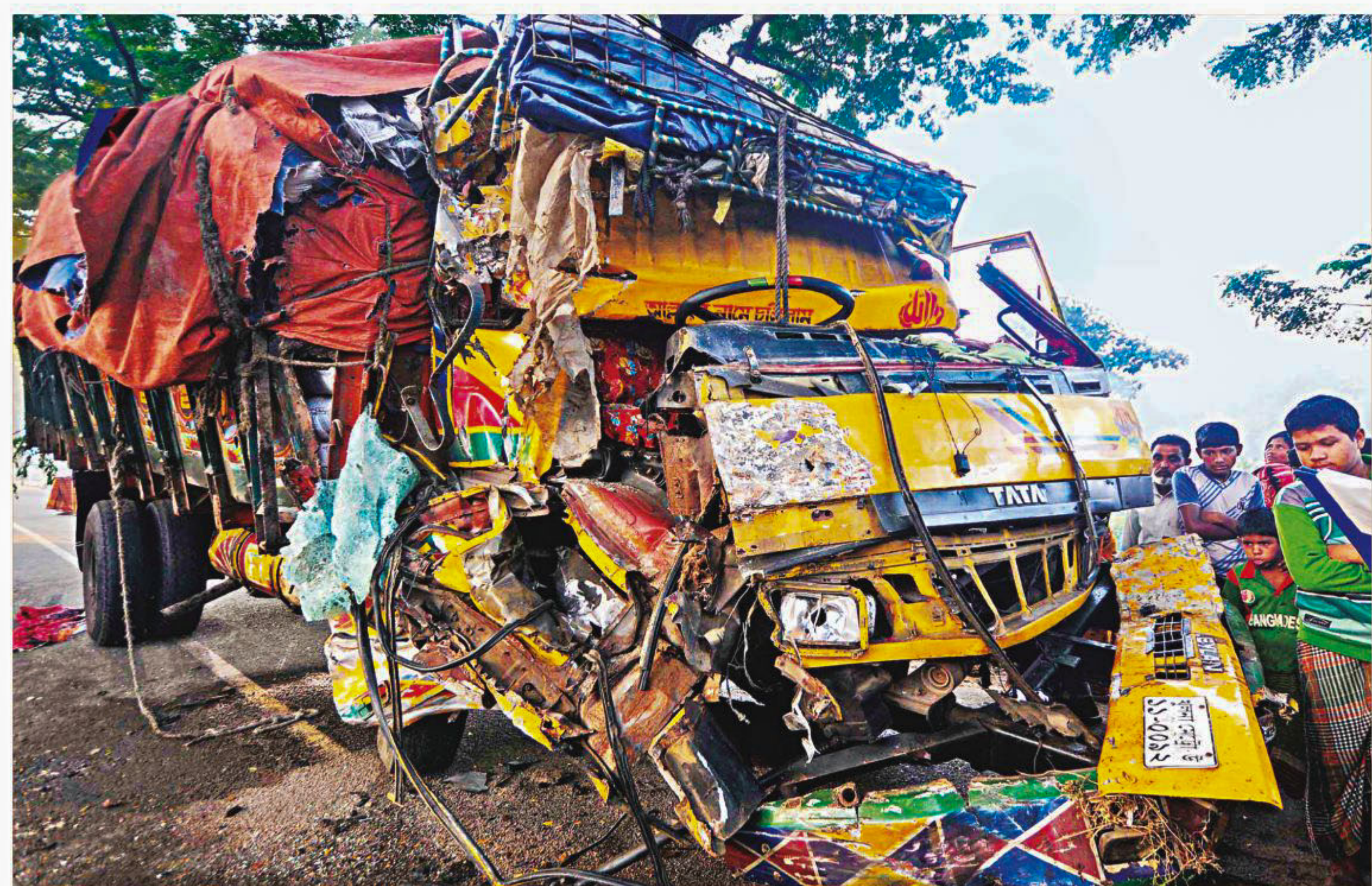
A seven-year-old girl was killed and 20 people were injured as a bus fell into a ditch beside Goshabari-Dhurat road in Bakshapara area of Dhurat upazila in Bogra yesterday.

The deceased was Amena Begum, daughter of Aminul Islam of Mollikpur Char in the upazila. She died on the spot, said police.

Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Dhurat Police Station, said the bus was seized and the injured were sent to hospitals.

In Natore, a man was killed on the spot and 10 others were injured as a bus turned turtle and fell into a ditch beside Baraigram-Lalpur road in Kalikapur area of Baraigram upazila.

The deceased was Bachchu Mian, 35, of Bamnia village in Nilphamari.



A truck wrecked in a massive head-on collision with another on the Dhaka-Bogra highway in Sherpur upazila of Bogra yesterday, leaving seven people including five police personnel dead and five others severely injured.

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SNAPS & snippets

Holey Artisan Bakery handed over to owner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Counterterrorism Unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday handed Goulshan's Holey Artisan Bakery over to its owner on a court order, over four and a half months after the July 1 militant attack, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP.

Humayan Kabir, investigation officer of the attack case, handed over the relevant documents to the owner Shahdat Hossain, he added.

SC upholds stay on KCC mayor's suspension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that stayed suspension of Khulna City Corporation Mayor Moniruzzaman Moni, dismissing a petition filed by the government seeking a stay on the HC order.

Now there is no legal bar for Moniruzzaman to perform his official duty, said his lawyer Anisur Rahman Khan.

The government on November 2 last year suspended Moniruzzaman for being charged in a criminal case.

The HC on June 7 stayed the suspension order following a writ petition. Then the government filed the petition with the SC.

Anti-early marriage campaign held in seven districts

CITY DESK

A UNDP-supported high school-level "Red Card Campaign" to fight against early marriage and sexual harassment has caused a stir among people, said a press release yesterday.

Launched in September, the campaign was held at 80 high schools till date in seven selected district -- Kishoreganj, Brahmanbaria, Sirajganj, Khulna, Barguna, Sunamganj and Rangpur.

A complaint box was also set up at each school and a school-level prevention committee was formed.

Implemented by the LGD, the European Union, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, UNDP, and UNCDF are providing technical and financial support to the project.



Rights activist Sultana Kamal speaking at a human chain in the capital's Shahbagh, protesting the recent attacks on minorities in Brahmanbaria and Gaibandha.

Tk 70 lakh robbed, recovered after 7hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Muggers looted Tk 70 lakh from two accounts officers of Unilever Ltd's Sylhet depot after wrecking their car at Kahr Miah Goli in Sylhet city yesterday.

Police recovered the money after over seven hours from North Baluchar in the city and arrested two muggers from the spot.

Police said some muggers stopped the car while the accounts officers were taking the money to EXIM Bank in Zindabazar from their depot located at Amberkhana Barabazar.

The criminals snatched away the money from them after wrecking the vehicle and fled on four motorcycles and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw.

On information, police conducted a drive in North Baluchar and recovered the money around 7:30pm. Some local weapons were also recovered from the spot, said Rahmat Ullah, additional deputy commissioner of Police.

Sohel Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said they have a special security service to help carry large amount of money, but the accounts officers did not ask for it.

Earlier, four people were detained in this connection, he added.

Meanwhile in another incident in Zindabazar area, muggers on four motorcycles waylaid a businessman who was carrying Tk 4 lakh. However, the criminals could not snatch the money as the businessman started screaming and the place was crowded.

The muggers left two of their motorcycles on the spot while fleeing. Police seized the motorbikes, said the OC.

Accelerate case disposal unitedly: President

UNB, Tangail

President Abdul Hamid yesterday stressed the need for collective efforts of the judiciary, lawyers and police administration to reduce sluggishness in case disposal.

"It must be kept in mind that law is for people, people are not for law. So, you'll have to put in relentless efforts to establish the rule of law in society," he told the 125 years celebrations programme of Tangail District Bar Association on its premises.

Hamid also emphasised increasing the representation of lawyers in parliament.

"Parliament is the centre of formulation of law and two-thirds members of 1970 and 1973 parliaments were lawyers but the number of lawyers in parliament is gradually coming down," he said.

Hamid went on saying, "As a lawyer I want to make you a request. And the request is each lawyer will take a case of at least one insolvent and helpless person every year. You'll see the society getting changed through the activities and general people will be more respectful to law."

Meanwhile, mentioning that Bangladesh is a country of communal harmony, President Abdul Hamid, at another programme the same day, called upon the young generation to move forward upholding this image. Hamid was addressing the second convocation of



President awarding a gold medal to a student of Mawlana Bhashani university.

Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) on its campus.

Some 1,486 students received degrees at the convocation while 43 were awarded for their outstanding performance.

The news of the involvement of a few teachers and students of university level apart from some youths in militancy tarnished not only the image of the universities but also the entire nation, observed the president.

Pointing at the graduates, the president, also the chancellor of the university, said, "...the contributions of labourers, farmers and common people are not insignificant in any way behind your achievements." "You're indebted to them. This debt will be repaid to some extent if you work for the development of the country."

ARSON CASE

22 BNP men face arrest warrants

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 22 BNP leaders and activists, including Barkatullah Bulu and Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, in a case filed over an arson attack on a pickup van in the capital's Shantinagar on February 13 last year.

Former BNP lawmaker Syeda Ashifa Ashrafi Papiya, BNP leaders Maruf Kamal Khan, Khairul Kabir Khokon, former BNP ward councillor Md Qayum are among the other accused in the case.

After accepting the charges against 30 including the 22 accused, the court passed the order showing them fugitives.

The court directed officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station to submit by January 22, 2017 reports on execution of arrest warrants against the fugitives.



Two sons of Humayun Ahmed, accompanied by others, placing floral wreaths at his grave in Gazipur's Nuhash Polli yesterday, marking the celebrated novelist's 68th birthday.

PHOTO: STAR

Weeklong fair on Humayun's books opens

DU CORRESPONDENT

A seven-day fair showcasing celebrated writer Humayun Ahmed's books from 17 publication houses was inaugurated by his wife actress Meher Afroz Shaon at Dhaka's public library yesterday, celebrating his 68th birthday.

The litterateur was born on November 13, 1948 at Mohonganj of Netrakona and died on July 19, 2012.

Three compilations of his books, "Humayun Ahmeder Kothamala" and 9th and 10th parts of "Humayun Ahmed Rochonaboli" along with Shaon's "Humayun Sangeet: Naditir Naam Moyurakkhi" were unveiled at the programme.

Prof Emeritus Anisuzzaman was present as the chief guest. Author Selina Hossain and Humayun's younger brother, cartoonist Ahsan Habib, also spoke.

3rd phase smart NID card distribution begins Nov 20

UNB, Dhaka

The third phase distribution of smart National Identity Card (NID) begins in the capital on November 20 and will continue till January 28 next.

The Election Commission will distribute the cards in 12 wards under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and three wards under Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), from 9:00am to 5:00pm every day, said EC sources yesterday.

For details, voters can visit www.nidw.gov.bd; call or send an SMS to 105.

In DNCC, the smart card will be distributed at Kalachandpur Higher Secondary School (Gulshan) for ward-18, Badda Alatusna High School (Madhya Badda) for ward-21 and ward councillor's office (Khilgaon) for ward-23.

In DSCC: Khilgaon Government High School (ward-1), Kamalapur School and College (ward-5), Muggdapa Kazi Jafar High School (ward-6), Dhanmondi Kamrunnesa Government High School (ward-15), Meherunnesa Girls School and College (Kalabagan, ward-16), Dhanmondi-1 Government Primary School (Kalabagan, ward-17), Khalil Sardar Community Centre (Hazaribagh, ward-22) and Nababganj Park Government Databya Chikitsalay and Biamyagar (Lalbagh, ward 23).

Besides, the NID card will be given at Suritola Model Government Primary School (Kotwali Thana, ward-34), Hazi Mazharul Islam Government Primary School (Kotwali, ward-35), Razar Dewri Government Primary School (Kotwali, ward-36) and Bangla Government Girls High School (Bangla Bazar, ward-37).

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EXPLOSIVE CASE

Suspended mayor Ariful gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to suspended Sylhet City Corporation mayor and BNP leader Ariful Haque Chowdhury in an explosive case, paving the way for him to walk out of jail.

Ariful secured bail in the case filed under the Explosive Substances Act-1908 over the killing of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria.

HC passed the order after hearing a bail petition filed by him, Deputy Attorney General Md Bashirullah told The Daily Star, adding that the government will move a petition before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court seeking stay on the HC order. If the HC order reaches the jail authorities before the apex court passes any order on the government's stay petition, Ariful will get released from jail, the DAG said.

Kibria and four others were killed in a grenade attack on a rally in Habiganj on January 27, 2005. Two cases -- one for killing and the other for blasting bombs -- were filed in connection with the incident. Earlier on September 6, Ariful got bail from the HC in the murder case.

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