



A pedestrian crossing sign in front of the GPO in the capital's Gulistan is only barely visible in the middle of piles of packing boxes, kept by street vendors who have occupied the entire footpath, with their goods spilling over to the road. The photo was taken yesterday.

Road accidents take six lives

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed and two others injured in road accidents in four districts during the last two days, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Gazipur, a truck hit another truck from behind yesterday, leaving both the truckers dead and two others injured.

The accident occurred on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Kaliakoir area.

Mizan, 28, died on the spot and Delwar Hossain, 23, succumbed to his injuries at Kumudini Hospital in Mirzapur of Tangail, said police.

The truck driven by Mizan crashed into the other truck parked on the road when Delwar was changing a wheel, said AKM Kauser, officer-in-charge of Gorai Highway Police Station in Tangail.

The injured were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

In Thakurgaon, a motorcyclist and his co-rider were killed after their motorbike and a tractor collided head-on on Ranishankoil-Bhandagram road in front of Gajirhat College in Ranishankoil area on Friday night.

Locals took Abdus Sabur, 24, and

Jahangir Alam, 25, to Ranishankoil Upazila Health Complex where they were declared dead, said police.

In Bagerhat, Sheikh Modasser Ali, 55, headteacher of Doibogghati Secondary School in Morrelganj upazila, was killed as a bus hit him while he was standing beside Bagerhat-Pirojpur highway in Fatepur area of Kachua upazila yesterday.

Modasser, who was from Chandarpara village, was taken to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital where he was declared dead, said fire service officials.

In Rajbari, a transport worker was killed as a truck ran him over in Beel Paturia village of Kalukhali upazila on Friday evening.

After loading sand from a nearby river bank, the truck reached a turn on the road, said police.

Abbas Ali, 35, from Khankanapur village in Goalanda upazila, was helping the trucker make a turn, staying behind the vehicle, Kalukhali Police Station Officer-in-Charge quoted locals as saying.

At one stage, the driver failed to remember where Abbas was standing. He moved the vehicle backward and ran him over, said the OC.

The perils of plastic

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If so, we will not use it," he said, adding that polythene with certain thickness is allowed, and Bapa should make the matter clear.

Formal complaints should be lodged with the EC in this regard, he said. "We will comply with their decision."

The EC has not made it clear whether laminated posters are allowed in campaign. In its notification on the electoral code of conduct, the EC defines posters as paper, rexine, digital display boards, electronic means or any other campaigning materials.

Prof Ahmad Kamruzzaman Majumder, chairman of Department of Environmental Science at Stamford University Bangladesh, said unlike paper, plastic is not degradable.

"Plastic of any thickness is harmful for earth, and it takes 200 years for plastic of any thickness to degrade," he said. "Panaflex rexine or PVC fabric is even more dangerous."

The department recently collected 30

laminated posters of 10 candidates and found that nine grammes of polyethylene was used to laminate each of them, he added.

"Plastic is hazardous for the environment as it's not degradable. It is likely that the posters will remain scattered on the streets after election and later clog the drains." The use of plastic is against several laws and rules related to environment and solid waste management, he said.

Grand alliance candidate Rashed Khan Menon, also the social welfare minister, said plastic lamination is not prohibited. "One has to be practical in using paper posters that will otherwise be ruined by dew," said the president of Workers' Party of Bangladesh.

On environmental concerns, he said environmentalists could not stop the use of polythene bags. "I don't understand why they are suddenly interested in posters. Environmentalists cannot be a master of everything."

Political

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Advocate Aftab Ahmed said, "Around 95 percent of accused in Prevention of Women and Children Repression Act are acquitted due to the weak prosecution case and faults in investigation."

Shariful Islam Khan, managing editor of daily Amader Orthoniti, said, "The online media regulation is yet to come into effect, though the cabinet passed it a long time ago."

Asma Begum, a survivor of Kalyanpur slum fire turned-human rights activist, also shared her story -- how she survived from human rights violations within her family.

AL riven by division

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Contacted, upazila Chairman Mamun said, "Didarul and I had competition... but we're not against each other. We're united now. The confusion among grassroots leaders and activists will not go away overnight but the situation is improving."

Meanwhile, on Wednesday night, two electoral camps of Didarul were vandalised and torched in Gozaria area of Sitakunda municipality. AL leaders blamed BNP-Jamaat men for that.

Asked, BNP candidate Ishaque Chowdhury said, "The incident took place following their [Mamun and Didarul] infighting. They are now blaming us [BNP] for that. I'm sure they will also file a case against the BNP men."

Contacted, Didarul Alam denied any feud between him and Mamun. He said, "Both of us are working together to gift Sitakunda constituency to Sheikh Hasina. And together, we will win the election through people's vote."

BNP NO-SHOW AT MIRSARAI
With national election less than a week away, it's quite impossible to say whether BNP is contesting for Chattogram-1 constituency.

This correspondent visited the upazila's different areas including municipality, Hadi Fakirhat and Borotakia areas and saw thousands of banners and posters in favour of AL candidate Engr Mosharrif Hossain.

Posters of candidates from other parties were also seen, though not in large numbers. But election material of BNP-led alliance's Nurul Amin was nowhere to be seen. Locals were also unaware of BNP's election activities.

Latiful Haque, 55, a resident of Mirsarai College Road area, said, "The AL candidate continue to campaign in my area but we are yet to see the BNP candidate."

Echoing him, Rafiqul Alam, a businessman of Hadi Fakirhat Bazar, said "We don't even know if BNP is contesting the polls."

Contacted, Nurul Amin alleged that the ruling party activists tore off their posters and threatened his supporters. "We are being harassed continuously... how can we campaign in this situation?"

Denying the allegation, Mirsarai upazila AL unit President Sheikh Ataur Rahman said, "As an organisation, BNP is weak. That's why, he [Nurul] is afraid of campaigning. All other candidates are campaigning freely. He is the only one who is complaining."

Form separate

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Senior journalist Mozammel Hossain Manju said journalists have many enemies, and therefore justice should be ensured when they are attacked.

Civil society, government, journalist unions, and members of press clubs should be united and work together to stop killing of journalists, he said.

Journalist Gouranga Nandy said 15 journalists were killed in the country's south-western region in 12 years from 1994-2005. Only a few cases went to trial but in most cases victims did not get justice. It shows the weakness in governance.

Speaking at the programme, slain journalist Humayun Kabir Balu's son Asik Kabir and daughter Husna Meheruba sought justice for their father, who died 14 years ago in a bomb attack.

BSD pledges

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"Small number of seats is not enough to form a government, but we will play a vital role in establishing rights of people both in parliament and outside if our candidates win," he said

He alleged that his party candidates are being attacked during campaigning at different places in the country by ruling party activists.

"Our candidates are carrying out election campaign maintaining EC's directions, but law enforcers and AL activists are obstructing us," he lamented.

Khaliquzzaman said his party will try to restore constitution of 1972 and will eliminate constitutional provisions that hamper independence of judiciary, freedom of speech and institutional autonomy.

He also said the spirit of the Liberation War will be upheld by elimination of religion-

based politics, corruption, communalism and attack on minority communities.

He also vowed to build a country with an effective parliament, good governance, development in agricultural sector, an independent foreign policy, addressing climate change issues, adequate education facilities, healthcare, creating employment opportunities and establishing labour rights.

Khaliquzzaman sought votes for his party candidates for their symbol "ladder" at 45 constituencies, and for its alliance (LDA) partners at other 86 constituencies.

Among others, BSD candidate Mujibur Hawlader from Dhaka-3, Khalekuzzaman Lipon from Dhaka-7, Shampa Bashu from Dhaka-8 and SM Ahsan Habib Bulbul from Dhaka-17 were present.

Rab rescues

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demaned Tk 5 lakh as ransom from Abdullah's father. He was asked to go to Rajendrapur area in Gazipur along with the ransom money.

Babul Miah informed the matter to Rab-1 Porabari camp in Gazipur.

Rab members arrested the two abductors from a house in Rajendrapur Sign Board area around 11:30pm on Friday and rescued the abducted boy.

Editors

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Zulfikar Russell are also in the committee.

"This is an association of those who are giving editorial leadership in news publishing industry in the country," said Khalidi in his introduction of the guild, after the inaugural meeting of the organisation.

The media has grown significantly since independence, but news organisations remain weak as institutions, said Syed Ishtiaque Reza. "We have come together with a desire to change the situation."



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ACC warns officials

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ACC spokesperson Pranab Kumar said the commission is determined to stop such illegal activities.

"So, everyone is requested to inform the commission on the mobile no. 01711644675 if they find any vehicles with the ACC logo," he said.

In this context, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission Iqbal Mahmood said the use of the ACC logo on the vehicles was completely prohibited by an administrative order.

But the commission has found out that some individuals have been using the logo.

"The ACC is active in stopping such illegal activities. We expect that no one will use the ACC logo anymore," said the ACC chairman.

"If anybody uses it, the commission will take legal action against them," he added.



Position Vacancy Announcement

Position: Tuberculosis, Infectious Diseases and Urban Health Specialist, FSN-11

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Tuberculosis, Infectious Diseases and Urban Health Specialist** in the Office of Population, Health, Nutrition & Education (PHNE).

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