



The severely damaged bus after it hit a truck, inset, loaded with steel bars from behind in Cumilla yesterday.

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Five maizbhandari devotees die after bus hits truck in Cumilla

Road blocked in Sylhet as accident takes three lives

STAR REPORT

A bus with around 50 devotees was going to Chattogram from Khulna yesterday. On the way, five of them lost their lives as the bus hit a truck loaded with steel bars in Cumilla.

Police said the bus got severely damaged as the steel bars pierced through a large portion of the vehicle.

The accident happened in Gangra area of Chaudhogram upazila when the bus was trying to overtake the truck, said Monjurul Alam, in-charge of Miah Bazar highway police outpost.

The devotees were going to attend a traditional maizbhandari urs (religious gathering) in Faticchhari of Chattogram, he said.

The five passengers were killed on the spot. Ten of the devotees were also injured, said the police officer.

Of the deceased, Chaina Hijra, 50, was from Khulna city's Khalishpur; Aslam Mollah, 50, and Hashi Begum, 40, from the district's Chandanimalah village; and Salam Mia and Anowar Hossain, 45, from Senhati village.

Drivers of both the vehicles fled the scene after the accident, said police.

The law enforcers seized the vehicles. The injured were taken to Chaudhogram Upazila Health Complex. The bodies were sent to Khulna, said the police officer.

In Sylhet, three members of a family were killed as a bus hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them in Bodikona area of Dakshin Surma upazila on Saturday.

Ayesha Siddika Chadni, 18, daughter of Liaquat Hossain; her cousin Liya Begum, 17, daughter of Mojammel Ali; and their sister-in-law Tasnim Akter, 19, died on the spot.

They were from Mohammadpur village in

the upazila.

The bus hit the auto-rickshaw from behind at high speed, Dakshin Surma Police Station Officer-in-Charge Khairul Fazal quoted witnesses as saying.

Following the accident, locals blocked the road for an hour. Police later brought the situation under control.

The law enforcers seized the bus from the spot and sent the bodies to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College morgue for autopsies.

In Rangpur, a girl was killed as a truck ran her over in the city on Saturday night.

Sharmi Jahan, 7, daughter of Shamim Mia, was going to her residence in the city's Lahirihat area with her parents by a battery-run auto-rickshaw, said police. The accident occurred right after she fell from the vehicle, they said.

[Our correspondents from Cumilla, Sylhet and Dinajpur contributed to the report]

A curious case of compensation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

To support his family, Mohammad Arman started working at a paper mill in the port city around four months ago.

His job was to collect waste and dump it into a brick furnace inside the mill. And rain or shine, the 19-year-old laboured through the strenuous job as a helper.

On Saturday, he was working the night shift. Around 4am, a part of the furnace caved in on him. Arman died on the spot, said police, adding that co-workers recovered his burnt body.

The same day, his family filed an unnatural death case with Chandgaon Police Station.

Afterwards, they along with locals demonstrated in front of the mill, said Arman's father Mohammad Jahangir.

Authorities of the Asia Pacific Paper Mills Limited apparently did not waste any time in resolving the issue.

They signed a "deed of compromise" and paid Arman's family Tk 5.5 lakh in compensation that morning, said Jahangir. The deed mentioned that Arman's death was an accident and his father has no complaint in this regard.

When asked, Jahangir said, "My son is no more. What else can I say?"

'NEGIGENCE BEHIND DEATH'

However, officials of fire service and civil defence, after inspecting the factory on Saturday, informed that the furnace was not maintained

properly and the incident took place due to negligence of the authorities in taking proper safety measures.

"For installing such furnace inside a mill, the authorities need clearance from the fire department. They did not have any. Moreover, we could not find any proper safety protocol at the mill. They did not have sufficient fire extinguishers," Jashim Uddin, assistant director of the department, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"The authorities should take necessary safety measures right away, otherwise more accidents could take place," he said. "We will also request the district administration to look into the matter."

This correspondent visited the mill yesterday and spoke to Muhammad Sharif Moon, general manager of the mill.

He said they were not informed of any such law. "Such ovens [furnaces] are regularly used in restaurants for baking. Do they need to take permission from the fire department?" asked Sharif.

He said they perform routine maintenance and inspection every six months, "but it was unfortunate that bricks fell off before the scheduled inspection".

Investigation Officer Md Nur Mostafa, assistant sub-inspector of Chandgaon Police Station, said, "We are investigating the matter. Necessary actions will be taken against those responsible, regardless of who they are."

Gas crisis continues in port city

Supply to be restored today

MOHAMMAD SUMAN and MOSTAFA YOUSUF

The gas outage in a vast area of Chattogram continued for the second consecutive day yesterday, causing untold sufferings to the port city dwellers and partially disrupting industrial production and power generation.

The sufferings may continue till today afternoon, although the authorities concerned are working to restore the gas supply.

The supply was suspended after an excavator of Chattogram City Corporation mistakenly made a hole in the pipeline during a digging work in Maitteli canal beside Akmal Ali Road on Saturday afternoon.

The key pipeline provides gas to Potenga, Halishahar, Fakir Hat,

Agrabad, New Market, Sadarghat, Port and EPZ areas, according to the officials.

Apart from residential areas, Chattogram and Karnaphuli export processing zones, two power stations producing total 40MW electricity and several gas refuelling stations in those areas suffered a blow following the accident.

A large number of residents in the areas, mostly garment workers, are facing difficulties due to the crisis.

"We can't afford to buy food from restaurants for two days," said Mohiuddin Islam, a resident of Halishahar area.

Rehena Begum, a worker at CEPZ, said she could not bring lunch with her. "I had to survive on bread due to the non-availability of gas."

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Meanwhile, queues continued to get longer in front of restaurants and filling stations in the affected areas.

Abdul Khaleque, driver of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw, said he had been standing in a line since Saturday night at Fossil CNG Filling Station in Solosahar area. "I am still waiting," he told this newspaper around noon yesterday.

Khursed Alam, general manager of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, told The Daily Star that the gas crisis has been hampering production at two EPZs.

"To keep the production uninterrupted, we need 65MW of power every day; we get 40MW from the two gas-run power plants. Now the plants are shut down," he added.

SAGAR-RUNI MURDER

Deadline for probe report extended till March 31

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcement agencies could not make any progress in solving the sensational murders of journalist couple Sagar and Runi in seven years.

The never-ending investigation has been shifted from one agency to another and the deadline for submitting a probe report was extended yet again by a Dhaka court yesterday.

Metropolitan Magistrate Debrata Biswas passed the order asking Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) to finish its investigation and submit a report by March 31.

The order came after Md Sahidur Rahman of Rab -- currently the chief investigator of the case -- failed to submit a probe report yesterday.

Earlier, on February 11 this year, Saleha Munir, mother of slain journalist Sagar Sarowar, spoke to The Daily Star and expressed her dissatisfaction over the probe.

She said that the case sees no progress due to the government's unwillingness and claimed that it has been buried in a pre-planned manner.

"Law enforcers have dealt with other sensational incidents. Why are they failing in this case?" she questioned.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director

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Date: 17-02-2019

EoI: 49.01.0000.327.11.01.18-148

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EoI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO DEVELOP CURRICULA FOR DTTTI

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received fund for Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment (Code:140) financing from the Islamic Development Bank (Loan No. BD-0177) toward the cost of the Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultancy services to develop Curricula. The services include, development of curricula for different courses (short term, long term, trade subjects, pedagogy, management etc) as identified through need assessment. The assigned firm will determine course title, course duration, detailed syllabus & curricula of the above courses. They have to prepare list of relevant books and curricula materials (like teachers guide, list of practical jobs, student activity sheets etc). The firm will also design Training of Trainers (ToT). The selected firm needs to contact/consult with Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BETB) and University of Dhaka (DU) whichever is necessary for long courses to get prior consent for their approval. The project period is July 2016 to June 2020.

- Now the undersigned invites eligible consulting firm to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (at least 3 years experience in TVET field).
- Minimum qualification of the experts professional is mentioned below.
- Up to date VAT, trade license Certificate of incorporation
- The firm will have to form Team comprising experts of Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), Mechanical Engineering & Ship building, Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Automobile Engineering & Marine Technology, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC), Textile and Garments, Food and Agriculture, Education, Science, Mathematics and Social Science.
- Team members should have Minimum B. Sc. Engineering /B.Sc. in Technical Education/ its equivalent for engineering subjects and Masters in the relevant field for other subjects with at least 5 years experience in TVET field.

The firm should have financial solvency and institutional competency: Office space, Equipment, Logistics, Professionals in the regular payroll of the firm and minimum turnover of last 3 (three) years as BDT 3 (three) lac.

Consultants may express interests in the forms of association, validated by an agreement among members of the association which clearly specifies the type of association, i.e. a joint-venture, intermediate forms of association, or sub consultancy.

The consultant will be selected on the basis of Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines for the use of consultants under Islamic Development Bank Financing (current edition).

EoI will be reviewed of the basis of (a) Specific experience related to the assignment. (b) Adequacy of proposed work plan and methodology in responding to the ToR and (c) Qualifications and competencies of the personnel involved for the assignment

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours:

Project Director, Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI), BKTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216.

Expressions of interest should be delivered to the address below:

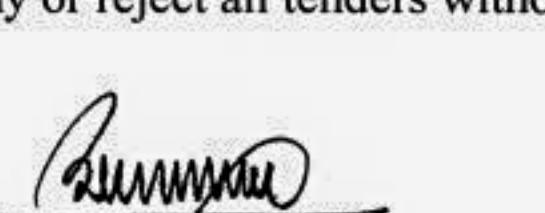
Project Director, Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI), BKTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216 within 28-03-2019 during office hours: 9am to 5pm.

Other information:

The short listed firm will be invited for submission of Financial and Technical proposal. The firm will be selected in accordance with IDB financial Guideline. Interested firm(s) may collect detail ToR from the website:dtti.gov.bd / www.bmet.gov.bd and further information (if required) from the office of the undersigned from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm (except holidays). Interested firms should provide the necessary documents that will prove the qualification to perform the services by them. Submission of EoI should be done in enclosed format bearing the Name and Address of firm(s), EoI Name & Date and be addressed to the EoI issuing authority in 02 (two) copies; 01 (one) "ORIGINAL" and others as "COPY" in separate envelopes in the form of book binding. Both the "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" shall have to be covered within a single envelope. The applicant shall have to mention the page number serially in every page of submitted EoI document.

Contact Details of Official Inviting EoI: +88-02-58051151, 02-9000184(Off), Email: pdttti@gmail.com Website: www.dtti.gov.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.


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1. Ministry/Division

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3. Name, designation & address of PE

Md. Ruhul Alam Executive Engineer (Electrical)

Sylhet City Corporation, 0821-727151.

4. This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and offline/hard copies will not be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd

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