



The mangled pickup on a road in Gazipur city's Nanduain area.

Road accidents leave five dead, two injured

STAR REPORT

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

In Gazipur, a pickup hit a damaged truck parked on a road in the city's Nanduain area yesterday, killing the pickup driver and two of his helpers.

Police could not ascertain the identities of the deceased immediately.

Witnesses said the accident might have occurred at 7:45am as the Maona-bound pickup driver could not sense that the truck remained parked in front of it.

In Barishal, an on-duty traffic police sergeant was critically injured after being hit by a covered van on Barishal-Patuakhali highway near Barishal University.

Golam Kibria, a traffic sergeant of Barishal Metropolitan Police (BMP), was admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, said Abudul Malek, duty officer at Bandar Police Station.

Witnesses said the covered van ignored the police officer's signal to stop.

The covered van was seized and the driver Abdul Jalil was arrested in Nalchhity area of Jhalakati, said police.

In Bagerhat, a truck driver was killed and his helper injured as the vehicle hit a tree beside Khulna-Mawa highway in Mulghar area of Fakirhat yesterday.

The driver, Kamal, was from Nurnagar area of Khulna city. His helper, Shamim, from the city's Tutpara area, was taken to a local hospital, said fire service.

The accident took place as the driver lost control over the steering.

Masud Sardar, deputy assistant director of Bagerhat Fire Station, said the Barishal-bound truck loaded with electric items was coming from Mongla.

In Tangail, Alauddin Al Azad, 55, upazila family planning officer, was killed as a goods-laden truck ran him over on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Ashekpur Bypass area of Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The deceased was from Elasin village in Nagarpur upazila of the district, said police.

Police were trying to seize the truck and its driver, they said.

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Currency

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The DB team conducted the drive and arrested the three based on a tip-off from 10 previously arrested members of another currency counterfeiting ring.

That group -- which only used to make fake Bangladeshi notes -- was also busted from Rampura on July 9.

Among the three arrestees of yesterday, Khashru and Rahim were arrested by police four to five times before and were involved in crime for the last seven years, said Mashiur.

"They put the group together and planned to make fake Indian rupees while in jail," he said.

"We have got some details of retail sellers and other gang members, and now we are conducting drives in different areas to arrest them," he added.

Rab arrests 11 members of 'teen gang' in Turag

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday detained 11 members of a supposed "teen gang" -- including nine underage boys -- from Turag area on the outskirts of the capital.

The elite force claimed to have recovered two guns, four rounds of cartridges, one hatchet and three knives from their possession.

The detainees are from one "New Nine Star" group, which was formed by a member of the "Nine Star" group involved in the feud over the killing of teenager Adnan in 2017 in Uttara, said Rab-1 Commanding Officer Lt Col Sarwar Bin Kashem.

"Among the detainees, four were members of the Nine Star group in Uttara," he added.

The "New Nine Star" group was formed by one Habibur Rahman Daria, 30, who was earlier a member of the Nine Star group,

Rab said. "He formed the new group in Turag to establish supremacy in the area," said Kamruzzaman, assistant director of Rab-1, adding that the four members of Nine Star group lured others to join the new group.

"They were involved in crimes like eve-teasing, drugs and mugging in the area," the Rab official claimed. Most of them are students of local schools and colleges.

Dhaka's teen gang culture first hit the headlines after Adnan Kabir, 14, was beaten to death in Uttara on January 6, 2017, over enmity between two gangs -- "Disco Boys" and "Nine Star". The incident triggered a huge outcry across the country.

Police pressed charge sheet accusing 23 members of different groups in Uttara in March this year. Fourteen of them were teenagers.



The footpath on the capital's Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue is in a dilapidated state with holes covered by concrete posts and puddles formed by rain. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Ershad's second janaza

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Besides, AL leaders -- Tofail Ahmed and Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, BNP leader Barrister Maudud Ahmed, Jatiya Party leaders -- GM Quader, ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader, Mashiur Rahman Ranga, Kazi Feroz Rashid, Anisul Islam Mahmud and Abu Hossain Babla, among others, attended the janaza.

Prior to the janaza, Ershad's widow Rowshan Ershad, younger brother GM Quader and AL advisory council member Tofail Ahmed spoke there.

President Hamid also offered a munajat where the speaker, deputy speaker, ministers, lawmakers, senior leaders of AL, BNP, JP, and other political parties, well-wishers, officials and employees of the parliament attended.

They sought eternal peace of the departed soul of the opposition leader.

Ershad had been suffering from multiple

diseases, including age-related health complications with lung and kidney difficulties. He died at Combined Military Hospital at 7:45am on Sunday. He was 89.

His first janaza was held after Zohr prayers on Sunday at Dhaka Cantonment's Central Mosque.

Following his death, JP leaders of Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions yesterday demanded that their party chief's body be buried in his hometown Rangpur.

The demand was made at a briefing held at Rangpur JP office. Party leaders threatened to launch an agitation if the body is not buried there, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

Rangpur City Corporation Mayor and the city unit JP President Mostafizar Rahman Mostafa made an appeal to this end in a written statement yesterday.

Elephant tramples man to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An elephant trampled a man to death in Chattogram's Anwara upazila early yesterday.

The deceased, Akther Hossen, 55, was a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, from Boirag union of the upazila.

Sufol Chandra Sinho, sub-inspector of Anwara Police Station, said several elephants arrived at the village from a nearby hill in search of food.

People guarded the village and scared away the animals using firecrackers, he said.

"A herd of elephants attacked the village. When people were fleeing, Akther slipped and fell, and was trampled by an elephant," the SI added.

Quoting locals, SI Sufol said that locals claimed to have sought help from the forest department but they did nothing. Abu Naser Md Yeasin Neyaz, divisional forest officer of Chattogram, refused to comment when contacted.

Decision to chop down

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Not only the trees, the students of the dorm will also lose their allocated playground because of construction of a new dormitory. Besides, 28 more trees will also be razed there.

Students of the dorm submitted a separate memorandum to the VC last week, demanding that the location of the new dorms be changed. They also held a human chain on campus with the demand yesterday.

Prof Anu Muhammad of Economics department -- also a noted environmental activist -- said, "A lion's share of the university's land has already been spoiled due to the unplanned infrastructure. We cannot accept the damage to the environment of the university anymore."

He also said the master plan of the new dormitories should be revealed publicly.

Asked about alternative location for the

dormitories, associate professor Rayhan Rhyne, co-coordinator of the student-teacher platform, said, "We did not get any scope to give alternative proposal, as the university authorities have kept us in the dark over this matter. I spoke to a number of senate members who said they were informed of the master plan."

Contacted, JU VC Prof Farzana Islam said, "For the last three and a half years, we have been talking about the plan in many discussions, at many forums. But, we did not get any suggestion from them [protesters]. We are doing it an organised manner, prioritising students' accommodation crisis."

She also said an old playground near Al Beruni Hall will be renovated for students, and more trees will be planted after the construction, which she said would grow up in the next few years.

DSCC starts health

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The residents of DSCC areas will be able to receive primary healthcare by calling a hotline number -- 09611000999, he said.

On emergency, the health workers will hospitalise the service seekers and treat them at home, said the mayor.

He urged the city dwellers not to be panicked, saying that dengue or chikungunya is recoverable through proper treatment.

He said they will also take steps to destroy breeding grounds of Aedes mosquito by this month to get rid of those viruses.

SC orders immediate

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full text of verdict.

SC yesterday sent the full text of the verdict to the trial court concerned and Jamalpur district jail for taking necessary steps to release Azmat.

Supreme Court Bar Association President Advocate AM Aminuddin, who appeared for Azmat, told The Daily Star that the president's order granting mercy was informed to the SC through filing the review petition. The police had arrested Azmat as they were not aware of the president's order, he added.



BNP leaders distribute leaflets among Barishal city dwellers ahead of its July 18 divisional rally, demanding release of party Chairperson Khaleda Zia. The photo was taken on Sadar Road yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Dr MA Mannan's death anniv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the third death anniversary of Dr MA Mannan, a neurologist and former Awami League lawmaker of Katiadi-Pakundia constituency in Kishoreganj.

A doa and milad mahfil will be held at Bakkatil Mubarak Mosque in the capital's Kalabagan, said a press release.

Born on December 2 in 1932, Language Movement veteran and Liberation War organiser Dr Mannan died of old-age complications at a Dhaka hospital in 2016.

He joined Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (formerly known as Institute of Postgraduate Medicine and Research) in 1969 and initiated treatment for neurological disorders for the first time.

Founder of Neurology Foundation and Epilepsy Association of Bangladesh, Prof Mannan was awarded Ekushey Padak in 2015 for his contributions to medical sector and social services.

He founded Dr Abdul Mannan Women's College in Kishoreganj and several educational and social institutions.



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DU students demonstrate to scrap college affiliation

DU CORRESPONDENT

Students of different departments of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday demonstrated on the campus, demanding that the university dissociate itself from seven colleges of the capital that were affiliated to it.

Around 400 students took part in the demonstration at the base of Raju Memorial Sculpture to press home their four-point demand, including the cancellation of affiliation of seven colleges.

Their other demands include publishing results within two months, digitalising all administrative activities and controlling mass transport movement inside the campus.

The agitating students also issued an ultimatum to the administration demanding assurance from them by 5pm today, otherwise they threatened to wage a tougher movement.

"How will the authorities set question papers, evaluate answer scripts and publish results of nearly 2.5 lakh students within a definite timeframe when they are struggling to take responsibility of its own 43,000 students?" said Shakil Miah, a convener of the movement.

They also blocked adjacent roads for one hour from 12pm, causing a gridlock.

On February 17, 2017, the government affiliated seven colleges to DU.

20 Indian locomotives

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ADVANCE EID TICKETS FROM JULY 29

Railway will start selling advance train tickets ahead of Eid-ul-Azha from July 29. Tickets will be sold at five different venues in Dhaka.

Fifty percent of the tickets will be sold online, he said. Advance tickets are usually sold only at Kamalapur Railway Station, and many holidaymakers spend sleepless nights at the station to secure those tickets.

But for the first time before last Eid-ul-Fitr, advance tickets were sold at different locations to ease the ticket-buying process and prevent excruciatingly long queues.

Sujan said tickets for all intercity trains

to the country's western destinations will be sold from Kamalapur Railway Station while tickets to Chattogram and Noakhali will be sold from Airport Railway Station.

Holidaymakers will have to buy their tickets for Mymensingh and Jamalpur from Tejgaon Station. Tickets for Netrakona-bound Mohonganj and Haor Express will be sold from Banani Station, the minister said.

Tickets to Sylhet and Kishoreganj will be sold from Old Rail Bhaban in Fulbaria area, he added.

Advance tickets for intercity trains for travelling on August 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will be sold on July 29, 30 and 31 and August 1, 2 respectively, the railways minister said.

He said BR will operate eight special trains on different routes from August 8 till Eid day.

Reminded that thousands of holidaymakers tried to buy train tickets online clogging up the servers prior to last Eid, Sujan said CNS Limited, that provides online services to passengers on behalf of the railway, claimed there was no technical glitch in their system and they would take more steps in this regard.

The minister, however, said online sale of tickets will start at 6am while ticket sale at counters will start at 9am.

The step has been taken so that people who fail to buy tickets online can secure tickets from the counter, he added.