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# Eight killed as bus falls off a bridge

Four others die on roads across the country



PHOTO: SUZIT KUMAR DAS

The wreckage of a bus that broke through the guard rails of a bridge in Dhuldi area of Faridpur on the Dhaka-Khulna highway yesterday.

STAR REPORT

Eight people were killed and 18 others injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch smashing through the railing of a bridge in Faridpur sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased include six bus passengers, the bus supervisor, and the rider of a motorcycle with which the bus collided before veering off the road.

The bridge in Dhuldi area where the accident took place is more than 30 years old and a portion of its railing was made of bamboos.

Police and witnesses said the bus of Comfort Line Paribahan was headed for Gopalganj from Dhaka. At around 2:00pm, when the bus was crossing the bridge on Dhaka-Khulna Highway, the driver tried to overtake a slow-moving three-wheeler and ended up hitting the motorbike from the opposite direction.

Then the bus broke through the railing and fell into the 15 foot deep ditch with the motorcycle, said AFM Nasim, officer-

in-charge of Faridpur Sadar Police Station, quoting witnesses.

Five bus passengers and the motorcyclist died on the spot, and two others on the way to hospital, said police. Three of the dead are Faruk Mollah, 59, and Md Hanif, 51, of Kashiani upazila of Gopalganj and Asma Begum of the district sadar upazila. The identities of the rest were not known immediately.

Talking to The Daily Star, bus passenger and survivor Rakib Hossain, 29, said, "The driver was speeding. Some passengers asked him to drive slowly and carefully, but he did not listen. Finally, the accident happened."

Khalek Dewan, 46, a farmer of Dhuldi village who witnessed the accident, said, "I was working on my field near Dhuldi bridge. Suddenly, I heard a terrible sound and saw the bus in the ditch. I shouted for help and rushed to the spot. Along with other locals, I rescued some injured people and sent them to hospital."

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## 11-year-old gets police to stop her marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Her family wanted to marry her off to a 15-year-old boy on Friday night.

But 11-year-old Monika -- a second grader who didn't have the slightest idea of her marriage even in the morning of that day -- decided to stand her ground and go against her family's decision.

When she was asked to get a bridal makeover in the afternoon, she then went to one of her neighbours' house with two of her schoolmates -- Farjana and Konika -- of Barguna's Basugi Government Primary School.

The three then secretly went to Barguna's Amtali Police Station and sought help from the law enforcers, said Nasrin, sub-inspector of the police station.

Police and local administration officials immediately rushed to their house in Barguna's Amtali upazila, Nasrin added.

Kamalesh Chandra  
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### PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 25

	Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-30	12-45	4-45	6-33	8-00
JAMAAT	5-05	1-15	5-00	6-36	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## FIGHTING AMAZON WILDFIRES

# Bolsonaro bows, deploys army

AFP, Porto Velho

President Jair Bolsonaro on Friday authorized the deployment of Brazil's armed forces to help combat fires raging in the Amazon rainforest, as a growing global outcry over the blazes sparks protests and threatens a huge trade deal.

Plumes of thick smoke rose into the sky above dense forest in the northwestern state of Rondonia, where bright orange flames from various fires were visible for kilometers (miles), an AFP photographer reported.

"It's not normal and it's like this because of the smoke from the fires," said a hotel

employee in the state capital Porto Velho, which was covered by a layer of smoke as fires burned near the city.

The fires in the world's largest rainforest have sparked street protests around the planet and ignited a war of words between Bolsonaro and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, who has described the wildfires as an "international crisis" and vowed to block a trade agreement between the European Union and South American countries.

The latest official figures show 76,720 forest fires were recorded in Brazil so far this year -- the highest number for any

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## DENGUE OUTBREAK

# Daily hospital admissions come down

HELEMIU ALAM, SHAHEEN MOLLAH, and MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

The number of dengue patients reported at hospitals has been decreasing over last three weeks, said hospital sources and health professionals.

Data from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) showed that 2,428 dengue patients were reported in hospitals on August 7 in a single day. The number dropped to 1,179 yesterday.

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

SS Power I Limited, A Joint Venture Company of S. Alam Group & SEPCO III China, looking for the following Senior Management positions to spearhead an under construction of 1320 MW Coal based power plant project in Banskhalhi, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

### Chief Finance Officer

The position will be a strategic advisor to the Board of Directors who will report to the Chairman and provide sound financial counsel in support of business decisions and performance, actively involved in evaluating new initiatives to support long term business growth for the organization. A highly visible role, the position will be instrumental in charting the future directions, champion best practices to drive operational efficiency and spearhead the Finance operations including planning, budgeting, taxation and compliance matters while meeting requirements of the law. The role needs to provide mentorship and development opportunities to identify future Finance leaders within the organization. Please apply in confidence if you are a qualified CA/CMA/M.Com (Finance)/MBA (Major in Finance) with 10+ years of post-qualification experience of which at least 2-3 years as CFO preferably in power generation company with a proven track record in turning around the business and deploying new initiatives to enhance business profitability.

### Head of Internal Audit

We need an innovative, forward-thinking professional reporting to Board of Directors with 8+ years of post-qualification audit experience in a reputable organization. The position is expected to be organized with problem-solving and analytical skills and constantly deliver on tight deadlines, should have an outstanding aptitude for identification of lapses in key financial control, fraud identification & investigation, searching for potential loopholes and poses strong IT skills and superb communication skills. Responsible for creating, from scratch, an internal auditing system that detects and tracks mistakes in data, streamlines, risk assessments creates criteria for initiating audits and analysis data for reasonable conclusions. Please apply in confidence if you are a qualified CA/CMA/M.Com (Accounting)/MBA (Major in Accounting) with 8+ years of post-qualification experience of which at least 2-3 years as Head of Internal Audit in big company/ authority with a proven track record in turning around the business and deploying new initiatives to enhance business profitability through value addition.

### Company Secretary

Invites application from a potential candidate having Masters in any discipline/CA/CS for the Company Secretary position. Reporting to the Board of Directors the company secretary will be responsible for legal and secretarial compliance, coordinating the Board meetings pertaining to the organization, recording meeting minutes and following up on actions based upon the decision taken by the board. Any other matters of the board as related to the company affairs will also be the responsibility of this position. Provide strategic legal advice and support to senior management on various commercial agreements and responsible for ensuring that proper legal documents, resolutions and reports required by Law are prepared. The ideal candidate must be with a minimum 8 years of post-qualification experience of which at least 2-3 years as Company Secretary in a reputed company preferably in power generation company.

### Deputy Project Director (Mechanical) & Deputy Project Director (Electrical)

The candidate shall be a graduate in the field of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering respectively from a reputed institute and shall have at least 15 years' experience in the development of large Thermal Power Projects in its development and execution stages. A well proven track record with strong technical background is essential as we are looking for the post of Deputy Project Director who shall be working under the guidance of the Project Director. The candidate shall be well versed with planning/scheduling, review and final project delivery aspects. He should be a multitasking individual and well versed with aspects of designing, implementation and have an ability to work effectively in multi-cultural environment along with the EPC contractors, Owners Engineer, lenders, other contractors and service providers. The candidate shall have leadership and also interpersonal skills. He shall have technical as well as commercial acumen in solving problems.

Both domestic and International Travelling is anticipated for all the positions. Prior exposure to a Power generation environment in Bangladesh would be critical for success for all roles. Selected candidates will be offered competitive remuneration and attractive market-based benefits. To apply, please submit your resume (in MS Word format) address to **The Chairman, Attention: Mr. ASM Alamgir Kabir, Advisor at SS Power I Limited, Unique Heights, 117 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, 19th Floor (Level 20), Kakrail, Ramna, Dhaka-1217** quoting the job title with a copy to E-mail ID [admin@sspowersg.com](mailto:admin@sspowersg.com) latest by **September 10, 2019**. It may be mentioned that only successfully shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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