

Six killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT
Six people were killed and five others were injured in road accidents across four districts in the last two days, our correspondents and agencies report.
A man was killed and his wife was injured in a road accident at Bondorpasha area under Boalmari upazila in Faridpur around 12pm yesterday.
The deceased is Syed Ainal, 41.
Quoting locals, Md Saifuddin, sub-inspector of Boalmari Police Station said, "The accident took place when a tractor collided head-on with Ainal's motorbike at Bondorpasha area. The couple was severely injured and locals rushed them to Boalmari Upazila Health Complex where the on-duty doctor declared Ainal dead."
The body was sent to Faridpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police seized the tractor but the driver fled, added the SI.
In Madaripur, a seven-year-old was killed in a road accident on Madaripur-Shariatpur regional road at Mohisarchar area under Sadar upazila around 1:30pm yesterday.
The victim was Sijan Bepari, son of Sohag Bepari of Mohisarchar village. He was a student of a local madrasa.
Quoting locals, Sougatul Alom, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station said, "A loaded truck ran over Sijan while he was crossing the road in front of their house. The boy died on the spot."
Locals caught the driver and the vehicle soon afterwards and handed over to police, added the OC.
In Sherpur, three people were killed and three others injured in a head-on collision

between a bus and an auto-rickshaw at Citholia in Nakla upazila on Sunday evening, reports UNB.
Two of the deceased were identified as auto-rickshaw driver Billal Hossain, 22, and Habibur Rahman, 50, of Geramara village in Jamalpur while the identity of the other victim could not be known.
Police and locals said six people were severely injured when a passenger bus from Sherpur rammed into an auto-rickshaw around 7pm at Citholia.
Locals took the injured to Nakla Upazila Health Complex where Billal succumbed to his injuries. Two others died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) around 10pm.
Three of the injured are being treated at MMCH, police said.
Md Alamgir Shah, officer-in-charge of Nakla Police Station, said they are trying to seize the bus and arrest its driver.
In Jashore, a school headmaster was killed and his wife was critically injured after a bus crashed into their motorbike in Ujjolpur Palpara intersection in Jhikorgachha upazila on Sunday night.
The deceased was identified as Arshad Ali, 50, son of late Ansar Ali of Dighirpar Taltola village. He was the headmaster of Khadapara Adarsha Child Care school in Monirampur upazila.
Mesbahuddin, officer-in-charge of Bakra Police Outpost, said the speeding bus hit the motorcycle when the couple was returning home, leaving Arshad dead on the spot. His wife Najmunnahar was taken to Jashore General Hospital.
Police seized the truck but the driver fled the scene.

PHOTO OF THE DAY



Ali Amjad's clock tower is one of the major landmarks of Sylhet city, but it has certainly seen better days. Vehicles of all shapes and sizes are parked in front of the structure, despite the city corporation declaring the space a no-parking zone.

Dengue patients' tally crosses 85,000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The number of dengue patients hospitalised across the country crossed the 85,000-mark yesterday.
According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), 461 new patients were admitted to hospitals and clinics in 24 hours till 8am yesterday. Of them, 318 are outside Dhaka.
With them, a total of 85,288 patients have been admitted in the country this year. Currently, 2,018 dengue patients are undergoing treatment in hospitals, of whom 1,157 are outside Dhaka.
The number of dengue patients have never exceeded 11,000 in the last 18 years since its first outbreak in 2000.
It was 10,148 last year, while it crossed 6,000 mark twice in the last 18 years: 6,232 in 2002 and 6,060 in 2016, according to a DGHS report. This year, DGHS confirmed 75 deaths so far after verifying 126 deaths. However, DGHS received 224 suspected dengue deaths so far.
Meanwhile, Dhaka North City Corporation officials yesterday found Aedes mosquito larvae in 23 of the 10,517 houses. DNCC mobile courts also found favourable places for Aedes breeding at 6,195 houses, said one of its official.
They destroyed the larvae and breeding sources, he said.
With the numbers, DNCC mobile courts have found Aedes larvae in 253 houses during their nine-day drive after visiting 91,086 houses and also found favorable mosquito-breeding spots in 54,120 houses or structures, he said.

SCCI elects top brass

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Abu Taher Mohammad Shoeb has been elected president of the Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) for 2019-2021.
The chamber also elected Chandan Saha and Tahmin Ahmed as senior vice president and vice president respectively.
The new board of 22 directors were directly elected on September 21. Sammilita Byabsayi Parishad secures majority in the polls with 13 director positions, while Sylhet Byabsayi Parishad's nine candidates were elected.
On September 22, six candidates -- three from each parishad -- submitted their nomination papers to the election management board for the three positions.
But on Monday morning, three withdrew their nominations and the board declared the remaining three as uncontested president, senior vice president and vice president, Advocate Nasir Uddin Khan, chairman of the board said.

21 BNP men held in Sylhet in a day

Party claims it's to strike fear ahead of divisional rally; police deny
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Twenty-one leaders and activists of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and associate wings were arrested by police from different upazilas in Sylhet on Sunday.
BNP leaders allege that law enforcers started the arrest spree to spread fear among leaders and activists so that they do not attend BNP's Sylhet divisional rally today.
The rally is scheduled to start at 2pm at Sylhet Registry Office field at Bandarbarazar area in the city, where BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir is scheduled to attend as chief guest.
Among the twenty-one detainees, five were arrested in Zakiganj, six in Golapganj, four in Fenchuganj, one in Bishwanath and five in Osmaninagar upazilas.
BNP's Zakiganj upazila unit general secretary Shafiqur Rahman, Golapganj upazila unit acting general secretary Noman Uddin Murad, organizing secretary Maniruzzaman Uzzal, Fenchuganj upazila JCD joint convenor Mehedi Hasan Rafi are among the arrestees.
Contacting officers-in-charge of the police stations, this correspondent confirmed that they were arrested either as suspects and shown arrested in different cases, or during processions in support of the divisional rally.
Ali Ahmed, general secretary of Sylhet district unit of BNP, said, "The spate of arrests is rising, and we fear that more leaders will be arrested before the rally so that they could cause fear among leaders."
"But we are trying to unite all leaders and activists in Sylhet division so that the rally becomes a successful one to raise our demand of freeing our chairperson," he said.
However, police denied the allegation that the arrests were made surrounding the rally.
Aminul Islam, additional deputy commissioner (media) of Sylhet District Police, said, "These arrests were made as regular process and it is in no way connected to spread fear ahead of BNP's rally."

SC stays reissuing of Shimul Biswas' passport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court yesterday stayed a High Court order that asked the government to reissue the passport of BNP leader Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas.
Chamber Judge of Appellate Division of the SC Justice Md Nuruzzaman passed the order following a petition filed by the government recently.
Now, the government does not need to reissue the passport for Shimul Biswas, following the stay order, Deputy Attorney General Amit Takulder told The Daily Star.
He said the HC on August 29 ordered the authorities concerned to reissue the passport of Shimul Biswas, special assistant to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, as his passport was lost.
The government in the petition said it reissues a passport if there is any error in it. But this is not such a case, he said.

Convict dies after jumping in canal

He was trying to evade arrest, police say
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Police recovered a convicted Jubo League leader's body from a canal in Sunamganj on Sunday evening, nearly a day after he had jumped into the waterbody to avoid arrest.
The deceased -- Anwar Hossain -- was an executive member of Chhatak upazila unit of the youth wing of the ruling Awami League, said police.
A Sylhet court sentenced him to two years' imprisonment for stealing a microbus, said Mostofa Kamal, officer-in-charge of Chhatak Police Station.
The theft case was filed with Shahporan Police Station in Sylhet in 2014, said the OC, adding that the microbus was later recovered from Anwar's house in Chandpur village of the upazila.
"We received his arrest warrant this month," said OC Mostofa Kamal.
He added that they were waiting at Kachur bridge in Hason Nagar area to arrest the convict on Saturday night. Sensing their presence, Anwar jumped into the canal from the bridge, the OC further said.
Around 22 hours later, divers of Fire Service and Civil Defence found his body which was later sent to Sunamganj Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the police officer.

26TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY
The 26th death anniversary of late Begum Shakera Banu, wife of late Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman, will be observed today **Tuesday, the 24th September 2019.** All her relatives, friends and acquaintances are requested to pray for her eternal peace.

Freshwater crocodile rescued from Rajshahi pond

Forest dept says it might have travelled from Padma



Locals hold the crocodile after it was found in a pond in Rajshahi. PHOTO: COLLECTED

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
A crocodile was found in a private pond in Rajshahi on Sunday.
Locals first noticed the crocodile at 10:30am in the waterbody at Miapur village in Charghat upazila, said fire service.
On information from them, they rushed to the spot and tried in vain to catch the reptile with fishing net, said

Jahirul Islam, in-charge of Charghat Fire Station.
Later in the afternoon, they pumped out the water and caught the animal, following directives of the upazila nirbahi officer and local public representatives, he said.
The pond is near the river Padma and the crocodile might have travelled to the waterbody by itself, Jahangir Kabir, inspector of wildlife

section of forest department in Rajshahi region, told The Daily Star yesterday.
The crocodile of freshwater species -- 8-foot in length and 65kg in weight -- was brought to Rajshahi Wildlife Rescue Centre, said Jahangir.
It will be transferred to Bangabandhu Safari Park in Gazipur today, he added.

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