

Cumilla pileup kills three, injure twenty

Two die in other road accidents

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed and 20 injured in road accidents in three districts during the last two days, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Cumilla, three buses and a truck collided in front of Sadar South upazila headquarters on Dhaka-Chattogram highway yesterday, leaving three bus passengers dead and 20 people injured.

Alamgir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Mainamati Highway Police Station, said a bus was trying to overtake another bus and the driver lost control over the vehicle, resulting in a head-on collision between them and an oncoming bus and truck.

Two passengers died on the spot, and another at Cumilla Medical College Hospital, said the OC.

The injured were taken to different hospitals in the town, said the police officer.

Two of the deceased were identified as Sazidur Rahman Santu, 38, from East Bagichagan in Cumilla; and Abdur Rahim

Manik, 40, from Chattogram. The identity of the other deceased was not known immediately, said Mamunur Rashid, officer in-charge of Cumilla Sadar South Police Station.

The death toll may rise, said the OC. OC Alamgir Hossain said, "Rescue operation is going on to clear the road."

In Faridpur, a man was killed as a motorbike he was riding and a battery-run auto-rickshaw collided head-on at Alipur in Sadar upazila on Thursday.

The deceased -- identified as Faydul Alom Nazrul, 40 -- was from Alipur.

After he fell onto a road, locals rushed him to Faridpur Medical College Hospital, Kowtali Police Station Sub-inspector Bilal Hossain quoted witnesses as saying, Nazrul died there later, he added.

In Chattogram, a bicyclist was killed as a bus hit him at Kulgaon in the city's Bayezid Bostami area yesterday.

The deceased -- identified as Mintu Das, 32 -- was from Baluchara in the area, said police.



A bus fell halfway into a roadside ditch after it collided head-on with three other vehicles in Cumilla yesterday.

Man held with firearm, ammo in M'singh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-14) arrested a man from Mymensingh city's Badekolpa area last evening.

Rab also seized a pistol with two rounds of bullets and a magazine from Md Ujjal Mahmud, 30, son of Md Abdur Razzaq of Badekolpa.

Acting on a tip-off, a Rab team led by Md Hafizul Islam Babu, senior assistant superintendent of police, raided the area and arrested Ujjal with the arms and ammunition.

In primary interrogation, Ujjal confessed that he worked for influential quarters to grab land and used the pistol to threaten people, said the Rab official.

Later in the day, he was handed over to Kotwali Police Station. A case was lodged with the police station under Arms Act, added the official.

Bringing back hope in their

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"We regularly arrange medical camps and distribute medicine among villagers in Mali. We also give wheelchairs and other medical equipment to local healthcare facilities," said Lt Col Md Amirul Hasan, senior medical officer (Level-1) of Gao Super Camp, one of the regional base camps for Bangladesh peacekeepers.

The first of the Bangladeshi UN peacekeepers went to the restive West African country in 2013 to help local authorities bring back peace and stability in the wake of deadly tribal clashes that had escalated after Islamist militant groups made Mali their stronghold.

In Mali, urban areas such as the capital city Bamako is relatively peaceful. But the villages have remained hotbeds for tribal clashes, in which hundreds have died.

Every time a village is gripped by clashes, Bangladeshi peacekeepers are dispatched there to bring back peace.

Needless to say, that's never an easy task. The Bangladeshi army personnel cannot just force themselves into a war zone, wielding guns or hurling bombs at the colliding tribes.

"The first thing we have to do [when we go to a conflict zone] is to gain people's trust. For that we conduct CIMIC [civil-military cooperation] activities. One such activity is to set up medical camps," said CIMIC officer Maj Md Abu Jafor.

Bangladeshi soldiers also run veterinary camps in the villages. Rearing cattle -- cows, goats, donkeys and camels -- is the chief occupation of people living in rural Mali.

But disease outbreaks often result in widespread loss of livestock. Like humans, cattle in the Malian desert hardly ever get to see a proper doctor.

The rural Malians and livestock suffer from various micronutrient deficiencies. For people, meat and milk are the only form of food

they get to eat throughout the year. The desert geology and climate do not allow cereals and vegetables to grow.

Similarly, there is not much grazing grounds for the cattle in the middle of the desert.

"As [rearing and selling] cattle is their only means of earning, at times it's more important for them to care of those than themselves," said Maj Jafor.

Habibullah Alasan, a young Malian, told this correspondent, "Bangladeshi troops help us in many ways. We are very grateful to them. Whenever we see a Bangladeshi convoy, we welcome them. The way they help us, we always try to reciprocate that as a show of gratitude."

Other CIMIC activities include helping Malians reopen some local schools that have been shut down due to escalating conflict. Besides, Bangladeshi peacekeepers also distribute educational materials to villagers.

Barishal's biggest hospital

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perception among patients as they do not get due service at the initial stage, said the physician.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found several patients expressing dissatisfaction.

Schoolboy Arafat, 14, who went there from Jhalakathi was one of them. Being diagnosed with dengue, he spent three days at the hospital. He, however, did not find any doctor during his stay, he said.

The attendants of pneumonia patient Nishu, 5, had a similar experience. No physician except for an intern doctor visited her in three days, said her parents.

At the outpatient departments, hundreds of patients were lining up to receive treatment from morning to afternoon.

Director Bakir Hossain said, "It is becoming very tough to run the hospital with the current number of doctors. I contacted the health ministry several times, but to no avail."

"I last sent a letter to the ministry on September 22," said Dr Bakir. "We need at least 600 doctors to cope with the situation," he added.

The medical college has to open MS (master of surgery) and MD (doctor of medicine) courses so that mid-level doctors do not leave, the director said, adding that such a move can minimise the crisis to some extent.

"But, it will take time to introduce the courses," said Prof Masumul Haque, principal of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College. "We cannot do this right now as we have no professors at medicine and some other departments," he added.

Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital was established in 1968 with 250 beds. In 1975, the number was increased to 500 and in 2011 to 1,000 but manpower was not employed as per need, according to the authorities.

Rajshahi t-groyne made off-limits to public

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Local authorities yesterday closed the t-groyne, one of Rajshahi's popular tourist spots, for public following strong current in the Padma.

The T-shaped groyne was built during the British era into the river from the city protection embankment.

The authorities locked the main entrance and deployed Ansar members to restrict entry. "Public entry has been suspended as a precautionary step to avoid any disaster," said Shahidul Alam, executive engineer of Water Development Board.

He said the groyne was last repaired two decades ago. It has become weak and around 500 sand-bags were dumped beside the groyne to help it battle the current.

An homage to schoolteachers

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financial institution IPDC Finance Limited jointly took the initiative this year to honour and recognise contribution of teachers.

Nirupa Dewan, a former member of National Human Rights Commission and former head teacher of Rangamati Govt High School, and Mofiz Uddin, headmaster of Ranosinghapur Govt Primary School in Mymensingh, were among the recipients.

Mofiz contributed in developing footballing skills among a group of schoolgirls when he was an assistant teacher at Kalsindur Govt Primary School in Mymensingh. Several of the girls later went on to represent Bangladesh.

Nonagenarian Jagodish Chandra Ghosh, a former teacher of Faridpur High School, received the "lifetime achievement" award at the ceremony.

The other recipients are: Tarapada Das, former teacher of Jashore Shammilani Institution; Abdus Salam, former teacher of Alipur Govt Primary School, Satkhira; Abul Hashem Mia of Tangail Auliabad Mazar Dakhil Madrasa; Asadul Kabir, headmaster of Karapara Saratchandra High School, Bagerhat; Nurul Alam, former headmaster

of Shibram Adarsha Govt Primary School, Gaibandha; Shahjahan Kabir, headmaster, Fatehpur KG Bahumukhi High School, Brahmanbaria; Lutfunnesa Khanam, assistant teacher, Jamalkhan Kishumkumari City Corporation Girls' High School, Chattogram; and Shafiq Ullah, former headmaster, Agrabad Govt Colony High School, Chattogram.

Addressing the ceremony, National Professor Anisuzzaman said, "Teachers are still respected, they are in the students' heart, and the society is ready to honour them."

Teachers all over the country were honoured through recognition of the 12 teachers, he said, lauding the initiative.

Prothom Alo Editor and Publisher Matiuur Rahman said the event was one of several initiatives taken by the newspaper.

The event special because through honouring teachers who are shaping minds of young children, the newspaper could do something for them, he said.

IPDC Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Mominul Islam said teachers are some of the best human beings. Such opportunity to honour them is an achievement, he added.

Wait continues

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"Rab is not the lead agency in this operation," the RAB DG said, adding that they are working in cooperation with other agencies.

Replying to a query regarding former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia's comments of "It is not the sole responsibility of police to deter the spread of casinos. Other law enforcement agencies like Rab and intelligence agencies also cannot avoid their responsibilities," Benazir said, "I do not know if he made any such comment."

Benazir said Rab has only seven mandates, and does not usually go beyond them.

"One of the mandates was to follow the government's direction," he said. "So, unless the government directs us, we do not go beyond our mandate."

Rangpur-3 goes to polls

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About the by-polls, he said, "We have taken all-out preparation." The election will be held at 175 centres.

Sahabat said they have already appointed 175 presiding, 1,023 assistant presiding and 2,046 polling officers for the centres. At least 49 centres out of 175 are "extremely sensitive", he said.

To ensure that no untoward incident takes place, 3,000 members of police and Ansar, 18 platoons of BGB and adequate number of Rab officials will remain deployed during the polls. There will also be striking forces led by 18 executive and four judicial magistrates.

The day has been declared a holiday in Rangpur, said the election officer, adding that vehicular movement will be restricted in the voting areas. "Outsiders will be asked to leave the areas as well. The restrictions will remain effective till

Monday morning," he added.

Of the voters, 2,20,823 are male and 2,20,401 female, he added. Campaigning for the by-polls ended on Thursday early hours.

Meanwhile, a mock voting using electronic voting machines (EVM) was held at all the centres from 10am to 4pm on Thursday.

According to election officials, the turnout was around 80 percent.

The constituency is considered the stronghold of JP, the main opposition in parliament. Ershad won all elections he took part in from this seat following the end of his military rule in 1990.

Ershad first got elected in 1991. He was also elected in 2008, 2014 and 2019.

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