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At least two people were killed in two rail-related accidents while six were killed and 100 injured in six waterways accidents during this time, he said.

The report said 168 people were killed in 149 road crashes (11.46 per day) in 13 days during last year while 273 people were killed in 232 accidents (17.84 per day) in 2019.

In 2018, 339 people were killed in 277 accidents (21.3 per day).

"However, considering that lower number of people left Dhaka, we think this year's road accident number is the highest since 2016 - when we started publishing accident reports," Mozammel told this correspondent.

He said the government has taken several steps to reduce the number of deaths from Covid but did not take any steps to prevent road crashes.

Talking about motorcycle accidents, he said 139 people (31.9 percent of total deaths) were killed in 144 bike accidents (45.28 percent of total accidents) in 15 days.

Among the victims, 151 were drivers, 80 were transport workers and 79 pedestrians. Motorcycles were involved in 36.98 percent accidents while truck, pickup, covered-van and lorry were involved in 22.37 percent and car, microbus and jeep in 13.28 percent accidents.

Mozammel said 24.21 percent accidents occurred due to head-on collisions while 47.16 percent took place as vehicles ran over pedestrians and 17.92 percent happened after drivers lost control at the wheel.

Some 32 percent accidents occurred at national highways, 40.88 percent on regional highways and 22.32 percent on feeder roads, he said. Around 3.14 accidents happened in Dhaka city while 1.25 in Chattogram city.

The organisation also came up with eight recommendations to prevent road accidents.

Those include making separate lane for slow moving vehicles, ensuring work hours of drivers, stopping illegal toll collection on highways, and enforcing Road Transport Act and traffic rules properly.

Abdul Haque, president of the Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicles Importers and Dealers Association, said motorcycle is main reason behind the sharp rise of accidents. But, there are no measures to provide training to bikers, he added.

Sharifuzzaman Sharif, an advisor to the association, said the government failed to take measures properly when it saw thousands of people leaving Dhaka ahead of Eid, ignoring their request.



Prof Maliha Khatun's 19th death anniversary

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Today marks the 19th death anniversary of Prof Maliha Khatun PhD, a Begum Rokeya Padak laureate.

She was an educationist, writer, philanthropist, and a voice for women and children's rights, says a press release.

On the occasion, family members of Dr Maliha Khatun request all relatives, friends and well-wishers to remember her in their prayers.

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The Home Minister said that under Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, prisons have been transformed into "modern correctional facilities."

The food menu inside prisons has been changed to be healthier, he said. "They [inmates] are also being trained so that they can find work after getting out of prison," added the minister.

Stating that the situation inside prisons has changed for the better, Asaduzzaman said, "The accused are living in a good environment, appearing in the virtual court during the pandemic. Arrangements have been made to send money through mobile financial account for expenses inside the jail," said Asaduzzaman.

As visitations are now prohibited, inmates are getting chance to talk on cell phone with family members for around 10 minutes, he added.

If any prisoner shows symptoms of Covid-19 they will be isolated safely, said Asaduzzaman on the newly inaugurated centres.

Katja Lorenz, head of delegation at the ICRC, said that they are providing safety equipment including sanitiser and mask since the beginning of Covid-19 pandemic.

"We hope that the good cooperation will continue in the upcoming days even after ends of the pandemic," said Lorenz.

Apart from these three centres, six other isolation centres have been set up by the Department of Prisons.

These six centres are located in Kashimpur Central Jail-2, Sylhet Central Jail-2, Rajshahi DIG Prison Bungalow, unused part of Dinajpur District Jail, Madaripur District Jail-2 and Pirojpur District Jail-2.

Prison officials are managing these in collaboration with the district administration.

Inspector General of Prisons Brigadier General Md Mominur Rahman Mamun said that "We have already launched quarantine centre under our own management."

"Besides, we are also providing regular protection for prisoners. That is why the rate of infection among prisoners is low," he said.

Md Mokabbir Hossain, secretary of Security Services Division of the Home Ministry, said the first wave of Covid-19 did not infect a large prison population as all health and safety rules were maintained properly. "Hopefully, the infection rate will be low in the second wave as well," he said.

Budget must

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formed and the budgetary allocation of ministries needs to be aligned with SDGs.

Women-led SMEs need to have special attention in the budget, along with increased attention in terms of allocation is needed for the transgender people, she added.

At the same time, incentives for RMGs need to be linked with the protection of workers' rights, she said, adding that inter-ministry coordination needs to be strengthened while strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

BMP president Dr Fauzia Moslem presided over the event.

She said in order to achieve real political development, the implementation of the CEDAW, along with the SDGs, must be reflected in the gender budget.

"Emphasis should be given on the establishment of political, economic and human rights of women to bring them to the mainstream level," she said.

"The Ministry of Finance should give more importance in sensitising the field of women's participation in all economic activities and giving priority to women in leadership," she added.

Dr Nazneen Ahmed, senior research fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), she said there must be special attention for the female micro entrepreneurs of the informal sector, who have faced economic challenges in the pandemic.

Besides, those who have lost their business must get proper support from the budget, she added.

SANEM executive director Dr Selim Raihan, Jahangirnagar University Economics professor Dr Sharmind Neelormi, DBC head of news Pranab Saha, among others, spoke at the event, moderated by Rekha Chowdhury, vice-president and acting movement secretary of BMP.

Educationist

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university and moving to Florida, he continued teaching as an adjunct professor at Rollins College near Orlando.

Zillur Rahman received numerous awards including Willard Smith Distinguished Teaching Award at the departmental level, Rosebush Professorship Award at the university level, and was recognised twice by American Political Science Association for Excellence in Teaching and Research.

Recognising his contributions to political science focusing mainly on South Asia, the Foreign Affairs Committee of US Congress invited him to testify in a Congressional Hearing (100th Congress) on Democratization of Bangladesh and Afghanistan in 1988.

Zillur Rahman was also involved with several professional and academic groups, organised and chaired many national and international conferences and was active in South Asian studies out of the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

He was the chairman of RC 37 of International Political Science Association.

He had many publications to his credit and was a strong contributor to the International Political Science Association as well as a contributor to the Asian Studies Journal, and provided regular commentary and interviews on Voice of America.

He had authored 10 books, 20 book chapters and over 50 scholarly articles

in regional and international journals, including: "Leadership in the Least Developed Nation: Bangladesh (Syracuse University, 1983)", "Martial Law to Martial Law: Leadership Crisis in Bangladesh (UPL, 1984)", "The Third World Charismat: Sheikh Mujib and the Struggle for Freedom (UPL, 1996)" and "SAARC and the Superpowers (UPL, 1991)".

In 2010, Zillur Rahman edited a volume of selected papers presented at a conference on Bangladesh at Harvard University, USA.

Born on November 21, 1938 to educationist Khan Bahadur Abdur Rahman Khan and Begum Khadija Khatun, Zillur obtained his PhD from the University of Claremont in California in 1967.

He was predeceased by his two elder brothers -- Mahbubur Rahman Khan, controller of examination, Dhaka University, and Dr Fazlur Rahman Khan, a world-renowned structural engineer.

Zillur Rahman had a vibrant personality and always radiated positivity. His passions included music, photography, travel, and he loved to sing Tagore songs.

He is survived by his wife Tanjina Khan, four children -- Rezaul Khan, Tamiz Khan, Kabir Khan and Mary Khan, and his only sister Masuda Khan Lina.

His namaz-e-janaza was held yesterday around 12:30pm USA time, at around 10:30pm Bangladesh time, following burial at the Muslim Cemetery of Central Florida.

Empower

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Farah Kabir, country director, ActionAid Bangladesh, in her welcome remark pointed that the tagline of the 2030 Agenda "Leaving No One Behind" is a passive statement. Thereby, inclusion of the entire society should be an important goal that can be done via data and information sharing, capacity building, political commitment and environment.

Though Bangladesh prepared two VNRS (Voluntary National Review) -- in 2017 and 2020 -- to assess implementation status of SDGs, the youth and marginalised communities were not involved properly, she added.

In her keynote presentation, Najeeba Mohammed Altaf, a researcher at Citizen's Platform, said rather than solely focusing on skills for employability, youth-based skills training programmes should also involve training to collect data through modern ICT solutions, relevant to protection of youth's wellbeing and rights.

Md Azharul Islam Khan, director general of Department of Youth Development; Rashedul Islam, director general of NGO Affairs Bureau; Dr Ramiz Uddin, head of experimentation, Accelerator Lab, UNDP-Bangladesh; Mahmud Hasan, project officer, Governance Cluster, UNDP, and Ejaj Ahmad, founder and president, Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center, participated in the virtual dialogue.

Second dose

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General Hospital that read "Vaccination stopped until further notice".

Many from the gathered crowd alleged that people who went to the centres with reference from a doctor or an influential person were getting vaccinated, while others were being denied.

Around 11am, 70-year-old Abdul Mannan was seen waiting in front of the resident medical officer's (RMO) room at CGH. He said he had arrived two hours earlier, hoping to get vaccinated as he belongs to the priority group.

"The RMO is yet to show up," he said. "Working time at the hospital starts at 8am, but I have been told by a staffer that the RMO will come at 11:30am."

Several hundred people had gathered at the hospital.

Apart from vaccine-seekers, some came for the Covid-19 antigen test, while some to get their RT-PCR report.

An aggrieved Panna Dey, who was there for her vaccine, said, "How could the authority select the same room for delivering test reports and providing vaccines?"

"There is really no way to maintain social distancing here," she continued. "We are at risk of being affected by potential positive patients."

When the RMO finally arrived after a while, he was immediately swarmed by the crowd, demanding vaccines. Most of them were turned away.

Tushar Barua (67) said he went to the superintendent of the hospital to ask why he was denied despite belonging to the priority group. He said the superintendent told him that they had run

out of stock for the day and asked him to come again the next day.

Tushar, however, told The Daily Star that this was already his third day at CGH. After receiving his first dose on March 10, he has been trying to get the second since May 16, but to no avail.

He too, alleged that a doctor or influential person's reference could've helped him get it much earlier.

Contacted, superintendent of CGH Dr Sheikh Fazle Rabbi said mass vaccination has remained halted in the centre since May 16 with only people from the priority group receiving their shots, to a very limited extent.

"With the current stocks, we can continue another three to four days at this rate. Mass vaccination can only resume after we get supplies from the government again," said Dr Rabbi, also civil surgeon of Chattogram.

Asked about allegations of nepotism, Rabbi said they are not true.

About the late arrival of RMO at such a crucial time, Dr Rabbi said the RMO was late due to attending another emergency duty.

He also denied mismanagement in selecting the same room for delivering test reports and vaccinations.

"People were asked to come between 11am and noon for their tests and results, while vaccine-seekers were called in from noon. But both groups started gathering since early morning."

"What can we do? We have shortage of both space and staff," Dr Rabbi added.

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according to the court there is a difference in definition of spying and journalism.

Meanwhile, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said granting bail to Rozina Islam proves that the court is totally independent and there is no intervention of the government in this regard, reports BSS.

He made the remark at an online discussion on 'UN Global Road Safety Week' from his residence.

However, Jatiya Party chairman and deputy leader of the opposition GM Quader said only granting bail to Rozina is not enough; the case against her should be withdrawn.

The Official Secrets Act is against the constitution, democracy and Right to Information Act. This law, which was enacted to keep

the British Empire afloat, is now unnecessary, he said in a statement.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhruul Islam Alamgir meanwhile alleged that the lower court has issued a 'dictated' order by granting a conditional bail to Rozina Islam.

Speaking at a press conference at BNP chairperson's Gulshan office yesterday, he said, "After waiting for the instruction (from the government) and buying time, you've given the bail on the condition that she can't go abroad and on a bond of Tk 5,000... We think this a dictated verdict."

The BNP leader said many journalists were subjected to repression and imprisonment during the rule of the current government while many of them were forced to leave the country.

Journalists from different

organisations demanded that the case against Rozina be withdrawn, and health ministry employees and officials involved in assaulting Rozina be brought to book.

Bangladesh Mufassal Journalist Foundation organised the programme in front of the Jatiya Press Club. Convener of Nagorik Oikya Mahmudur Rahman Manna at the rally said this government could not prove anything against Rozina, but granted her bail on condition of submitting her passport. Journalist leader Shawkat Mahmud said Rozina disclosed the corruption of the health ministry during the coronavirus and this government stands by corruption.

To protest arrest of Rozina, leaders and activists of Bangladesh Students' Union were obstructed by police personnel while they were

marching to the health ministry in protest yesterday noon in front of gate-5 of Secretariat building.

The demonstration began from Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University around 12:30pm.

Eyewitnesses said at around 1pm, the agitators reached the Secretariat building and chanted slogans, when a team of police personnel obstructed them and created barricades to halt their march.

Dipok Shil, general secretary of Bangladesh Students' Union, alleged that a group of police had reached there before they arrived and obstructed them.

Denying the allegation, Mamun Ur Rashid, officer in charge (OC) of Shahbag Police Station, said protesters held their programme peacefully. Police did not obstruct them.

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Invitation for Tender (Goods)

Tender ID No.	Description of works	Tender publication (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)
Tender ID: 579977	Supply and installation of the Computer & Computer Equipment's at Comilla University.	20-May-2021 09:30	06-Jun-2021 12:30

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches within the mentioned time in tender notice. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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BM COLLEGE Vice-principal barred from joining office by students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A professor of Government BM College, Barishal could not join his promoted post of vice principal yesterday due to protest by students.

A section of students of the college locked the office of vice principal and the main gate to prevent Prof Kaiyum Uddin from joining office, campus sources said.

Prof Kaiyum said a letter signed by Shrikanta Chanda, deputy secretary of Ministry of Education, asked him to join the post within yesterday.

Principal Dr Mohammad Golam Kibria echoed him.

Md Shaon Khan, a protester, said Prof Kaiyum hatched conspiracy against a teacher who was supposed to be in that post.

Denying the allegation, Prof Kaiyum said followers of district Chhatra League vice president Atiqullah Munim were at the protest.

However, Atiqullah Munim said it was the general students who barred him from joining office.

THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

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The Board of Directors in its 327th Meeting held on May 5, 2021 have decided to conduct the 22nd Annual General Meeting of ONE Bank Limited **virtually on June 24, 2021** from 11:00 a.m. by using digital platform through the link <https://obl.bdvirtualagm.com> instead of Hybrid AGM in compliance with the BSEC Order No. SEC/SRMIC/94-231/91 dated March 31, 2021 considering health and safety of the Shareholders and Stakeholders due to prevailing COVID- pandemic.

All other things regarding the 22nd AGM Notice dated March 28, 2021 including the agenda will remain unchanged.

By order of the Board of Directors,

John Sarkar
DMD & Company Secretary

NOTES:

A. The Shareholders will join the **virtual AGM** through the link <https://obl.bdvirtualagm.com>. The Shareholders will be able to submit their questions/comments electronically before 24 (twenty four) hours of commencement/cast vote of the AGM through this link and also during the Annual General Meeting. In order to login for the **virtual AGM**, the shareholders need to click on the link and provide their 16 digit Beneficiary Owner (BO) account number or Folio number, name of shareholders, their number of shares. ONE Bank Limited, as always, emphasizes on maintaining transparency and highest corporate governance throughout this process i.e. conduct of the AGM using the digital platform during COVID pandemic as social distancing is the highest priority to ensure health and safety for its Shareholders and other Stakeholders.

B. Shareholders are requested to login to the system prior to the meeting to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021. The webcast will start at 10:55 a.m.

For any IT related guidance and help regarding the login process, the respected Shareholders may contact +88 02 55012505 Ext: 251, 252 or visit www.onebank.com.bd

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Invitation Reference No.	T-9/1170 Dated: 23-05-2021
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580996	Landscaping works at Manikganj WD Division Colony under Manikganj WD Division, BWDB, Manikganj during the financial year 2020-21.

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