

ROAD SAFETY, OUR RIGHT

Students threaten tougher movement if demands not met

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If the 11-point demand for safe roads and half fare for public transport is not met by December, tougher programmes will be announced from the first day of January, warned participants of the ongoing road safety movement.

The announcement was made yesterday afternoon at a rally of students, teachers, guardians and workers near the capital's Rampura Bridge.

Shohagi Samia, a student of Khilgaon Model College and representative of the demonstrators, said, "We want to make it clear that this movement is not just about students, but people from all walks of life."

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No justice, no compensation

Say families of transport workers who died in road crashes



Shiuly breaks down in tears while retelling her family's hardships ever since her husband was killed by a bus plying the wrong side. PHOTO: STAR

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All was going well for Shiuly Begum. A serene family life with her bus driver husband and four children, this was all that she had hoped for.

But then everything changed, all because a bus decided to ply on the wrong side three years ago.

On April 3, 2018, while going to Mirpur from the family's Bashabo home, Shiuly's husband Mizan Kazi was hit by the bus near Purana Paltan. "My husband, who was a bus driver himself, died under one," a sobbing Shiuly told a programme of Nirapad Sarak Chai at Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Losing the family's only breadwinner, Shiuly had to take the difficult decision to leave their rented flat and go back to her village in Mymensingh, even if this put a halt to the studies of two of her children.

"I don't know whether my five-year-old son will start his schooling. I don't know if I can afford it," she said. In the last three years, she has gone

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3 killed, 5 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

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

In Mymensingh, a man was killed and four were injured as two motorbikes collided head-on on Mymensingh-Gafargaon road at Char Bhelamari in Nandail upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased -- Md Sumon (35) from Gafargaon upazila -- was a marketing officer at a private company.

In Dinajpur, two persons were killed and another was injured when a speeding truck hit a rickshaw-van carrying them in Birganj upazila on Friday night.

The deceased were identified as Bachchu Mia (42) of Thakurgaon and Md Abdul Based (65) of Dinajpur.

The injured -- Alatafur Rahman -- was undergoing treatment at Birganj Upazila Health Complex.

Highway police said the accident happened at Chakai village in Birganj around 9:00pm.

Police seized the truck.

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