

## Teen killed, 3 injured in bike accident

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Tangail

A schoolboy was killed and two of his friends were injured as the motorcycle they were riding crashed into a roadside tree after hitting a pedestrian in Tangail yesterday.

Mohammad Liton (15), a class IX student of Falda Ramsundor High School and son of Ainal Haque from adjacent Gopalpur upazila, was declared dead at Bhanpur Upazila Health Complex.

The injured are bike passengers Maruf Miah (15) and Mohammad Shawaon (15). The pedestrian — Joyal Abedin (45) — was also injured in the accident. They were admitted to Tangail General Hospital.

Mahmudul Haque, a sub-inspector of Bhanpur Police Station, said Liton along with his two friends were going to private tuition on a motorcycle.

The accident happened as he lost his control over the bike at Falda Ghonapara.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

A herd of buffaloes takes a dip in a waterbody to cool off amid the mid-day heat. This photo was taken in Bosila yesterday.

## 'Will put pressure on recruiting agencies'

Says expat minister on sending migrant workers to Malaysia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad said he will "put pressure" on recruiting agencies to speed up the sending process of migrant workers to Malaysia yesterday.

"... About 12,000 to 13,000 papers have been processed so far but migration of people [to Malaysia] would be less than that," the minister said.

The minister was responding to a query from reporters after emerging from an event at a city hotel.

His remarks came amid a slow start to sending workers to Malaysia, which

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Set up a diversion road

JS body asks authorities to free Airport Road of congestion

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Amid Dhaka's Airport Road becoming a headache for commuters as terrible traffic jams paralyse it every day, a parliamentary body yesterday asked the authorities concerned to keep this road free of congestion or introduce a diversion road to prevent harassment of air passengers.

The parliamentary standing committee on Road, Transport and Bridges Ministry made the recommendation at its meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Rowshan Ara Mannan, a Jatiya Party lawmaker and chief of the parliamentary watchdog, presided over the meeting.

Committee member and Road Transport and Bridge Minister Obaidul Quader, along with other members Enamul Haque, Rezwan Ahmed Tawfiq, Salim Uddin Tarafdar, Syed Abu Hossain, Rabeya Alim and Marina Jahan participated in the meeting.

According to the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), vehicles had to go slow at several points between Gazipur Chaurasta and Dhaka Airport, including the section in front of the Rab office at Uttara as the dilapidated road with potholes went underwater due to torrential rains.

Due to the untold sufferings of people, DMP recently urged people to avoid this road if it is not

urgent.

According to sources in the DMP traffic office, the unmanaged Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is behind the surging gridlock. Moreover, there are many potholes at various points, causing the vehicles to lose speed.



### RECOMMENDATIONS

Ban motorcycles, three-wheelers on highways

Zebra crossing in front of schools, colleges

Proper implementation of Road Transport Act 2018

Uniforms for ride-sharing drivers

"I had a Saudi bound flight on Sunday. I started from Azimpur five hours ahead of the departure time. But I missed the flight due to an unbearable traffic jam on Airport Road," Monirul Islam, a private service holder told this correspondent.

The authorities have deployed an additional traffic police force and used hand mikes to control

the traffic but to no avail.

The parliamentary watchdog yesterday in its meeting also recommended banning motorcycles and Nasim-Karimon on highways to prevent traffic jams and accidents on roads and highways.

It also recommended ensuring zebra crossing in front of schools and colleges located next to the highway.

In the meeting, the committee also recommended the proper implementation of the Road Transport Act 2018.

Emerging from the meeting, Committee Chief Rowshan Ara Mannan said motorcycles that are unregistered with Bangladesh Road Transport Authority are providing services via ridesharing apps and causing heavy traffic in the capital.

"Someone buys a motorcycle or gets it from his in-laws and transports passengers on rent. We have asked Pathao and Uber to stop motorcycles that are not registered with BRTA," she added.

The committee also recommended introducing specific uniforms for ride-sharing drivers to stop illegal ride-sharing in Dhaka.

Meanwhile, the parliamentary committee also recommended taking adequate measures to stop certain contractors from repeatedly getting work in the meeting.

## Schoolboy dies as train hits him in the capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A school student died after being hit by a train on his way to school in Dhaka's Nakhhalpara yesterday morning.

The deceased is Zunayed Bagdadi (12), a fifth grader at Nakhhalpara Government Primary School.

The accident took place around 9:15am when Zunayed was on his way to school from his home. He was first taken to a nearby hospital.

As his condition deteriorated, he was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he died around 11:15am, said his father Ataur Rahman Jewel, a cloth trader.

"We came to know from locals that another boy was walking along the rail track when a train was approaching. As Zunayed pulled him off to save him, he got hit by the train," he said.

Hailing from Chandpur, Zunayed was the eldest among two siblings.

The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy, said Inspector Bachchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH Police Outpost.

## BMET introduces digitised services

Overseas jobseekers to get 'smartcard' on digital platform

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a bid to make its services hassle-free, Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) is going to provide its emigration clearance card known as a smartcard to overseas jobseekers on a digital platform.

From now on, a QR-code containing smartcards will be available on the Ami Probashi app from where jobseekers will be able to download the card anytime and keep it stored in their smartphones.

Along with the bureau's three other digitised services, the smartcard service was officially launched during a ceremony at a city hotel yesterday.

"Smartcard is BMET's most important service... we are going to reduce human effort and make it digital with help of technology," Shahidul Alam, director general of BMET, said at the launching ceremony.

He said in the existing system, an aspirant migrant worker needs to submit at least 15 to 20 types of documents to get the smartcard, including a passport and visa, and undergo a biometric fingerprint enrollment process.

The hassles regarding losing the card have also reduced as jobseekers will be able to apply online and download the QR-code containing card a hundred times, he said.

Recruiting agencies will be able to submit the documents online round the clock, he added.

Shahidul said they will try to reduce their dependency on offline procedures in the shortest possible time.

The government launched the BMET smartcard, a tag

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## Need to empower workers with skills

Foreign secretary tells workshop on media and migration

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Human trafficking is like a societal cancer that not only jeopardises the lives of individuals but also the prospects of their families and tarnishes the country's image, said Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen yesterday.

Bangladeshis are one of the top ten nationals who crossed the Mediterranean during 2014-2022, and such statistics goes against the achievements of Bangladesh, he said.

He made the remarks while interacting with journalists at a workshop on media and migration, organised by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) at a Dhaka hotel yesterday.

"We need to empower our workers with skills. If not, there are more scope for abuses," he said, calling on journalists to play a role in creating awareness and changing policies.

He said there were requests from some Bangladeshis in a few European countries for lowering their ages in passports, as migrants under 18 in those countries are provided special privileges.

"However, we cannot do it because, though we know it can help some individuals, it will in the long run affect the larger Bangladeshi community.

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