





Road crashes claim 8 lives 10-year-old boy among the dead

STAR REPORT

Eight people, including a 10-year-old, died and 22 others were injured in road crashes in different districts yesterday.

In Savar, three men were killed and four others were wounded as a human hauler collided with a bus in Kalma area on C&B-Ashulia road last night, said Dipak Chandra Saha, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station.

After seven people injured in the crash were taken to Enam Medical College Hospital, doctors declared Fazlul Fakir, 40, Nasir Uddin, 40, and Fahim, 19, dead, he added.

In Barishal, a man died and 15 others were injured when a bus of Islampur Paribahan collided with a bus of SR Paribahan in Kashimpur area on the Dhaka-Barishal highway around 3:30pm.

Kalam, driver of the SR Paribahan bus, died on the spot, said Inspector Lokman Hossain of Airport Police Station, adding that the injured were admitted to a local hospital.

The accident disrupted traffic

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Chunks of coral have been used to build an embankment of sorts in front of a hotel on the beach at Saint Martin's island. Local businesses do this all over the beach as the Department of Environment takes no action to protect the island that exists because of its coral base. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Before making remark, they should know our history

Shahriar says about foreign envoys during phone call with US deputy secy of state

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam has said ambassadors stationed in Dhaka need to understand the political history of Bangladesh before making any public statement.

He made the comment during a telephone call with US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman on Thursday evening.

During the call, they discussed mutual priorities in bilateral relations, said a foreign ministry press release.

Shahriar reaffirmed that Bangladesh is fully committed to ensuring security and safety of the diplomatic community in Bangladesh.

He said the ambassadors would continue to receive adequate security details, as always.

Shahriar and Sherman talked about the issues of mutual commitment to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961, the release added.

Sherman mentioned her several visits to Bangladesh and congratulated Shahriar for Bangladesh's victory at the recent UNHRC election and expressed satisfaction over supporting each other at the international forum.

Meanwhile, the US Department of State, quoting its spokesperson Ned Price, said the deputy secretary and the state minister discussed strengthening US-Bangladesh relations, the importance of holding free and fair elections, and the safety and security of US embassy personnel.



Shahriar Alam



Wendy Sherman

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FUNDS

Only 6pc goes to locally-led initiatives

Says Brac Executive Director Asif Saleh in an interview with The Daily Star

PORIMOL PALMA

Bangladesh is one of the countries most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, and requires huge funds to adapt. It is widely acknowledged that the funds should come from developed countries, who are among the highest polluters.

The government has done well in allocating funds, and planning and adaptation. But is this enough? What more is required? Brac and other NGOs are at the forefront of climate change adaptation efforts. BRAC Executive Director Asif Saleh, who attended the recently held COP27 in Egypt, shared his views with The Daily Star's Porimol Palma.

The Daily Star (DS): COP27 has agreed to create a "Loss and Damage Fund". How will it help countries like Bangladesh?

Asif Saleh (AS): In concept,

it is a major step forward that Bangladesh has been demanding for over 30 years. Through it, the world's most developed countries have acknowledged that the most impacted countries like Bangladesh should be compensated for the resulting loss and damage. However, the agreement does not yet specify the size of the fund, any donors or recipients. This coming year will be crucial for adding the details needed to make the fund more than just words.

The developed countries have blatantly failed in delivering the annual \$100 billion promised in 2009 to support vulnerable nations for adaptation. There was no notable progress. How can another fund for "Loss and Damage" be effective?

There is a long history of failure by the most developed countries to live up to their commitments



when it comes to addressing the climate crisis. But the countries most affected cannot afford to let that history serve as an excuse to not push for their rights. There's an important distinction to be recognised, as negotiations progress -- between climate adaptation and loss and damage. Bangladesh and other heavily affected countries need funding for both. To make both effective, we need to keep the pressure on more developed countries and focus on locally-led approaches. We also need to prioritise financing mechanisms, which will actually get the funding to the people who need it the most on the ground.

DS: Mitigation got little importance in COP27. Why?

AS: Mitigation is crucial. It must be pursued aggressively along with adaptation and loss and damage. Six hundred and thirty-six fossil fuel lobbyists were registered to attend COP27. That's more than the combined representation of the 10 [most vulnerable] nations, including Bangladesh. It's also an increase of over 25 percent from

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Tigers look to claw back in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh were left to rue costly errors on the field as India ended the second day of the second Test in a strong position despite the hosts' spinners managing to bowl out the visitors for 314.

Taijul Islam made early inroads with the ball on Day Two, getting the scalps of openers KL Rahul and Shubman Gill. He then got the better of the formidable Cheteshwar Pujara before lunch.

Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant both provided chances before the first session ended which could have put the visitors further on the backfoot but Nurul Hasan Sohan did not get gloves on the Kohli caught behind chance against Mehedi Hasan Miraz. Meanwhile, Liton Das, despite his best efforts, saw a difficult chance at slip go begging.

Eventually, Taskin produced a delivery feigning to shape in to remove Kohli after lunch and it appeared that Bangladesh may make further inroads in the second session.

However, mishaps on the field piled up after lunch, with Shreyas Iyer let off twice. While the first one at gully was a difficult one, Sohan

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Shakib Al Hasan (R) is congratulated by Taijul Islam (L) as Mominul Haque joins them following the dismissal of an India batter on the second day of the second Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. The two left-arm spinners shared eight wickets to pull Bangladesh back into the game.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

They are being treated inhumanely

BNP alleges about its imprisoned leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday claimed the party's Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, Standing Committee Member Mirza Abbas, and other senior leaders are being treated inhumanely in prison.

They are being mentally tortured in lockup, which is a clear violation of human rights and the constitution, it alleged.

Syed Emran Saleh Prince, organising secretary and also acting office secretary of the BNP, made the allegations at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters.

He said many of the senior leaders were suffering from various illnesses, including high blood pressure and diabetes, and that they had been taking treatment at home and abroad for quite long.

Quoting family members of the imprisoned BNP leaders, Prince said they are being deprived of medical treatment as they are behind bars.

He further said many of the leaders deserved division facilities in jail but they are yet to get that.

Alleging that the imprisoned leaders are being subjected to inhumane treatment, he said they

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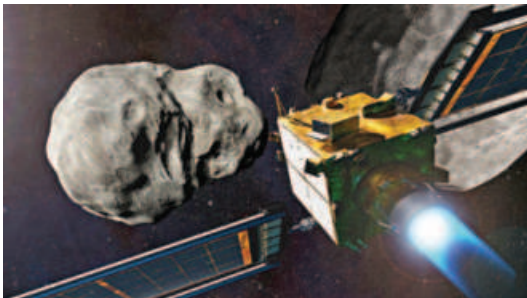
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KKR PICK SHAKIB, LITON

The upcoming Indian Premier League will feature three Bangladeshis for the first time as all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan and wicketkeeper-batter Liton Das were bought by Kolkata Knight Riders in the auction in Kochi on Friday, while Mustafizur Rahman was already retained by Delhi Capitals previously. Both Shakib and Liton were bought at their base prices – Shakib for 1.5 crore rupees and Liton for 50 lac rupees – by their only bidder KKR, in the second time of asking. The 16th edition of the money-spinning T20 franchise league is expected to be held between April and June next year.

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Nasa probe's collision with asteroid expelled 1K tonnes of dust



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The collision of Nasa's Dart spacecraft with the asteroid moonlet Dimorphos is estimated to have displaced over 1,000 tonnes of rock into space.

The "ejecta" from the space rock expelled by the collision was enough to fill six or seven rail cars and altered Dimorphos' orbit by about 33 minutes as well, revealed new research presented during the American Geophysical Union's Fall Meeting in Chicago.

Nasa scientists estimated the momentum

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Today is the 49th Death Anniversary of Begum Firdaus Rizvi



We request all relatives, friends and well-wishers to remember her in their prayers and to pray for eternal peace of her soul