

Cop among two killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Two men, including a police personnel, died in separate road accidents yesterday.

Yunus Ali, 40, constable of Konakhali Police Outpost under Dakshin Keraniganj Police Station, died on the spot after an unidentified truck ran over his motorcycle at Guilla area under Tangail's Basail upazila around 2:00pm.

He was on his way to work from his residence in Chhoy Ani Bazar in Tangail Sadar, said Mollah Tutul, officer-in-charge of Gorai Highway Police Station.

His body will be handed over to his family after completing formal procedures, he added.

Meanwhile, Gathia Roy, 44, of Konsopara village under Dinajpur's Birganj upazila, died after a cattle-loaded truck ran him over around 4:15pm near Jodur Moore area on Panchagarh-Dinajpur highway, said Anwar Hossain, sub-inspector of Birganj Police Station.



Fishers cast 'Haata Jaals', a local fishing net used to catch small fish varieties, in the shallow waters of Phulbari Beel in Sylhet's Kanaighat upazila yesterday morning.

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"SECRET DOCUMENTS ON BANGABANDHU"  
PM meets SB officials involved in publishing the book

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday met the Special Branch (SB) officials who were involved in publishing "The Secret Documents of Intelligence Branch on Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman" at her official Ganabhaban residence in the capital.

"The Prime Minister met them to recognise their tireless efforts and merits in this publication," said PM's Assistant Press Secretary A.B.M Sarwer-E-Alom Sarker.

Some 22 SB men were involved in this work while 20 of them were present, he added.

Additional Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mahub Hossain led the team where the coordinator and curator of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum Md Nazrul Islam Khan was present.

The Secret Documents is a collection of the Intelligence Branch Reports on Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Bangladesh during the Pakistani period.

The process to publish these books started more than 10 years ago and it ended in 2024. Hakkani Publishers published all the volumes of this publication.

Plastic pollution choking Ctg canals

Waterlogging may turn worse in monsoon, fear experts

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

With most canals in Chattogram city choking on non-biodegradable plastic waste, waterlogging is likely to worsen in the coming monsoon, fear experts.

To ensure rainwater is drained off easily, the waterbodies need to be excavated immediately. Regular monitoring is also necessary to stop indiscriminate dumping of single-use plastic and polythene round the clock, they recommended.

During a recent visit to Chaktai Khal in the city's Chawkbazar KB Aman Ali Road, this correspondent saw the surface of the canal covered with floating plastic and polythene bags. Workers were seen excavating the canal under a mega project initiated by Chattogram Development Authority to address waterlogging.

A similar scenario was witnessed in Birza, Jamal Khan and Rajakhali canals.

Due to a blatant lack of civic awareness and absence of proper dustbins, the city's residents often throw household garbage in nearby canals and drains. Poor waste management by the Chattogram City Corporation further adds to the menace.

"The situation would not have been so dire if people had not dumped non-biodegradable waste into Chaktai canal for years. The authorities concerned hardly take any steps to prevent it," said Fazlur Rahman of Phultala area.

Unplanned discharge of untreated and non-biodegradable waste into waterbodies not only harms its ecosystem but also leads to waterlogging, mosquito breeding, and air pollution for locals, said Prof Dr Swapan Kumar Palit of civil engineering department at CUET.



He stressed the need for tough legal action to save the waterbodies.

The city produces around 3,000 tonnes of wastes daily, 249 tonnes (8.3 percent) of which are non-biodegradable in nature, according to a study conducted by CUET's civil engineering department in 2022.

However, the CCC can collect and safely dispose only 109 tonnes of plastic and polythene wastes daily, while the rest 140 tonnes remain uncollected. This clogs canals and drains and hinders their waterflow, especially during monsoon, the study revealed.

Reducing use of plastic products and enhancing the CCC's waste management capacities are necessary to improve the situation, mentioned Prof Swapan, the study's supervisor.

According to Mandatory Jute Packaging Act 2010 and Mandatory Jute Packaging Rules-2013, it is mandatory to use jute products for packaging of essential items, including paddy, rice, wheat, maize,

fertiliser, sugar, ginger, garlic, onion, potato, fish feed, poultry feed, flour, chillies, lentils and rice bran. However, implementation of the laws are hardly seen in market, he said.

"Around 90 percent carry bags used in grocery shops and kitchen markets are made of plastic and polythene," he said. He suggested awareness-raising initiatives and mobile courts to enforce the laws.

According to local sources, most of port city's 37 canals are badly affected by these non-perishable wastes, which eventually flow into the Karnaphuli river during monsoon, polluting it too.

Citing a 2019 BUET study, Chattogram Port Authority sources said the Karnaphuli riverbed is covered in 2-7-metre thick plastic layers in different areas which hampered the river's dredging work during that time.

"CCC workers do not clean canals regularly. So, plastic wastes keep piling up in Chaktai canal round the year," said Sadhan Das, a local.

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BNP lying about remittance Says finance minister

UNB, Dhaka

Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali yesterday alleged that the opposition parties, including BNP, are lying about the inward remittance of the country.

He said that the volume of inward remittances sent by expatriates to the country is increasing every month. Even in the last month (February), Bangladesh received remittances of \$2.16 billion.

The finance minister said this while speaking as the chief guest at the Cub Scouts' holiday programme at Khansama Government Pilot Model High School, organised by Dinajpur's Khansama upazila administration yesterday.

About 400 Cub Scouts, scouts, and officials from 53 educational institutions participated in the Cub holiday program organised by Bangladesh Scouts, Khansama Upazila.

Khansama UNO Md Taj Uddin chaired, upazila Chairman and General Secretary of Upazila Awami League Safiul Azam Chowdhury Lion, and local political leaders among others, spoke at the function.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
MARCH 10

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
5:05	12:45	4:30	6:12	7:30
JAMAAT	5:40	1:15	4:45	6:15
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION				

Digital literacy essential to empower women

Speakers tell summit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fostering female friendly organisations and enhancing their technological engagement can empower women leaders and contribute to achieving a smarter Bangladesh, said speakers at a summit yesterday.

They were addressing the inaugural ceremony of the two-day summit, titled "Pursuit of Women's Economic Independence", organised by Women in Leadership at a hotel in Dhaka, marking International Women's Day.

"Positioning women at top levels requires attention and reformation at different levels. Individual, social and organisational barriers bar their run towards leadership," said Prof Tushi Jayakumar, executive director of Center for Family Business and Entrepreneurship.

"Females on top have to struggle through more insecurities and anxieties than males as their network is considered less efficient. Alongside helping women in nurturing confidence, proper mentoring is necessary to overcome these challenges," she added.

Mahzabin Ferdous, co-founder and managing director of CThreeSixty; and Tasnuva Ahmed, CEO and managing director of Cloud Convoy, shared their inspirational stories during the discussion.

Emphasising the importance of digital

literary and self-branding for growth, Mahzabin said, "I always try to align my personality with the online presence and professional endeavours. Connecting to brands that are authentic and reliable leads my way forward with a positive energy and attitude."

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SAAD JASHIM

Area head of Talent, Culture and Inclusion, British American Tobacco, Bangladesh

Saad Jashim, area head of Talent, Culture and Inclusion, British American Tobacco, Bangladesh, mentioned of the need of sustainable approach in organisations to build a diverse and inclusive workplace and culture.

"Alongside hiring more female workers who are talented and promising, they must be properly mentored, trained and developed. Retention of this process is necessary for the flourishing of female leadership in organisations," she said.

A strong network, designed prioritising women and their stance at strategic places, is essential, she added.

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This is for kind information to all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances the tender "REPAIR/PROTECTIVE WORK ALONG THE BANK OF RIVER SIDE AND CONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE DRAIN AT MONGLA OIL INSTALLATION, BAGHERHAT", Tender Invitation Ref. No.: Pur-112; Date-29.02.2024 has been made the following amendments:

Sl. No.	Amendment Subject	Present	Amended as
Tender Notice Sl. No. 13	Tender Publication Date	06.02.2024	06.03.2024

This Corrigendum Notice will be as integral part of the Tender Document. All other terms and conditions of the Tender will remain unchanged.

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Memo No: PUST/PDW/e-GP/OTM/Office Equipment, Part-1/469/2143; Date: 04/03/2024

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S.L No	e-Tender ID	APP ID	Package No & Invitation Ref. No	Name of Works	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time	Method
01.	953884	200537	Memo No: PUST/PDW/e-GP/OTM/Office Equipment, Part-1/469/2143; Date: 04/03/2024	Supply, Installation and Testing of Office Equipment for Pabna University of Science and Technology, Pabna.	06 Mar, 2024 12:00 PM	25 Mar, 2024 12:00 PM	OTM

This is an online Tender where only e-tender 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. Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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951135	tsc/rang/0802/007	Supply of Engineering and other equipment's under financial code 4112304	24/03/2024 12:00	25/03/2024 12:00	25/03/2024 12:00

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