

Six killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT At least six people were killed and nine others injured in separate road accidents in Mymensingh, Barishal, Brahmanbaria and Munshiganj districts.

In Mymensingh, a freedom fighter was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Boiler area of Trishal upazila yesterday morning.

The victim, Md Shafiqul Islam, 75, was a resident of Boiler Boro Pukurpur area in the upazila and was a retired manager of Krishi Bank, police said.

Shafiqul was crossing the highway around 11:00am when speeding motorcycle hit him, leaving him critically injured, said Md Kamal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Trishal Police Station.

He was taken to Mymensingh Medical College hospital where doctors declared him dead. A case was later lodged with the police station in this connection, the OC added.

In Barishal, a woman and her son were killed and four others were injured as their three-wheeler was hit by a Dhaka-bound passenger bus of Jamuna Line Paribahan from opposite direction on Dhaka-Barishal Highway in Gournadi upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Soma Begum, 30, and her son Azmain, 3, of Islampur village under Babuganj upazila of the district.

The incident took place at around 1:30pm in Bezhar area. All six passengers of the three-wheeler were injured in the accident and were taken to Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, where Soma and her son were declared dead, said Golam Rasul, OC of Gournadi Highway Police Station.

In Brahmanbaria, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit a motorcycle, leaving its rider and pillion dead, while five passengers of the auto-rickshaw including its driver sustained injuries.

The incident took place in Kodda area of Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila yesterday noon. The deceased are: Mahibul Islam Chanchal, 38, of Madhyapara area of Brahmanbaria town; and Shaheen Chowdhury, 48, of Nayanpur village of Sadar upazila.

Confirming the matter, Mohammad Mozaffar Hossain, OC of Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station, said police recovered the bodies and kept those in Brahmanbaria General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The injured are being treated in Akhaura Upazila Health Complex, he added. SEE PAGE 4 COL 5



Amid a downpour, while travelling on a rickshaw van through a submerged road, a mother holds an umbrella and then covers it with polythene to ensure that there is no way for the raindrops to drench her child. The photo was taken in the Royal Mor area of Khulna city yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Written exams of 46th BCS suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The written tests of the 46th BCS examination, scheduled to be held between August 28 and September 9, were suspended yesterday due to unavoidable circumstances.

The Bangladesh Public Service Commission issued a press release in this regard.

The date and time of the tests (compulsory and post-related subjects) will be notified through a press release at an appropriate time, said the press release signed by Ananda Kumar Biswas, exam controller (cadre) of BPS.

Train hits schoolboy to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A schoolboy died after being hit by a speeding train in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur on Saturday evening.

The deceased Abdullah Al Fahim, 15, a 10th grader.

Fahim was crossing the rail track through Fatikpara village when the Nilsagar Express Intercity train hit him, said Shakiul Alam, officer-in-charge of Parbatipur GRP Station.

PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 26. Table with prayer times for Fazr, Zohr, Asr, Maghrib, Esha, AZAN, and JAMAAT.

Vegetable prices soar in Ctg

Green chilli now Tk 550-700 per kg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prices of vegetables in Chattogram city's kitchen markets have surged in the last few days, driven by the flooding on highways and the suspension of transport services.

Green chilli is currently being sold at Tk 550 to Tk 700 per kg, tomatoes at Tk 590 per kg, and other vegetables ranging from Tk 90 to Tk 520 per kg at the retail level in Chattogram.

This correspondent visited several kitchen markets, including those in the 2 No Gate, Kazir Dewri, and Karnaphuli Complex areas, and observed similar pricing trends across all locations.

At the city's prime wholesale market in Riazuddin Bazar, most stalls were found empty. Several vegetable vendors attributed the price hikes to the floods and the resulting transportation crisis, which have significantly reduced supply.

The ongoing flood situation and subsequent supply shortages have severely impacted retail kitchen



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ABUL HASHEM Vegetable trader

sold at Tk 90 per kg, brinjal at Tk 140, beans at Tk 250, cauliflower at Tk 580, pointed gourd at Tk 140, snake gourd at Tk 120, bitter gourd at Tk 150, ladyfingers at Tk 100, and cucumbers at Tk 110 per kg.

Abul Hashem, a vegetable trader at Kazir Dewri retail market, said, "Last Friday, I sold gourd at Tk 50 per kg, whereas the current price ranges from Tk 90 to Tk 100. Additionally, the price of green chilli, which was Tk 250 per kg on Friday, has surged to Tk 590."

"Prices of all types of vegetables have increased due to low supply in the market," he added.

Nurul Alam, a wholesale trader and owner of Shah Amanat Trading at Riazuddin Bazar, explained that a significant portion of the vegetables supplied to Chattogram city originates from markets in Sitakunda, Mirsarai, Feni, Noakhali, and Cumilla regions.

Recent flooding has severely impacted crop yields in these areas, leading to a reduction in vegetable supply by approximately 60-70 percent.

markets in the city. Retail traders said vegetable prices have increased by at least 70 to 100 percent in the last three days.

In retail markets, bottle gourd, pumpkin, and sweet gourd are being

Won't tolerate disciplinary breach in police force

Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday said that any breach of discipline by the Bangladesh Police would not be tolerated.

"Corruption must be stopped at all costs. There will be no concessions in case of breaching discipline," he said during a meeting with senior police officials at the Hall of Pride at Police Headquarters.

During the session, senior police officers presented various proposals to improve the force, to which Jahangir assured that they would be implemented in phases.

"There is a need for reform in the

police force, which will bring about a positive change in policing," he added.

"The police must become more people-friendly through their actions."

Inspector General of Police Mainul Islam also briefed the adviser on the current challenges facing the police and outlined future plans.

The police chief said that reforms are underway to transform the Bangladesh Police Force into a more service-oriented institution.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police has appointed new officers in charge at 25 police stations. DMP Commissioner Mainul Hasan issued an order in this regard yesterday.



GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH Power Division Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Invitation for Tender (OTM). Detailed tender notice table with specifications for stationary goods, desktop computers, and ICT equipments.

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