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Buet student killed as car hits bike

3 including car driver arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A Buet student was killed and two of his classmates were injured when a car hit them and their stationary motorcycle early yesterday at a police check post on Purbachal Expressway, better known as 300-foot road.

Police said the car was being driven recklessly by a 20-year-old man.

Mohtassim Masud, aged 22, was a 2nd-year student of computer science. He lived with his parents on the capital's Green Road.

Police said he died at the scene near Neela Market in Rugganj, Narayanganj.

Mehedi Hasan Khan, 22, and Amit Saha, 22, also students of computer science at Buet, were admitted to hospitals with serious injuries.

Police arrested the driver of the car Mubin Al Mamun, 20, and two passengers Mirajul Karim, 22, and Asif Chowdhury, 19, said Liakat Ali, officer-in-charge of Rugganj Police Station.

Mubin is a resident of Mirpur DOHS, Mirajul of Piberbagh, and Asif Chowdhury of Uttara Sector 13, he added.

Mohtassim's father Masud Mia filed a case under the Road Transport Act at Rugganj Police Station.

Quoting witnesses, Mehedi Islam, senior assistant superintendent of police in Narayanganj, said the car was being driven recklessly.

After an examination of the suspects at Narayanganj General Hospital, Civil Surgeon Moshir Rahman said Mubin, who was driving the vehicle, had consumed alcohol and marijuana, Mirajul had alcohol, and Asif was clean.

An empty bottle of liquor and a can of beer were found inside the car, said OC Liakat.

A court sent the arrestees to jail after scheduling a hearing on Sunday.

On the court premises, Mubin's father Brig Gen (ret'd) Abdullah Al Mamun said his son had a valid driver's

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Mohtassim



Led by captain Liton Das, Bangladesh players celebrate with the trophy following their 3-0 series win against West Indies with an 80-run victory in the third and final T20I at Kingstown in St Vincent yesterday.

PHOTO: CWT

Tigers end year on a high

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A career-best 72 not out off 41 balls from Jaker Ali catapulted Bangladesh to a commanding 80-run win over West Indies in the third and final T20I in St Vincent yesterday, a victory that confirmed the Tiger's maiden 3-0 clean-sweep over the Caribbean side in the shortest format.

After suffering a 3-0 bashing in the preceding ODI series, hardly anyone expected the Tigers to turn things around in the T20Is with a relatively inexperienced side with some players missing out due to injuries and seniors like Shakib Al Hasan and Mahmudullah having recently retired from the format.

Apart from that, their performance in the shortest format this year leading up

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WB okays \$1.16b for 3 projects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank yesterday approved three loan programmes totalling \$1.16 billion to help Bangladesh improve health services, boost water and sanitation services and achieve greener and climate-resilient development.

Of the amount, \$500 million is under the Second Bangladesh Green and Climate Resilient Development Credit to support reforms and help transition to green and climate-resilient development, the global lender said in a statement.

"The financing supports policy reforms to improve public planning and financing and implementation for green and climate-resilient interventions at local and national levels and promote

clean and resource-efficient production and services in key sectors," it said.

As a prerequisite to the credit, the Planning Commission has adopted the Multi-Year Public Investment Program Guidelines for key sectors, integrated with the Medium-Term Budget Framework, according to the statement.

The financing also supports policies to reduce air pollution, improve environmental enforcement, expand access to carbon markets, enhance sustainable water and sanitation services, improve the efficiency of the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100, and advance a climate-resilient and sustainable environment, it added.

The fund also aims to support sustainable public procurement

incorporating environmental and social considerations, said the multilateral agency, adding that the loan will further help improve the energy efficiency of buildings and appliances and incentivise the construction sector to become greener.

The WB executive board approved a \$379 million Health, Nutrition, and Population Sector Development Program-for-Results to improve access to quality health and nutrition services and build resilient health systems in Sylhet and Chattogram divisions.

The programme will help Bangladesh provide quality health, nutrition, and population services to about 5.1 million people, said the WB.

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Landslide kills Rohingya boy

2 other children hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A Rohingya child was killed and two other children were injured in a landslide in Ukhiya upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The deceased, 10-year-old Syed Ullah, was a resident of Shabullah Kata Rohingya camp, said police.

According to local Rohingyas, a large mass of earth collapsed onto the three children while they were playing at the foot of a hill at Camp-15 around noon.

Locals and firefighters went to the scene and rescued them. The three were taken to a nearby hospital where doctors

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A Palestinian man carries a wounded boy to Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City after an Israeli strike hits a school in the area. The photo was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP

OCCUPIED WEST BANK

Israeli settlers set fire to a mosque

Say Palestinian residents; mediators push on with Gaza truce talks amid fresh strikes

REUTERS

Israeli settlers set fire to a mosque in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian residents said yesterday, and video showed "Revenge", "Death to Arabs" and other slogans had been spray-painted in Hebrew on the building's facade.

Black burn marks were visible at the entrance to the Muslim holy site in the northern West Bank village of Marda. The fire was put out before it could spread much further.

Israeli police said they were collecting testimonies and evidence at the scene.

Nasfat al Khufash, head of the Marda village council, said: "On Friday [yesterday], Marda awoke to a systematic terror attack by a group of settlers who set fire to Bir al-Walideen mosque."

"These attacks by settler groups are continuous and systematic," he said. The Israeli police and Shin Bet security services said in a joint statement: "We see this incident as extremely serious and will act resolutely to bring the perpetrators to justice for rigorous trial."

The Palestinian Authority foreign ministry assailed the attack as the latest in a series of violations and crimes by Israeli settlers and appealed to the United Nations Security Council for help protecting Palestinians.

Meanwhile, US and Arab mediators were working around the clock to prepare a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas, sources close to the talks have told Reuters, as strikes continued in Gaza Strip.

China building largest artificial island airport



CNN ONLINE

China is adding yet another superlative to its aviation roster: the world's largest airport on a man-made island.

Currently under construction off the country's northeast coast, the Dalian Jinzhou Bay International Airport will eventually cover a 20-square-kilometre island with four runways and a 900,000-square-metre passenger terminal, according to an airport statement.

Its operators aim to handle 80 million passengers per year across 540,000 flights, with the first phase due to open in 2035.

"The country's largest offshore airport is rising slowly from the sea level like the sunrise in the east," reads a post by Dalian Jinzhou Bay International on Chinese social media platform WeChat.

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