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## Sacked BDR members demand reinstatement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of dismissed members of the erstwhile Bangladesh Rifles (now Border Guard Bangladesh, or BGB) demonstrated in front of its headquarters at Pilkhana, Dhaka yesterday morning demanding reinstatement to their jobs and compensation.

They began the sit-in at the BGB gate-4 around 10:00am. They termed their expulsion "unjust dismissal". Their family members also took part in the sit-in.

A large contingent of police and BGB members has been deployed to the area to maintain order.

The protesters, many of whom lost their jobs following the 2009 BDR carnage, claimed they were not involved in the incident but were still punished without "due process".

"Our only demand  
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Demanding reinstatement to their jobs and compensation, dismissed members of the erstwhile Bangladesh Rifles (now Border Guard Bangladesh, or BGB) demonstrated in front of its headquarters at Pilkhana, Dhaka yesterday morning. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## 132 killed in road crashes during Eid

Says BRTA data from March 28 to April 4

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 132 people were killed and 208 injured in 110 road accidents that took place in eight days during the Eid-ul-Fitr vacation between March 28 and April 4 in eight divisions across the country.

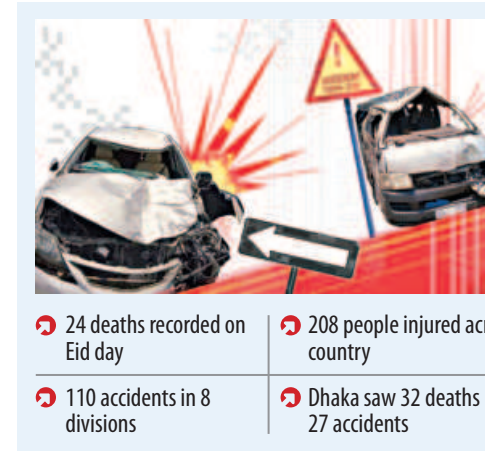
According to the data prepared by the Road Safety wing of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, 24 casualties were recorded on the Eid day alone on March 31.

BRTA published each day's statistics on its website daily based on incidents that occurred in the 24-hour period of that day.

According to the statistics, before Eid, 12 people were killed in 12 incidents on March 28, 13 were killed in 12 incidents on March 29, and 16 were killed in another 12 road accidents on March 30.

After the Eid, 19 people were killed in 17 road accidents on April 1, 22 people were killed in 12 incidents of accidents on April 2, while 12 more were killed in 11 accidents on April 3, and 14 were killed in 16 accidents on April 4.

This year, Eid was celebrated on March 31, with a five-day holiday from March 29 to April 2. In addition, the government declared April 3 as a public holiday, followed by weekly holidays on



April 4 and 5, paving way for nine days of vacation.

### DIVISION-WISE ACCIDENTS

Dhaka division saw 32 people killed and 89 injured in 27 incidents of road accidents. In Chattogram, 31 people were killed and 51 others injured in 17 accidents, including at least 11 deaths and two injured in a single accident on April 2 as a passenger bus and a microbus collided head-on on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Lohagara upazila, as per media reports. In Rajshahi, 14 accidents left as many people killed and 15 others injured, while 19 accidents left 23 people killed and another 23 injured in Khulna. At least 10 people were killed and another seven injured in seven road accidents in Mymensingh. In Rangpur, 14 road accidents claimed 11 lives and left another 18 injured. In Barishal, seven accidents caused six deaths and left another 10 injured, while five were killed in five road accidents in Sylhet.

## Maternal, neonatal care still a challenge

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Despite notable progress in healthcare, Bangladesh continues to lag behind in ensuring essential maternal and child care, with a significant number of stillbirths and child deaths reported each year, health experts said.

A shortage of trained midwives, a high number of home deliveries, inadequate postnatal care, and limited access to specialised services for small and sick newborns remain major challenges, they added. Experts stressed the importance of initiating care from the very beginning of pregnancy, increasing facility-based births attended by skilled health personnel, ensuring timely childcare, and raising community-level awareness to improve maternal and neonatal health.

Against this backdrop, Bangladesh, along with the rest of the world, is observing World Health Day today under the theme "Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures". The day is being marked just days after the release of two UN reports, which said Bangladesh continues to face critical challenges in maternal and newborn care, with over 1,00,000 child deaths and 63,000 stillbirths reported annually. The reports were published recently by the United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME). One of the reports said Bangladesh records over 63,000 stillbirths annually – equivalent to one stillborn in every 41 births, highest in South Asia. The other report said more than 1,00,000 children in Bangladesh die before the age of five, with nearly two-thirds of these deaths occurring within the first 28 days of being born. Asked about the causes behind the high number of child deaths, Prof Iflat Ara Shamsad, former head of the Department of Paediatrics at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, pointed to



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## 'Committed to combat trafficking'

Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to combatting human trafficking and underscored the government's enhanced efforts to address the crime at both national and regional levels.

"Bangladesh has established a robust legal framework to hold traffickers accountable. Law enforcement agencies remain vigilant, border security has been strengthened, and awareness campaigns have been intensified to inform at-risk communities," he said.

The adviser made these remarks while speaking as the chief guest at the third meeting of the BIMSTEC Sub-Group on Human

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## 'He'd still be alive had those in power cared'

Says father of July martyr

MASHFIQ MIZAN and SOHRAB HOSSAIN

Ashiqur Rahman Hridoy, 16, was hit with 35 shotgun pellets – three of them lodged in his head – during a protest against the state crackdown on quota reform demonstrators in Dhaka's Jatrabari on July 18.



Hridoy, 16

He miraculously survived that day, but died eight months later, without proper treatment and ignored by the very people he believed he was fighting for, the family claimed.

Since August 5, the day Sheikh Hasina's government fell, his father, Ansar Hawladar – a rickshaw-puller from Patuakhali – went door to door, seeking help for his son's treatment.

No one responded. Neither the state nor the student leaders, who are now building political careers off the uprising,

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