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## 5 killed in two road crashes in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five people were killed in two separate road accidents in the capital's Uttara and Bijoy Sarani areas early yesterday.

The victims of the Uttara crash were identified as Fahim Uddin Bin Ahmed, a student of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology; Khaja Naimul Haque, 34, an employee of a travel agency; and Javed Alam Khan, 61, a trader.

In the other accident, two motorcyclists – Sajjadur Rahman, 18, a class X student in Narayanganj, and Md Fahim, 20, an expatriate – died after being hit by a microbus in the Bijoy Sarani area.

Golam Mostafa, officer-in-charge of Uttara East Police Station, said a Dhaka-bound truck carrying stones rammed into pedestrians around 2:30am. Two of the victims died on the spot, while the third succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital.

Police seized the truck and detained its driver.

Investigation Officer SI Mustafizur Rahman said Fahim Uddin and Naimul Haque were killed in the Bijoy Sarani area.

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Students of Ideal College in Dhanmondi block the road at the Science Lab intersection in the capital yesterday, demanding justice for a fellow student who was allegedly intentionally run over and killed by a truck last week.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## JCD LEADER KILLING ICT complaint filed against 62 Saber Hossain, ex-DMP chief among the accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A complaint was filed yesterday with the ICT chief prosecutor's office against 62 individuals, including former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia and former lawmaker Saber Hossain Chowdhury, over the death of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Nuruzzaman Jonny in 2015.

Jonny, who was general secretary of the JCD Khilgaon Thana unit, was killed in what police described as a "shootout" with detectives in Dhaka -- just a day

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## Education in remote areas still overlooked

Say experts, call for urgent reforms to primary edn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education experts and teachers yesterday called for urgent reforms to the country's primary education system, which has long been plagued by a widening gap in access to education and its quality, alongside crises including teacher shortages, falling enrolment, and little support for children in remote and marginalised areas.

Educators, government officials, and NGO leaders spoke at a national seminar organised by NETB Bangladesh in association with CAMPE at Parjatan Corporation Bhaban in Dhaka.

Saira Hossain, an associate professor at Dhaka University, delivered the keynote

presentation.

Addressing the event, Professor Taposh Kumar Biswas of DU said, "Even after five years of schooling, many students can't comprehend a simple text in their mother tongue. How can we dream of building global citizens if our children can't read basic sentences?"

A headteacher from a government primary school in Jashore mentioned the ground reality in the context of their school, where only four teachers are working against nine sanctioned posts. Classes are being conducted in dilapidated structures, and student numbers have dropped by around half.

"We haven't received development funds for the past six years," she added.

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## No special celebration on Aug 8

Says CA's press secy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Council of Advisers has decided to observe July 16 as July Shaheed Dibosh (July Martyrs' Day) and August 5 as "Gono-ovutthani Dibosh" (Mass Uprising Day), commemorating key events during last year's student-led movement.

There will be no special celebration for August 8, previously declared New Bangladesh Day, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam confirmed in

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## Certain groups trying to delay February polls

Says Mirza Abbas; Khosru sees no election uncertainty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two standing committee members of BNP yesterday came up with two differing views over the forthcoming national election.

At a programme organised by the Dhaka South City unit of the BNP in the capital's Kakrail in the morning, BNP standing committee member Mirza Abbas said a group is trying to delay the election and harm the country by making 'unreasonable demands, such as introducing a proportional representation (PR) system and holding local polls first.

"Each person is raising a different demand to delay the election, ruin the electoral process and thereby destroy the nation," he said.

Referring to Islami Andolan Bangladesh, he said, "A political party – that applauded Sheikh Hasina from afar and indirectly supported her when she was oppressing the BNP and Jamaat, and did not protest against three rigged and

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## 13 senior cops suspended for long absence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has suspended 13 senior police officers for prolonged absence without leave or permission, following a breakdown in the police chain of command after the fall of the Awami League government on August 5 last year.

One official left for Thailand on medical leave and never returned. Some disappeared just days after joining duty, while others went on approved leave and did not come back. A few did not apply for leave at all.

The Public Security Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs issued 13 separate suspension notices on its website yesterday. Signed by Senior Secretary Nasimul Ghani on June 26, the orders

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A boy holds onto the back of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw while skating through traffic on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital yesterday. Such stunts are unsafe and endanger both the rider and others on the road.

## 'RETRACTING NEWS' PIB responds to misleading news on study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) yesterday said confusion has arisen over certain information involving various media outlets, including Prothom Alo, in a study on the withdrawal of news.

In a clarification, it said not all retracted reports may necessarily be misinformation. "Incomplete and unclear reports have been published by some media outlets on the study findings," it added.

At a seminar titled "Recent Trends of Misinformation in Bangladesh's Media," held on Saturday at the PIB office in Dhaka, consultant Mamunur Rashid

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## Indict 8 cops for crimes against humanity

Prosecution appeals to ICT over July killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday appealed to the International Crimes Tribunal-1 to indict eight police officials, including former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Habibur Rahman,

**This marks the first indictment hearing related to crimes against humanity during the July uprising.**

Reading out the charges before

a three-member tribunal, Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam alleged that the killing of six protesters in the capital's Chankharpul area on August 5 last year took place under the direct supervision and orders of senior police officials.

This marks the first indictment hearing related to crimes against humanity during the July uprising. Four of the accused are

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