

## NEWS

## Five killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

Of the victims three people were killed in Habiganj.

Sanjay Chakraborty, inspector (operation) of Shayestaganj Highway Police Station, said a Sylhet-bound bus collided with a CNG-run auto rickshaw in Dinarpur College area of Nabiganj.

Shamima Akhter, 35, and her son Touki Ahmed, 4, of Sagardighi Paschimpara in Baniachang upazila, died on the spot.

Earlier, a bus hit a covered-van in Hafizpur of Bahubal upazila. Driver, Furkan Mia, sustained injuries and

was taken to hospital, where doctors declared him dead, said Bahubal police.

In Rangamati, a student of Khulna University was killed and 12 others were injured when a pickup carrying them fell into a ditch in Housepara area.

The deceased was identified as Rubina Afsana Ringki, 24. She and her classmates were travelling to Sajek, said OC Kanan Sarkar of Sajek Police Station. The injured were admitted to Khagrachari Sadar Hospital.

In Gopalganj, a helper was killed as a covered-van hit an unidentified vehicle on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Kashiani, said police.

The deceased -- Md Shimanto, 17 -- was from Potukhali village in Benapole.

## No party can impose

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remarks in response to a journalist's question about Jamaat-e-Islami telling the delegation that elections should be held under the PR system.

On Tuesday, Jamaat leaders met the same delegation and demanded the introduction of PR in the country's electoral process.

"This can only happen after the next election if the people want it. And if they don't, it can be considered later," Khasru said.

He added that no political party had been asked to decide on the matter on behalf of the people.

"So this is not up for discussion. If any political party wants it, they must take it to the people during the next election and come to parliament with that

mandate," he said.

Regarding the meeting, Khasru said the European Union delegates were satisfied that an election is going to be held in Bangladesh and that the country is following a democratic process.

"Along with the European Union, everyone wants the democratic order to return quickly to Bangladesh, and they also want to work for that," he said.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
SEPTEMBER 18

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-35 12-45 4-30 6-09 7-45  
JAMAT 5-10 1-15 4-45 6-12 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## 10 burnt in Ctg

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Defence, a massive fire was triggered around 6:50am when a worker dropped a cigarette, setting off powerful explosions.

The injured including warehouse owner Mahbubur Rahman, 45, were rushed to the burn unit of CMCH.

Dr S Khaledof the burn unit said all the 10 injured were in critical condition as their respiratory tracts were burnt.

They sustained 20-70 percent burns in the explosions and fire.

Firefighters from Chandanaish station brought the blaze under control in two hours.

CMCH police camp SI Md Alauddin said the warehouse contained over 300 gas cylinders.

## 22% of sex trade victims minors

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child sex trafficking in Bangladesh. Less than 10 percent of female sex workers voluntarily entered Bangladesh's commercial sex industry, it added.

IJM also cited a survey conducted in Dhaka by Freedom Fund & Population Council on 1,245 female sex workers, which found that 22 percent of street-based and 22 percent of brothel-based workers were aged below 17, totalling approximately 5,000 girls in street-based settings and 700 in brothels.

IJM also shared data from HIV Prevalence Study 2023, which said over 45,000 individuals aged 10 to 19 were engaged in sex work across Bangladesh.

The Project Shurakkha will run until 2030, in order to protect the vulnerable children, said IJM officials.

At the event, NGO Affairs Bureau Director General Daud Miah said child victims of trafficking often remain voiceless.

"When they become victims, fear silences them. They cannot reveal their situation or location. That is why we must identify them properly and take action in the right places," he noted.

He cautioned that political instability creates scope for traffickers, as law enforcement agencies get deeply engaged in political matters.

Ali Akbar Khan,

additional deputy inspector general of CID, described human trafficking as a crime linked with drug smuggling, arms trade, money laundering and radicalism.

Investigators, he said, struggle to secure information, particularly from Middle Eastern countries.

CID officials also warned about the increasing use of obscure online platforms, such as Streamkar, to exploit children.

"This online form of sexual abuse has become a very serious challenge," said CID Special Superintendent Badrul Alam Mollah. He mentioned such cases involving victims as young as six.

Khondakar Md Mahabubur Rahman, additional secretary of the home ministry, called for joint action.

"If we do not work collectively, the impact will not be meaningful. Many projects may run, but unless we ensure proper coordination, the positive impact will not be achieved," he said.

Tariqul Islam, country director of Justice and Care, said Bangladesh has made progress with legal frameworks and victim guidelines, but weaknesses remain in identification, prosecution and trust in the justice system.

He added that while NGOs are playing a vital

role in victim support, their scope is limited without effective law enforcement.

"NGOs cannot arrest perpetrators -- that responsibility lies with the police. But once cases move to prosecution, trust and confidence in the process often collapse," he said, suggesting that a dedicated prosecution support service could help victims navigate the justice system.

Despite thousands of cases filed, convictions remain rare. Of 4,372 cases under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act between 2011 and 2018, only five ended in convictions, according to IJM.

The Global Slavery Index estimates 1.2 million people in Bangladesh live in modern slavery, it also said.

## Deadline

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Meanwhile, an independent full panel titled "Ahingga Shikharthi Oikya" also collected nomination forms yesterday.

In total, 232 posts are up for contest -- 28 in Cucus and 204 across 14 halls and one hostel.

The preliminary list of candidates will be published on September 21, and the final list will be announced on September 25.

The election will take place on October 12 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

## JCD-backed panel

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statement, if the demands remain unmet by September 18, they will begin an indefinite full-day stoppage starting September 21.

During the strike, all classes, examinations, and administrative activities will remain suspended, although emergency services will be kept outside its scope.

Their demands include immediate implementation of all institutional facilities and increased allocation of funds for research.

## ACC sues

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confirmed the filing.

According to the case, the accused conspired to approve a Tk 670 crore loan for Naba Agro, a non-existent entity, by abusing their positions, forging documents, and engaging in corrupt practices. Of the sanctioned amount, Tk 363 crore was disbursed and subsequently misappropriated.

Other business figures named include Shahidul Alam of Sonali Traders, Md Ariful Islam Chowdhury and Md Hasanuzzaman of Century Flour Mills, and Naba Agro Trade International's Mamunur Rashid and Harunur Rashid. Senior bank officials implicated include former DMD and EVP Miftah Uddin.



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