

Six killed in road crashes in 3 districts

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed in road accidents in Sirajganj, Chuadanga, Chattogram yesterday and the day before.

In Sirajganj, three people, including two children, were killed as a human haulier rammied into a battery-run auto-rickshaw in Ulipur Bridge area of Tarash upazila yesterday, said Tarash Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Ziaur Rahman.

The deceased are Md Jani, 12, and his nine-month-old sister Tubba, from Dakshinpara area; and the auto-rickshaw driver, Md Haiptot Ali, 45, from Kohit village of the upazila.

The OC said five people were injured when the human haulier crashed into the auto-rickshaw. Three of them died while being taken to Tarash Upazila Health Complex, while the remaining two are undergoing treatment there.

In Chuadanga, a five-year-old boy was killed after being hit by a battery-run easy bike while crossing a road in Bot-tola area under Alamdanga upazila yesterday. The deceased, Rahen Hossain, son of Shamim, was from Rowakuli village in the upazila, said Alamdanga Police Station OC Masudur Rahman.

Police later detained the easy bike driver.

In Chattogram, a biker and his pillion rider died on the spot after their motorcycle overturned on the Toll Road on Wednesday night.

The deceased are Shahriar Aziz Onik, 26, and Md Sohan, 26, said Halishahar Police Station OC Zakir Hossain. The OC also said the motorcycle overturned due to speeding.

Death anniv of Tawhidul Anwar today

CITY DESK

Today marks the 25th death anniversary of Prof Mohammad Tawhidul Anwar, who served as the director general of the Press Institute of Bangladesh and as a professor of Mass Communication and Journalism at Dhaka University.

On the occasion, his family has requested his relatives, friends, colleagues, and students to join them in offering prayers in his memory, said a press release.



Mousumi Haldar, a farmer, carries sugarcane harvested from her own field to nearby markets by boat. Depending on size and quality, each batch of 100 sugarcanes sells for between Tk 3,000 and Tk 4,000. The photo was taken in Himanandakathi village of Jhalakathi yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Native fish varieties disappearing fast

Of 108 species once abundant, only 30-35 remain in Rangpur region



S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Once, the rivers, canals, and wetlands across the five districts of the Rangpur region - Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Rangpur, Gaibandha, and Nilphamari - were a treasure trove of indigenous fish varieties.

At least 108 native fish species were once abundant in the region's waterbodies. Most of those species have disappeared over the past two decades, with only around 30-35 still surviving amid dwindling fish populations, according to the Department of Fisheries.

"The availability of indigenous fish varieties dropped to only 12-15 percent compared to the past," said Sanjida Yasmin, fisheries extension officer in Lalmonirhat.

She said waterbodies are drying up fast due to climate change, disrupting the habitat and breeding of fish species. Pollution from chemical fertilisers and pesticides has worsened the crisis. The use of illegal nets results in the harvest of both brood fish and fry, while unplanned dams block migration routes. Overfishing and hybrid aquaculture have further accelerated the decline.

"If we fail to act, even the remaining species may disappear completely within the next decade," she warned.

Ahsan Kabir Bulu, an agricultural entrepreneur from Lalmonirhat Sadar, said local wetlands, which once supplied fish year-round, now remain dry most of the time. "Earlier I harvested 35-40 maunds of fish annually, but now only 3-4 maunds," he said.

**REASONS**

- Climate change
- Pollution from fertilisers, pesticides
- Use of illegal nets
- Unplanned embankments
- Overfishing, hybrid aquaculture

Jatin Chandra Das, 70, a fisherman from Kurigram's Rajarhat upazila, recalled that local varieties like catfish, carps, and snakeheads were once abundant. "Now they are rare luxuries. Prices have soared from Tk 200-400 to Tk 600-1,500 per kg, beyond the reach of ordinary people," he said.



Muktadir Khan, district fisheries officer of Kurigram, said, "Coordinated measures are needed to conserve wetlands, ban illegal nets, raise awareness, and establish hatcheries for fry of indigenous varieties."

"If we fail to act urgently, future generations may only know about local fish varieties through folklore, but won't have them on their plates," he added.

"Natural habitats are disappearing, and with them native fish species," he said. "For generations, our food, livelihoods, and even folk songs revolved around indigenous fish. What was once daily food for the poor is now an expensive delicacy for the wealthy," said Anil Chandra Das, 60, president of Rangpur Fishermen's Association.

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Man stabbed to death in Jahore

UNB, Jashore

A 28 year-old man was stabbed to death allegedly by his rivals over previous enmity at Dakatia village in Jashore Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Chanchal Gazi, son of Madhu Gazi of the village.

Quoting locals, Kotwali Model Police Station OC Abul Hasnat said Chanchal and his father Madhu Gazi had an enmity with their neighbour Rabiul.

Chanchal locked into an altercation with Rabiul, Billal and two others around 10:45am.

At one stage, Rabiul stabbed Chanchal with a sharp weapon, leaving him dead on the spot.

Rabiul and Madhu were also injured during the attack. They were taken to the hospital.

On information, police went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

CAAB issues security directive for airports

Move follows major cyber incidents in Europe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) has issued a 10-point directive to prevent possible cyber-attacks at the country's airports and ensure uninterrupted air travel.

CAAB issued the instructions following a recent cyber-attack on a provider of check-in and boarding systems that disrupted operations at several major European airports, including London's Heathrow - the continent's busiest - causing flight delays and cancellations.

The disruption was the latest in a series of hacks targeting governments and companies worldwide, affecting sectors ranging from healthcare and defence to retail and automobiles, reports Reuters.

The directive includes using strong passwords, avoiding reuse of passwords across different platforms, and changing them regularly; refraining from clicking on unfamiliar or suspicious emails, links, or attachments (including on platforms such as WhatsApp and Messenger); keeping software, security patches, and antivirus programmes up to date; not using pirated or cracked software; using CAAB's official email address (with the domain caab.gov.bd) for all official communications; keeping regular backups of important data and information; and scanning pen drives before use.

Key Cumilla road in ruins, thousands suffer daily

KHALID BIN NAZRUL, Cumilla

The Major Abdul Gani Road in Cumilla, which connects Cumilla city and Brahmanpara upazila, has become largely unfit for travel, causing immense suffering for nearly 50,000 people who use the road for their daily commute.

The 21km road has around 13km between Cumilla and Burichang in a dilapidated condition, with the surface worn off after recent floods, leaving hundreds of potholes.

Locals said floodwaters damaged the road severely after the Gomti river embankments collapsed recently. With no steps taken to repair it, the condition has continued to deteriorate over time.

"The journey between Brahmanpara and Cumilla used to take only around 30 minutes when the road was in good shape. Now it takes more than one and a half hours. Transport fares have soared as drivers often avoid the road due to the risks and heavy congestion," said Zahirul Haque Babu, a member of Burichang Press Club.

"The road is in terrible shape; vehicles often break down, and the muddy, waterlogged areas have become highly accident-prone," said Sharif, a CNG run auto-rickshaw driver.

Contacted, Khondoker Golam Mostafa, executive engineer of the Roads and Highways Department in Cumilla, said, "Repair work on the 13km stretch of the road from Cumilla to Burichang has already begun. We will soon start work on the Brahmanpara portion through a new project."



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**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বিষয়: ওজোপাডিকোতে ভাতার রক্ষক-এ, ভাতার সাহায্যকারী ও কুক-এ পদে লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল প্রকাশ ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণের নির্ধারিত সময়সূচী সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ওজোপাডিকো-তে ভাতার রক্ষক-এ, ভাতার সাহায্যকারী ও কুক-এ পদে লিখিত পরীক্ষার উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের তালিকা ওজোপাডিকো'র ওয়েবসাইটে (www.wzpdcl.gov.bd) প্রকাশিত হয়েছে। লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা ৩৫, বিদ্যুৎ ভবন, বয়রা মেইন রোড, সদর দপ্তর, ওজোপাডিকো, খুলনা-৯০০০ সভা কক্ষে নিম্নে উল্লিখিত তারিখ ও সময়ে গ্রহণ করা হবে:

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ভাতার রক্ষক-এ	১৬/১০/২০২৫, বুধসপ্তাহের	বিকাল ০৪:০০ টা	১০০১৪ হতে ১০১৯৬ = ২৬ জন
	১৭/১০/২০২৫, শুক্রবার	সকাল ৯:৩০ টা	১০২০০ হতে ১০৪২৪ = ৩৫ জন
ভাতার সাহায্যকারী	১৮/১০/২০২৫, শনিবার	সকাল ৯:৩০ টা	২০০০৩ হতে ২০৬০৫ = ৩১ জন
	২৩/১০/২০২৫, বুধসপ্তাহের	বিকাল ০৪:০০ টা	২০৬০৭ হতে ২০৯৫৩ = ২৫ জন
	২৪/১০/২০২৫, শুক্রবার	সকাল ৯:৩০ টা	২০৯৬৪ হতে ২১৫৩৬ = ৩৫ জন
কুক-এ	২৫/১০/২০২৫, শনিবার	সকাল ৯:৩০ টা	৩০০০৫ হতে ৩০০৪৭ = ২১ জন

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Son kills parents over financial dispute in M'singh

UNB, Mymensingh

A man in Mymensingh's Trishal upazila allegedly killed his parents and buried them inside their home, reportedly over a financial dispute, police said yesterday.

The victims are Mohammad Ali, 70, and Ranwara Begum, 60.

Accused Riyad Hasan Raju, 30, has been detained, said ASP Md Abdullah Al Mamun.

Police said Raju on Wednesday strangled his mother during the day and killed his father in the evening with an axe when he returned home. He then buried both bodies inside the house.

Raju informed his sisters that their parents were missing. However, his sister Zarina Khatun became suspicious after noticing fresh soil and bloodstains on the floor and informed neighbours.

They caught Raju and informed the police, who recovered the bodies and took Raju into custody.

Trishal Police Station OC Mansur Ahmed said Raju confessed during preliminary interrogation. Raju said he had been unemployed and had asked his parents for money to start a business. After they refused, he killed them out of anger.

The OC said the bodies have been sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

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**Request for Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Consulting Firm (National)**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
2	Agency	Department of Environment (DoE)
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, "Formulation and Advancement of Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC3.0) and Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) of Bangladesh" Project.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm (National) (lump-sum)
7	Title of Service	Formulation of Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and transformational capacity building for NDC and LT-LEDS formulation and advancement
8	EoI Ref No. and date	22.02.0000.065.14.045(1).25-243; Date: 09/10/2025
9	Procurement method	OCBS
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
10	Source of fund	BCCT (GoB)
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project code	N/A
13	Project name	Formulation and Advancement of Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC3.0) and Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) of Bangladesh
14	EoI closing date and time	Date: 26/10/2025, Time: before 03:00pm
<b>Information for Applicants</b>		
15	<b>Brief Description of Assignment:</b> This is to appointment of consultancy firm(s) for the following two packages separately under the aforementioned project. Package S2: Consultancy service (1 firm) for Formulation of Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS). Package S3: Consultancy services (1 firm) for transformational capacity building for NDC and LT-LEDS formulation and advancement. For detail description and other information please find the 'Terms of References (TORs)' of the packages, on the Notice Board of the Department of Environment (DoE), (link: https://doe.gov.bd).	
16	<b>Experience, Resources &amp; Delivery Capacity Required:</b> As per TOR	
17	<b>Other Details (if applicable):</b> For detailed information, please find the Terms of References (ToR) for the services including the scope of works, responsibilities, deliverables, educational qualifications, and experiences are available on the DoE official website (www.doe.gov.bd). Applicants are advised to provide all the necessary information and proven documents with a cover letter. One original and two copies of the EoI must be submitted in a sealed envelope and be clearly marked the title of service for the EoI	
18	Association with Foreign Firm: N/A	
<b>Procuring Entity Details</b>		
19	Name of official inviting EoI	Mirza Shawkat Ali
20	Designation of official inviting EoI	Project Director, "Formulation and Advancement of Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC3.0) and Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) of Bangladesh" Project, DoE
21	Address of official inviting EoI	Office of the Project Director, "Formulation and Advancement of Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC3.0) and Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) of Bangladesh" Project, Department of Environment, 9th Floor, Room: 1002, E/16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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23	Place of submission of EoI	Office of the Project Director, "Formulation and Advancement of Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC3.0) and Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) of Bangladesh" Project, Department of Environment, 9th Floor, Room: 1002, E/16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
24	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EoIs	
25	For further information and clarification, the intending applicant contact the address of the Official Inviting EoI	

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