

Two workers die as bus runs them over in Dhaka

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Two workers were killed and three others injured after a passenger bus hit a road divider and ran them over near a footbridge opposite Setu Bhaban in the capital's Chairman Bari area yesterday afternoon.

The deceased – identified as Sagar Mia, 35, and Muslim Uddin, 74, – were working on the road divider through a city corporation contractor during the accident, police said.

Faridul Islam, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station, said the accident took place around 3:45pm. An Uttara-bound bus of Bhuiya Paribahan lost control and hit them. The two died on the spot.

The injured were taken to Kurmitola General Hospital for treatment.

Quoting witnesses, AKM Moin Uddin, inspector (operations) of Banani Police Station, told The Daily Star that the bus was speeding when the driver swerved to avoid hitting a member of the hijra community who was crossing the road.

Sub-Inspector Md Shahidul Islam said the bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.



A worker pours rice into a sack as a consumer buys essentials from a TCB truck at subsidised prices. Despite the heat, low-income earners queue for hours to purchase items like rice and flour. The photo was taken in front of Rajshahi Government Women's College gate yesterday.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

BRAC PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL Study launched on self-care use of contraceptive pills

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The BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH) of BRAC University yesterday launched a major implementation research study on self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights at a hotel in the capital.

The 18-month study will examine how oral contraceptive pills (OCPs) and emergency contraceptive pills (ECPs) can be strengthened as self-care interventions to improve access, utilisation, and health outcomes, particularly for underserved and vulnerable populations.

The study aims to identify context-specific factors that enable or hinder access to OCPs and ECPs among vulnerable groups.

Led by BRAC JPGSPH, the study is supported by the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP).

Manjur Hossain, assistant director at the Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP), presented the current situation of contraceptive use in the country.

He said only 1.08 percent of married women aged 15–49 use ECPs, while 79 percent of women who recently gave birth were unaware of them.

He added that although the contraceptive

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DMP to install 11,000 CCTV Survivors still battling

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improve law and order in Mohammadpur and Basila. The activities at Rayer Bazar and Basila police camps will be strengthened.

A "No Drugs" campaign will be carried out through house-to-house visits, he added.

Residents expressed concern over rising teen gang activity and drug-related offences, and suggested forming local committees to support police.

Police said patrols are being reinforced, with increased motorcycle and foot patrols, and monitoring will be tightened in areas prone to illegal activities.

Senior officials, including Additional Commissioner (Crime and Operations) SN Nazrul Islam and Rab-2 Commanding Officer Additional DIG Khalidul Haque Howlader, were present.

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"I lost my ability to work at a young age. My husband left me. I undergo regular therapy, and my son earns Tk 6,000 a month from a shop. We spend Tk 2,500 on rent, and the rest barely covers food and clothing," she said. "My life is almost inhumane. I am not getting proper treatment or food. I want compensation, rehabilitation, and maximum punishment for those involved."

Taslima, 55, said she has been unable to work since the collapse. "I could no longer work after sustaining injuries to my spine, legs, and head. I still have to undergo treatment. I cannot even stand."

"Due to a lack of money, I cannot buy necessary medicine. I have not received any compensation. I do not even dream of living anymore. If I had received compensation, my life might have been different."

Khairul Mamun Mintu, legal affairs secretary of

Bangladesh Garments and Sweater Workers Trade Union Centre, said, "The Rana Plaza collapse was a planned murder. The trial of those involved has not yet been ensured. The government under Sheikh Hasina did not fulfil a single demand of the Rana Plaza workers. The interim government also failed to fulfil their demands."

"We expect the present government to ensure compensation, rehabilitation of the workers, and punishment of the guilty,"

He added that all 2,438 injured workers of Rana Plaza are living inhumane lives, as none of them has received adequate compensation.

Meanwhile, at a discussion titled "Rana Plaza Building Collapse: Protracted Trials and Rights of the Affected", organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) at the Jatiya Press Club, labour rights

advocates criticised the government and factory owners for failing to ensure "dignified compensation".

BLAST Honorary Executive Director Sara Hossain said no case has reached a final settlement in 13 years, and no verdict has been delivered.

She added that full legal remedies and compensation, in line with ILO standards, have yet to be secured for the victims and their families.

Taslima Akhter of Bangladesh Garment Sramik Samhati said, "Thirteen years is a long time, but the horror of Rana Plaza has not faded. The scars still haunt survivors."

Regarding compensation, Taslima said, "Compensation is not an act of charity; it is a legal right of the workers. But compared to the loss suffered, the compensation provided is highly inadequate and undignified."

Take steps to cultivate

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founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed and relevant ministers, discussed strategies to widen access to books and strengthen reading culture among young learners.

According to the Prime Minister's Press Wing, the

initiative aims to encourage students to engage more with literature.

Earlier, on April 7, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed met the prime minister to discuss collaboration in expanding the organisation's reading programmes.

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minister's remarks in parliament, acknowledging the issue and warning that such limitations could hinder prevention efforts.

Calling the situation unacceptable, MJF said exposing children to a preventable disease like measles amounts to a violation of their fundamental rights to survival, health and protection.

It urged the government to ensure an adequate supply of measles rubella vaccines, expand the vaccination campaign, strengthen testing and diagnosis, and provide accessible, quality treatment for affected children.

MJF also called for greater transparency and accountability in managing the outbreak, adding that protecting children's health is both a constitutional and moral obligation of the state.

13 years on, justice yet to be served

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"A total of eight witnesses testified on March 30 this year. Now 449 witnesses remain," said Riazul Islam Shajib, bench assistant of the court.

Talking to The Daily Star, Additional Public Prosecutor Faisal Mahmud said efforts are underway to produce key witnesses and expressed hope that the trial could conclude by December this year.

"The witnesses, who were the victims in the collapse, are coming for statements, but other witnesses do not appear before the court, so the trial is being delayed," he claimed.

A day after the incident, Wali Ashraf Khan, sub-

inspector of Savar Police Station, filed the murder case against Sohel Rana, also a former Jubo League leader in Savar, and several others.

On May 24, 2015, CID official Bijay Krishna Kar pressed charges against Sohel Rana, his parents Abdul Khaleque and Morjina Begum, and 38 others.

Of the 41 accused, only Sohel Rana remains in custody; 25 are on bail, 11 are absconding, and four, including his parents, have died.

STATUS OF BUILDING CODE VIOLATION CASE

Rajuk filed a separate case over building code violations regarding the construction of Rana Plaza on the day of the

collapse. Charges were submitted against Sohel Rana and 17 others on May 24, 2015, and they were indicted on June 14, 2016.

However, none of the 135 witnesses has testified so far, according to a court staffer.

The case is currently pending at the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Dhaka.

After no witnesses appeared on April 20 this year, the court set September 30 as the next date for recording statements, said Assistant Public Prosecutor Estiyak Hossain Zipu.

"The court has issued a summons, but we cannot say why witnesses are not appearing," he added.

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