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**Press Release**

**High Court issued a rule to the concerned ministry regarding road accidents, asking for the reason why they should not provide taka 50 lacs as compensation and also directing it provide 1 lac taka as a companion to the family of the 4 children.**

On 5 February 2019, the Honorable High Court issued a rule, on why the victims in a road accident should not be provided with 50 lac taka as compensation. A division bench of the two honourable Judges, Justice Sheikh Hasan Arif and Justice Razik Al Jalil, issued the rule as the primary hearing of the filed **PIL NO. 1214/19**.

Meanwhile, in between 15 days of delivering the interim guideline, the Court has ordered the Secretary of the Home-Ministry, Secretary of the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, the Chairman of the BRTA, to provide take 1 lac to the family of the victims in road accidents.

On 3 February 2019, the chairman of the Children Charity Bangladesh Foundation (CCB Foundation) and Barrister Abdul Halim, Panel Lawyer, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trusts (BLAST) jointly filed the Writ petition no. 1214/19 and appeared as prosecutors. However, Deputy Attorney General Mr Mokhlesur Rahman appeared on behalf of the State.

It is important to mention that, on 22 January 2019 Kazi Mahmudur Rahman resident of Halishohor Green view residential area and a student of class 8 of GOVT. Collegiate School (14) was killed due to a road accident while coming back home from school. The accident took place due to a collision between a rickshaw and a tampo in the entrance of the Kodomtoli Flyover. Just before 5 days of that accident on 16 January 2019, another student, Soma Barua (18) a student of class 11 was killed while crashed by a covered-van. On 28 January 2019, two siblings were killed while crashing by a truck in the Dhaka-Mawoa highway. The sister Sadia Afrin was a student of class six and the brother Afsar Uddin a student of class 4 of Hasnabad Cosmopolitan School and College (10). They were returning home from their school with their father by a motorcycle, and both of the siblings were spotted dead.

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