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Press Release

High Court issues a rule requiring compensation of 1 lakh taka to be provided to the families of five individuals killed in recent road accidents

On 11 February 2019, the Honorable High Court issued a rule asking why the families of five individuals who were recently killed in road accidents, should not be provided BDT 50 lakhs each as compensation. A divisional bench comprising Justice Sheikh Hasan Arif and Justice Razik Al Jalil, issued the rule after the primary hearing of Writ Petition no. 1394/19, filed in public interest.

The Court has ordered the respective Secretaries of the Ministries of Home Affairs and Road, Transport and Bridges and the Chairman of BRTA to provide 1 lakh taka compensation to the families of the deceased as interim relief within 15 days of receiving the direction. The Court has also directed respondents 13-18 (Officer In Charge, Uttara Thana, Uttara, Dhaka; Officer In Charge Turag Thana, Uttara, Dhaka; Officer In Charge, Kaliakoir Thana, Gazipur; Officer In Charge, Sitakunda Thana, Chattagram; Officer In Charge, Hijal Thana, Barishal; and Officer In Charge, Osmani Nagar Thana , Sylhet) to submit the investigation report by 19 April 2019.

On 7 February 2019, Barrister Abdul Halim, Chairman, Children's Charity Bangladesh Foundation (CCB Foundation), and panel lawyer, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), filed Writ Petition No. 1394/19 (Children's Charity Bangladesh Foundation and others vs Bangladesh and others) on behalf of CCB Foundation and BLAST. Mr Mokhlesur Rahman, Deputy Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the State.

On 2 February 2019, Nushrat Chowdhury (23), student of the English Department in Chittagong University, died from grievous injuries received in a road accident, 12 days after the incident.. On the same day in Hizla upazila of Barishal, Liza Akter (9), was run over by a trolley while on her way to school and died on the spot. On the same day in Kuria Bazaar, Osman, near the Sylhet-Dhaka Highway, Ahmed Rifat (6), who was travelling in a CNG auto rickshaw, died on the spot as a result of head-on collision between the auto rickshaw and a bus. On 3 February 2019. Md. Miraj Khan (5), died immediately when a truck got into an accident with the autorickshaw he was travelling in while returning from school to his home in Kaliakoir, Gazipur. On 5 February 2019, in another incident, Faija Tahsina Suchi (10), student of class 5 in Milestone School and College, died on the spot when she was run over by a recklessly driven microbus.

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