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## Letters to the Editor

### Controlling rash driving

ROAD accidents have become a common affair in Bangladesh. Despite taking some measures, we seem to have failed to curb these tragic incidents. Recently, five brothers of a family were killed by a pick-up truck in Cox's Bazar. According to media, the main reason behind this accident was the truck's inability to control its speed.

Experts say that not driving at the right speed is also one of the causes of road accidents. According to Accident Research Institute (ARI) of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), at least 84 per cent of all road accidents are caused by excessive speed. The study found that if a vehicle, which is running at the speed of 30 kilometres per hour, pushes a person, the person has a 95 per cent chance of survival. If this speed is 40, the probability of survival comes down to 45 per cent. And if it is 50, the chance of survival is only 5.0 per cent.

If we want to reduce such deaths, it is very important to control the speed of vehicles. When a vehicle runs too fast, it often loses control, and gets itself into a terrible accident. We urge the authorities concerned to take all initiatives for controlling reckless driving.

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