

17 killed after bus falls into Madaripur ditch

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Online Desk: At least 17 people are dead and several injured as a bus fell into a roadside ditch in Madaripur's Shibchar upazila this morning (March 19, 2023), police said. Abu Nayeem Md Mofazzal Huq, officer-in-charge of Shibchar highway police station, confirmed the development, saying that the injured were taken to Shibchar Upazila Health Complex and hospital in Dhaka.

He said the incident occurred around 8 am when a Dhaka-bound bus of Emad Paribahan from Khulna fell into a roadside ditch after its driver lost control over the wheel on the approach road of Padma Bridge in Simana area under Kathalbari union of Shibchar upazila, leaving 14 people including the bus driver dead on the spot.

Other two breathed their last on the way to the hospital, he said. Members of fire service and civil defence and police accompanied by locals have been conducting the rescue operation, he said. The identities of the dead could not be known immediately, the OC said.