



PHOTO: STAR
Covering their faces with black cloths, journalists in Chittagong take out a black flag procession yesterday protesting the arrival of the chairman of Bangladesh Press Council in the port city. Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) organised the procession led by Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) Secretary General Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul.

Five houses gutted in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

Five dwelling houses, each with 105 rooms and properties worth over Tk 5 lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at city's East Ghosaildanga area yesterday afternoon.

Fire service sources said the fire originated from a kitchen oven of a room of a house at Sheikh Delwar Colony at around 1:00pm, which soon engulfed the adjoining rooms and houses and destroyed them completely.

Eleven fire fighting units from city's different fire stations rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze after a two-hour effort.

It has been estimated that the fire damaged property worth Tk 5 lakh, sources said.

JMB Ehsar member held in Dinajpur

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Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police arrested an Ehsar member of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) at Sadar upazila yesterday, police sources said.

The arrestee was identified as Mizanur Rahman 28, son of late Mozammel Haque, of village Mahabbatpur under Sadar upazila.

Rab-3 and Rab-5 launched massive hunt at Mahabbatpur area and arrested Mizan.

During primary interrogation by Rab, Mizan confessed to his involvement in the August 17 bomb blasts in Dinajpur, police said.

He will be taken to remand today for further quizzing, Rab sources said.

A case has been filed with Dinajpur Police Station against him.

Meanwhile, JMB members Haidar Ali, 28, son of Abdul Hasnat, of village Ghugumari under Rowmari upazila of Kurigram and Jamal Munshi, 26, son of late Nazrul Islam, of village Masua-Khali of Shariatpur were taken to five-day remand yesterday for quizzing.

Police produced them before the court seeking seven-day remand while court granted them five-day remand. Rab-5 arrested them from the Dinajpur court premises on Tuesday.

Tk 63 lakh Japanese grant for elderly people

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Japan has donated 90,141 US dollar (approximately Tk 63 lakh) to Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM) for providing healthcare and welfare services to the elderly people of the country.

To this effect, Japanese Ambassador Matsushiro Horiguchi signed a grant contract with BAAIGM Secretary General Dr Mahboober Rahman yesterday.

BAAIGM, which has been extending health care and welfare services to the older persons since 1960, received this grant for the Project for Modernisation of Hospital to Ensure Low Cost Treatment for Elderly People.

The objectives of this project are to modernise the hospital with latest medical equipment, so that better diagnosis and treatment can be possible for elder patients with low price.

BAAIGM hospital represents the only hospital for elderly people in Bangladesh. Last year 35,000 elder patients around Dhaka and from all over Bangladesh received medical treatment at BAAIGM hospital.

The elder patients will get treatment with modernised facilities and equipment with lower cost under the project.

In Bangladesh, 122 projects covering 102 NGOs have received grant amounting 7.9 million US dollar (approximately Tk 55 crore) under Japan's scheme, which have been significantly contributing to the efforts of the NGOs to promote social development at the grass-roots level in Bangladesh.

