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16 shanties gutted in N'ganj
From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Mar 2: At least 16 shanties were gutted as a fire broke out in the Barabari Basti of Nabinagar under Bandar thana this evening.
Bandar thana fire fighters tamed the fire after a 45-minute battle. The fire reportedly broke out from a gas cooker at around 3:45 pm.

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Seminar on GATT in Rajshahi tomorrow
A seminar on "GATT, Liberalisation and Bangladesh Trade" will be held at the Rajshahi Shilpakala Academy tomorrow.
Organised by an NGO, INCIDIN Bangladesh, the seminar has been arranged as part of GATT Awareness Programme (GAP).
Prof Solaiman Mandal, Department of Economics, Rajshahi University, will present the keynote paper.

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Experts call for reducing impact of toxic chemicals, pollutants
A three-day symposium began in the city yesterday with a call from local and foreign experts for reducing the impact of toxic chemicals and pollutants on the environment to protect public health, reports APB.
It is a pre-requisite for maintaining public health, the experts said at the symposium on Reducing the Impacts of Toxic Chemicals and Pollutants on Public Health, Ecology and Environment of Bengal Basin.
Ghosh Research Associate (GRA), a California-based organisation arranged the symposium in cooperation with the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) at its conference room. About 25 experts including two from the US are participating in it.
Tons of toxic chemicals including mercury are imported but their use is not accounted for," Dr Anun Nishat, a noted water resources expert and Country Director of IUCN (The World Conservation Union) said while presiding over the inaugural session.
These chemicals ultimately get mixed with water and soil, threatening public health, the BUET professor added.
Chemicals are flowing into soil also due to over-use of insecticides and fertiliser, he said. Lot of such toxic chemicals are handled quite openly without any protective measures during import and transportation.
Dr Nishat suggested joint collaboration between local and foreign experts to assess the effects of toxic materials on human health as well as on the country's flora and fauna.
On pollution of the river basins, he said, "of the three river-basins, Brahmaputra is still undisturbed but establishment of paper mills across the border has polluted the Meghna basin. Ganges basin is highly polluted."

BFUW seminar held
By Staff Correspondent
Speakers at a seminar underscored the need for regular financial support for the elderly citizens of the society.
They said that government should provide regular allowance to the elderly citizens so that they could maintain a dignified life.
Bangladesh Federation of University Women (BFUW) organised the seminar on "Socio-economic Condition of Older Persons in Bangladesh" at Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium recently.
Dr Syeda Feroza Begum, Meherunnessa Islam, Prof Najma Siddiqui, Prof Rawshan Ara Rahman, Salma Khan, Nargis Khan, Latifa Akhand, Akhtar Imam, Anamika Huq, Mitali Huq and Dr Enamul Huq took part in the seminar chaired by Selina Khaleque.
The speakers also appreciated the United Nations for declaring the current year as the Year of the Older Persons.
They also urged various Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to come up with projects providing necessary facilities such as free medical check-up and special home for the elderly citizens.

6 architects get IAB award
By Staff Correspondent
The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has awarded six architects with "IAB Design Award 1998" for their contribution towards creating quality architecture in the country, says an IAB press release.
A five-member jury board headed by architect Mazharul Islam selected the winners. The award is given every two years in three categories.
In the category of commercial building, architects Mazharul Kader and Shamsul Haque were given the award for designing the BRAC Tower at Mahakhali.
In the category of institutional building, architect Faisal Mahub was awarded for crafting Jahanara Imam Hall for female students in Jahangirnagar University.
For designing Rupnagar Residential Complex at Gulshan, the award was conferred on architects Mustafa Khalid, Fayezaullah and Shahzia Islam in the category of residential building for multiple families.

Boy injured in bomb blast
By Staff Correspondent
A six-year-old boy sustained bomb injuries near Matborer Bazar under Kamrangirchar thana in the city yesterday.
The boy was identified as Nadim, son of Idris Mia. He is now under treatment at the Suhrawardi Hospital.
Nadim was playing with a small container of tin he found on the road near his residence at about 3 pm. Suddenly, the container with explosives went off, leaving him injured.
The boy with severe injuries in his face and hand was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital from where he was shifted to Suhrawardi Hospital.

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