

40 shanties gutted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fire gutted around 40 shanties of a slum at Pallabi in Mirpur yesterday. The blaze, believed to be originated from a kitchen fire, spread over shanties at a slum near Rupnagar residential area at around 9:15am, locals said. Firefighters from Mirpur, Kurmitola and Mohammadpur units doused the flame at about 11:30am.

Boy killed in road mishap

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A speeding bus knocked dead a boy at Dhania in Demra yesterday. The Chittagong-bound bus ran over Mobarak Hossain, son of Abdur Rab and an employee of Three Star Video at Dhania, when he was standing in front of Dhania College at around 9:00am, Demra police said. The 13-year-old was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead at 10:30am, locals said. The driver escaped with the bus.

The inferno damaged valuables reportedly worth Tk 8 lakh, firefighters said.

Arysha opens

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Arysha Catering Services Ltd. opened its doors to the public as well as food lovers on Sunday. It is located at 26 South Link Road, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan #1. Coming all the way from Lebanon, Arysha offers a wide range of exotic items, including hot and cold Mezzah, along with their main course. What makes Lebanese food so appealing is the fact that they cook it using garlic and olive oil which makes it healthy and it tastes absolutely astonishing, says Shah Altaf Hossain, one of the six partners who own Arysha. Chef Ahmad M Hammoud has come from Lebanon with two assistants to train a team of 50 chefs for the Arysha. With a wide range of healthy food, Arysha is the latest addition to the 'feeding' outlets of the city.

5 Haripur Power Plant officials robbed in N'ganj

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Robbers looted cash and valuables worth over Tk 4.5 lakh by stopping a microbus at Muradpur in Narayanganj on Sunday night. The incident took place when five officials of Haripur Barge Mounted Power Plant were returning to Dhaka in a rented microbus (Dhaka Metro-Ga 13-0487) at 11.30pm. Selim Hawlader, driver of the microbus, stopped the vehicle when he found a barricade on the road at a place just 100 metres away from the Dhaka-Chittagong highway. About 15 masked robbers, armed with lethal weapons, suddenly swooped on the officials and asked them to hand over their valuables. The robbers decamped with four mobile phones, one gold ring, one wristwatch and cash worth over Tk 4.55 lakh in the same vehicle. Selim filed a case with Bandar Police Station in this regard yesterday. Police could neither recover the looted valuables nor the vehicle till filing of this report at 8.30 last night.