



Tornado toll hits 40

Some 1,000 wounded, thousands homeless in Gaibandha, Rangpur

STAR REPORT

Some 8,000 people are living out in the open in four upazillas of Gaibandha and Rangpur districts with the death counts in Sunday night's devastating tornado climbing to 40 yesterday.

About 1,000 were injured in the twister that ravaged more than 30 villages of the two northern districts.

The tornado lashed three unions in Sadullapur and Sundarganj upazillas killing 36 people and injuring over 600, our Gaibandha correspondent reports.

House collapse caused most of the deaths while several others died when big trees fell on them.

The 16-minute storm left a trail of devastation across 15 square kilometre area in the two upazillas. It flattened almost all thatched houses in the areas.

The worst affected areas are Dakhin Dashala in Sadullapur where 18 people were killed.

Eight labourers were buried alive under bricks when the chimney of a brick kiln in Dashala village



A young girl walks in the debris of her tornado-hit Noldanga home in Gaibandha district yesterday. The twister killed at least 40 people and injured more than 1,000, ravaging about 30 villages in Gaibandha and Rangpur districts on Sunday night.

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JUDGE'S CERTIFICATE CASE

HC convicts editors, publishers, reporters of contempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Family of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and leaders of different political parties yesterday rejected the chargesheet in the killing of the Awami League (AL) lawmaker, and described it as incomplete.

They said the chargesheet, which was submitted on Sunday, is a testament to government's will to save the mastermind behind the slaying and to scapegoat some low profile BNP leaders of Habiganj for the gruesome murder.

"We don't believe that Abdul Qaiyum, a low profile local leader of BNP, is the mastermind. He has carried out the orders of his seniors only," Asma Kibria, wife of the slain

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they are to serve out one month in prison.

The court also handed down similar punishment to Bhoror Kagoj's former editor Abed Khan and Publisher Saber Hossain Chowdhury.

The court sentenced Bhoror Kagoj reporter Samaresh Baidya to two months of rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Tk 2,000 on him for not only printing the news, but also the photograph of the additional judge in question. He will

have to spend another month in jail should he not pay the fine.

Counsels of the defendants said they will contest the verdict in the Supreme Court.

The two dailies carried reports on October 30 last year that Additional Judge of the High Court Faisal Mahmud Faizee had tampered with his LLB results that he obtained from the Chittagong University (CU) in 1989.

Faizee's father Advocate

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