

Teenage boy burned alive in Ctg fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An unidentified teenage boy was burned alive and 11 shops, two shanties and two primary schools were gutted in a fire in the port city on Monday night.

The boy, aged around 13, was sleeping in a shanty when the fire broke out at a cotton shop at Sher

Shah Colony under Bayezid Police Station at around 10:30pm, sources said.

One person, Zakir Hossain Sarker, was also injured seriously trying to extinguish the blaze. He was admitted to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital.

Sources said an electrical short-circuit sparked off the fire that

reduced 11 shops, two shanties and two NGO-run tin-roofed primary schools to ashes.

The loss was estimated at Tk 4 lakh.

Seven fire fighting units from several fire stations rushed to the spot and managed to extinguish the blaze at around 12:00 midnight.

Ruposi Bangla MD arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed the managing director of a banned private TV channel on a one-day remand.

Sabbir Haider of Ruposi Bangla was arrested from his house at Mohammadpur on Monday night in connection with a cheating case.

Co-director of the TV channel Dr M Haider Ali filed a case with Pallabi police on March 30 accusing Sabbir and his 28 associates of embezzling lakhs of taka from many people with a false promise that they would be made directors of the channel.

The government has recently banned the TV channel for not.

Mohammadpur police arrested Sabbir from his Sher-e-Bangla Road house and later handed him over to Pallabi police.

He was produced before the court with a petition for five-day remand, but the court granted only one-day remand.

Two cops suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A sub-inspector and a constable of Dakkhin Khan Police Station in the city were suspended yesterday as an accused person fled from the lock-up of the police station on Sunday night.

The suspended policemen are SI Harunur Rashid and Constable Azadul Islam.

The accused who was arrested from Muktijoddha Road sneaked out of the lock-up when some other accused were being taken out of it, police said.

Azad was guarding the lock-up while Harun was the duty officer at the police station at that time.

Tax ombudsman submits report to president

Bss, Dhaka

Tax Ombudsman Khairuzzaman Chowdhury submitted the annual report of 2006 to President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, an official handout said.

During the submission of the report, the tax ombudsman appraised the president of various tax-related issues.

The president urged the ombudsman to take necessary steps for further development of the tax structure and assured him of providing his all-out support in this regard.