

HOUSEWIFE MURDER 4 of a family to die

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushiya

A Chuadanga court yesterday sentenced four of a family, including a woman, to death for killing a housewife in 2006.

Motahar Hossain, judge of Special Tribunal-2 Chuadanga, pronounced the verdict.

The court also fined them Tk 20,000 each, in default, to suffer one year more imprisonment.

The victim was identified as Papiya.

The convicts are Bablu 36, husband of Papiya, Babul's father Abdus Sattar, 63, mother Khadija Begum and brother Bakul Hossain, 29. All hailed from village Ektarpur village under Mohepur

upazila in Jhenidah district.

According to prosecution, the convicts set fire to the house on the night of June 7 in 2006 where Papiya was sleeping. Papiya's husband was present during the incident.

Papiya succumbed to her burn injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital fighting for her life for eleven days.

Papiya's brother Abdur Rahman filed a case with Damuhuda police station in Chuadanga in this regard.

After investigation, police submitted a charge sheet in the case on November 21, 2007.

All the convicts have been absconding since the incident.



Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad forms a human chain from Maghbazar to Bangla Motor in the city yesterday protesting the assault on a freedom fighter by Shibir cadres.

100-DAY PROGRAMME

Election schedules put food ministry in dilemma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The latest directive of Election Commission (EC) not allowing any subsidised programme in the areas where election will be held puts food ministry in a dilemma over launching a 100-day employment-generating programme.

Food ministry at an emergency meeting requested the EC last week to allow the programme saying that it in no way would benefit the candidates in the election.

Food Secretary Mollah Wahiduzzaman yesterday told Ntv yesterday that he wanted to create jobs for the poor that would make no impact on the election campaign. He said the EC secretary assured him of solving the issue.

The government will launch a special 100-day employment-generating programme involving Tk 2,000 crore in mid-October as a guarantee scheme for the unemployed poor people in rural areas.

The main focus of the programme will be on 44 districts, including the Monga-prone and coastal ones," Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam said after final

ising the programme at a meeting with Food and Disaster Management Adviser AMM Shawkat on Sunday.

Under the programme 20 lakh people, mostly from the 44 districts, will be given jobs for rural infrastructure development, maintenance and repair work. They will get Tk 100 a day.

"Jobs for 20 days a month will be created for each person, thus providing the poor with 100 days' job over five months," Food Secretary Molla Wahiduzzaman told The Daily Star.

60 sacks of polybags seized in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized 60 sacks of banned polythene bags weighing 320kg in the city.

The mobile court also fined three owners of the polythene factories Tk 1.8 lakh. They are Khaledur Rahman, Shamim and Abdul Kader.

Acting on a tip-off, members of Rab-10 and Magistrate Ashraf Hossain conducted the raids at the factories located at Water Works Road, Gouri Sundor Lane and Jagannath Saha Lane in old part of the city and seized the banned item.

A top official of Rab-10 said there are around 100 such factories in the old city alone.

He said they will launch drives against all the illegal factories in phases.

Road crash kills 1

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A boy was killed in a road accident at Beltali under sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Yasin Ali, 14, of Beltali village.

Police and locals people said the accident occurred when a passenger bus crushed the boy under its wheels at around 11:00am.

The body was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

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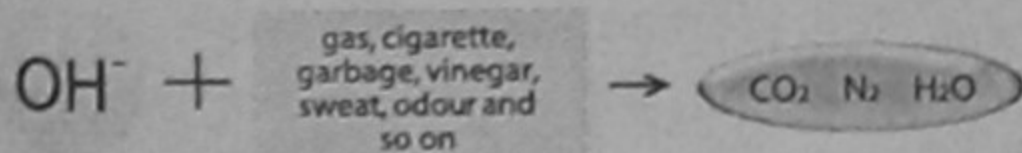
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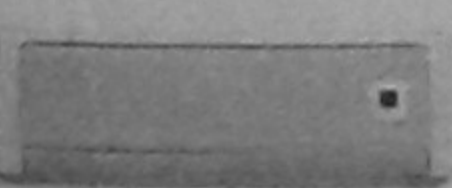
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