

# Road crashes kill 17, injure 33

## METRO DESK

At least 17 people were killed and 33 others injured in separate road accidents in Khulna, Jamalpur, Magura, Sirajganj, Bogra, Noakhali, Bagerhat and Satkhira yesterday.

Staff Correspondent from Khulna reports: Four people, including three of a family, were killed in a road accident at Atharomail under Dumuria upazila here yesterday.

The accident occurred when a Satkhira-bound truck hit a three-wheeler van at 2:00pm as its driver lost his control over the steering.

The dead were identified as van passengers Taslima Begum, 24, her daughter Shima, 6, and Taslima's mother Zohra Khatun, 48, and truck helper Rampada Das, 24.

Jim, 8, the lone survivor of the fatal road accident who was also a passenger of the van, is undergoing treatment at Dumuria Health complex with severe head injuries.

Police seized the truck. But the driver managed to escape.

A Correspondent from Jamalpur: Three people were killed and 10 others injured when a bus ran over them at Digpaith bus stand in Jamalpur Sadar in the town early yesterday morning.

The accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound bus of Rajib Paribahan from Madarganj in the district ran over the people waiting for bus on the road at the bus stand at around 2:30 am. Three roadside shops were also damaged.

Ujjal, 20, of Pogloi village under Tipolla union of Sadar upazila and Md Ujjal, 32, of Ramnagar village under Digpaith union died on the spot. Julhas Uddin, 32, of Pogloi village under Tipolla union succumbed to his injuries at Jamalpur General Hospital.

All the dead are workers. They were waiting for bus at Digpaith bus stand to go to Dhaka.

Of the injured, Aziz, Momin and Jotsna are undergoing treatment at Jamalpur General Hospital.

The bodies have been sent to Jamalpur General Hospital for autopsy.

UNB from Magura says: Three people, including mother and son, were killed and 20 others injured when a coach plunged into a roadside ditch at Kochhundi, 8 kms off the town, yesterday morning.

Police said the Benapole-bound coach from Dhaka fell into the ditch beside the Magura-Dhaka highway at about 5:00am, leaving three passengers dead on the spot and injuring 20 others.

The dead were identified as Kamala Ghosh, 68, and her son

Prashanta Ghosh, 35, of Lalbagh in Dhaka while Abu Taher, 55, of Fatkhaharupazila in Chittagong.

Six of the injured were rushed to Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

Meanwhile, two motorcyclists, including the officer-in-charge of Raiganj upazila LSD (Local Supply Depot), were killed in Sirajganj when a speeding truck knocked them down at Sholomail.

Police and witnesses said a Dhaka-bound goods-laden truck from Bogra hit the motorcycle at about 11:00am, leaving OC Mohammed Ali, 40, and Saidul, 35, dead on the spot.

Another report adds: In Bogra, Lima Khatun, 22, a student of Open University, and daughter of Iqbal Hossain of Gosaibari Purbapara in Dhunot, was killed and three others were injured when a truck hit a CNG-run tempo carrying them at Sherpur bus stand in the morning.

In Noakhali, Shakib, 10, son of a teastall owner, died on the spot and two customers, Molij and Shamsu, were injured when a goods-laden truck ploughed through a roadside teastall at Shimulia in Sonaimuri thana at about 3:30pm.

A correspondent from Bagerhat says: Two people were killed when a

covered van and a motorcycle collide head-on on Bagerhat-Rupsha road at Bakultala here yesterday.

The dead were identified as Wahiduzzaman Sheikh, son of Abdul Gafur Sheikh of village Vaga under Rampal upazila and motorcycle rider Saroj Biswas, son of Gour Biswas of the same village.

The Sadar police said the accident occurred when a Khulna-bound covered van and a Bagerhat-bound motorcycle collide at around 3:50pm, leaving the motorcycle riders dead on the spot.

Police the bodies to Bagerhat

Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Our correspondent from Satkhira adds: An old man was killed in a road accident on Marichchap River Bridge on Satkhira-Assassuni road in Assassuni upazila.

The deceased was identified as Sabud Ali Mistri, 57, of village Sreekalash in Assassuni upazila.

Quoting local people police said the accident took place when an Assassuni Khulna-bound bus knocked him while he was crossing the bridge, leaving Sabud Ali Mistri dead on the spot.

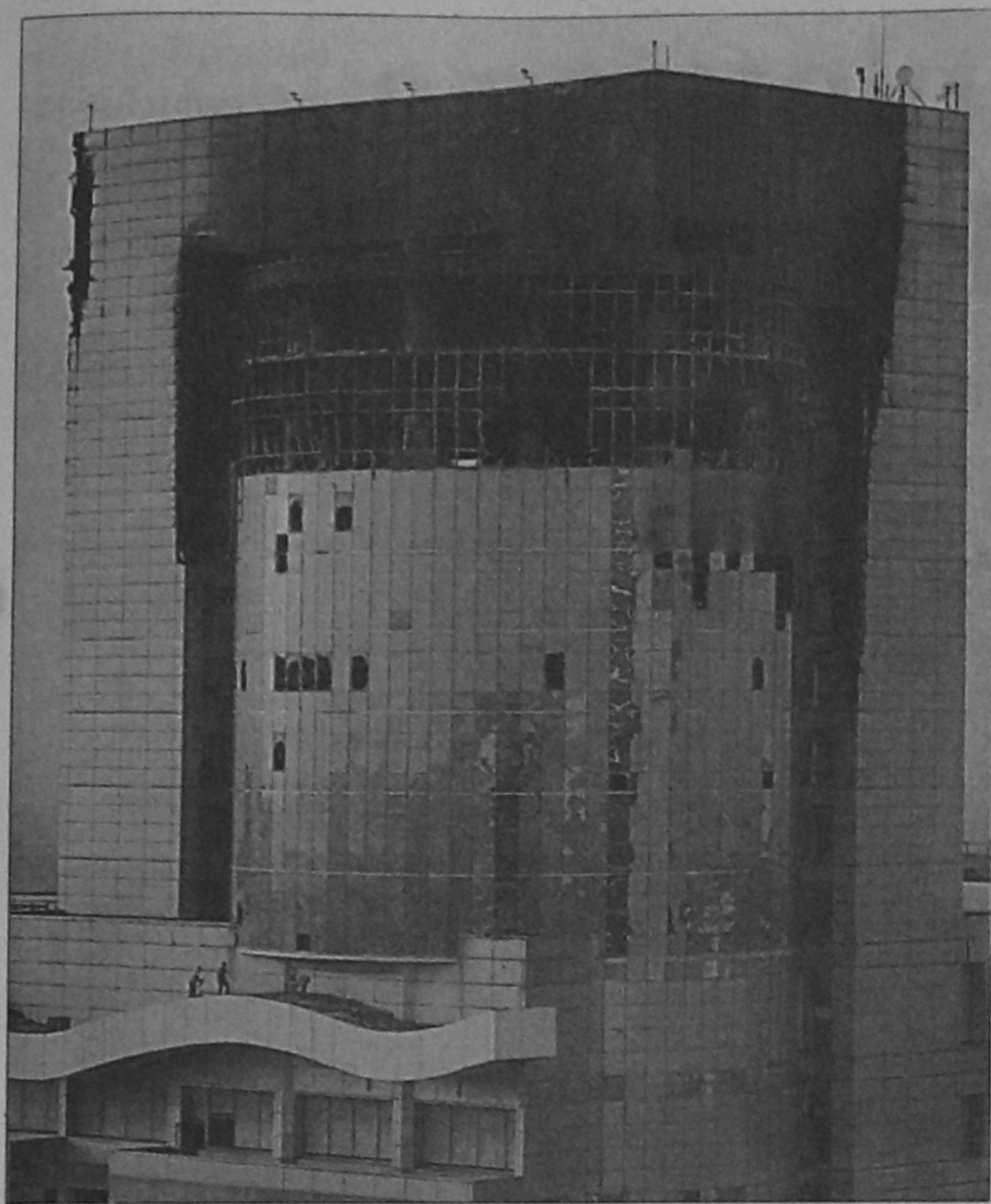


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Bashundhara City shopping mall stands with charred floors. A devastating blaze reduced its six upper floors to a skeleton on Friday. (Story on Page 1)

## Work unitedly to ensure victory in by-elections

### Khaleda asks party men

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia asked party leaders and activists last night to work unitedly to ensure victory of their candidates in the upcoming parliamentary by-elections.

She made the directive while exchanging opinions at her Gulshan office with leaders of BNP and its front organisations of Gabtoli upazila unit of Bogra district on preparation for the elections.

Begum Zia also urged them to work for the party-nominated candidate, "maintaining party

discipline", according to the meeting sources.

BNP has nominated barrister Moudud Ahmed for Bogra-7 (Gabtoli-Shajampur) and former speaker barrister Jamiruddin Sircar for Bogra-6 (Bogra Sadar) constituencies for by-elections to the two parliament seats vacated by Khaleda.

The by-elections for a total of seven vacated seats will be held on April 2.

BNP Secretary General Khondoker Delwar Hossain and Standing Committee Member Dr RA Gani were present in the meeting.

## Recognise contribution of indigenous women

### Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said indigenous women and female tea workers of the country remain largely neglected and their contributions to their community has never been recognised.

They pointed out that Adivasi women are often the main workforce and earning source of their community, but they can rarely play a decision-making role in the society or the family.

Research and Development Collective (RDC), in association with Oxfam GB organised the seminar on 'Minority women of Bangladesh: Adivasi and tea workers' at the WVA auditorium in the city as part of marking the International Women's Day.

RDC General Secretary Prof Mesbah Kamal said, "Adivasi and working women at tea gardens remain at the lower end of the marginalised segment. They remain in a cycle of discrimination firstly as a woman, then for belonging to the indigenous as well as minority community and also as a labourer."

Tondra Chakma, pro-programme manager of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said, "There is a common misconception in Bangladesh that indigenous women enjoy more freedom than the women in the mainstream. But in reality, it is otherwise."

There is no representation of women in the hill district local government council and among the

300 mouzas existing in the three hill districts, there are only a few female headmen, she explained.

Excepting Mandi (Garo) community in Tangail and Mymensingh and partially Marma community of Bandarban, women in other indigenous community do not have rights to inheritance. Although they are the main workforce, their earnings go to their husbands which is a barrier to their empowerment.

Rambhajan Koiri, general secretary of Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union, said, "Female tea workers are the first in the region to work outside their homes, yet they remain largely dejected," he said.

Koiri mentioned that every day the women workers in the tea estate must collect around 20 kgs of leaves for a meagre salary of Tk 32. They work around 10 hours. Most of the time they do not get any maternity leaves.

There are high rates of sexual harassment in the tea estate. However, even a single case of harassment did not receive any legal attention, he added.

Shamsunnahar Gafur, former director of Jahangirnagar University Language Institute, Sanjida Akter, lecturer of Gender Studies department at Dhaka University, Ayub Ali, executive director of Society for Research and Development Steps, Bibhash Chakravarty, programme coordinator of Oxfam GB, Shaoli Jharna, project officer of Oxfam GB and Jannat-e-Ferdousi, director of RDC, also spoke.

## JU researchers' confce on April 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Research Scholars' Association, newly formed organisation of the PhD and M Phil researchers at Jahangirnagar University (JU), will organise a conference of the researchers on April 2 on the campus.

Interested researchers are requested to contact with Segufta Nesar (01726-223096), Dr Abul Hossain (01914-955970) and Ali Azam Khan (01715-437038) for registration by March 25.



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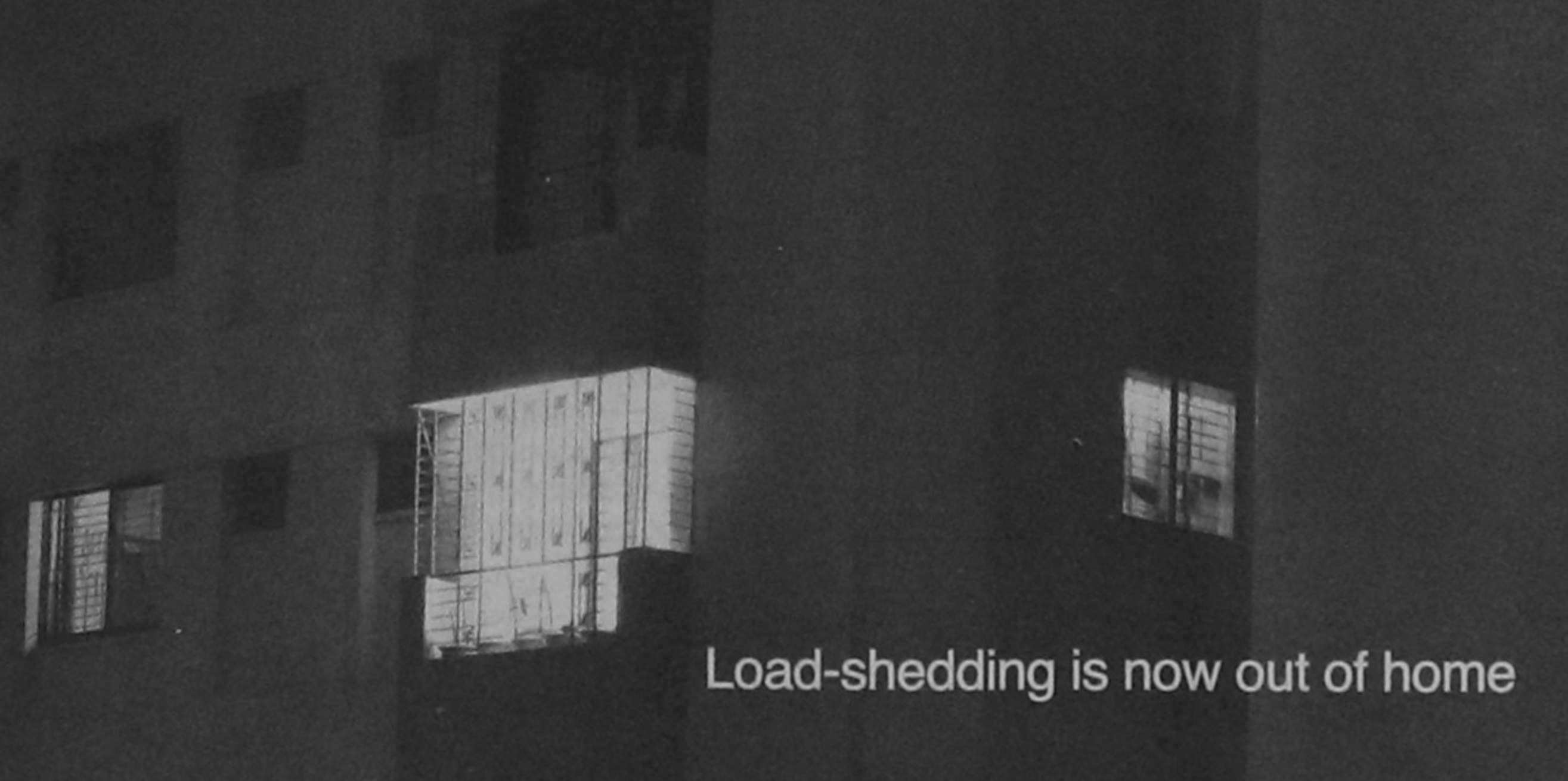
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