## NATIONAL

# Lightning kills 8 in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Lightning killed eight people including six children and injured five others during rain and storm in three upazilas yesterday noon.

The diseased are Sufia Khatun, 10, daughter of Atabur Rahman of Roadpara village and a student of class four of Charbagdanga Dakhil Madrasa and Mohammad Jasim, 14, son of Lal Mohammad of Bakherali village and student of class six of the same madrasa and Yousuf Ali, 8, son of Humayun Kabir of Bagchar village under Sundarpur union of Sadar upazila.

Rahman, 35, of Monoharpur village under Monkasha union and Ripon, 12, of Dhorbona village under Nayalabonga union in Shibganj upazila and Shefali, 12, of Naodah Mission area, Abdul Khaleque, 42, of Dhamoli village under Rahanagar union and Wasim,7, of Parbatipur union in Gomostapur upazila were

killed. Locals and Hossain Ali, acting Chairman of Charbagdanga union parishad said, lightning struck Sufia at around 12:00 pm in front of their house at Bakherali village. Jasim died at a mango orchard behind their house as he went to Besides, Mozibur collect mango along with

other children during storm. Lightning also injured Aliur Rahman, 7, at the orchard.

Locals said, Armani Khatun, 20, and Alori Begum of Chakpara village of the same union were killed on the yard of their house. A woman was also injured.

In another incident at Bagchar village of Sundarpur union, Yousuf and his uncle were struck by lightning at their mango orchard at around 12:15 pm. Yusuf died while his uncle Baharul Islam,30, was injured seriously.

Baharul is now under treatment Chapainawabganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

## RMCH interns call off strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Interns at Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital (RMCH) yesterday noon called off indefinite strike after the authorities assured them of fulfilling their three demands out of four.

The demand for removal of RMCH Director Brig Gen Abdul Latif was withdrawn as the authorities assured the interns of fulfilling other demands including deployment of police at all wards and probing recent attacks on intern doctors and their leader, sources said.

"We have joined duties at 2:00pm considering the sufferings of the patients," said RMCH Intern Doctors Council President Shah Alam Siddiki Lalon.

He said Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and RMCH Acting Director Dr Dayem Uddin held meetings with them several times since Monday night. Later they assured the agitating interns of taking necessary security measures.

Dr Dayem told this correspondent that the authorities formed a committee to investigate the alleged incidents of attack on interns by attendants.

"We have increased administrative vigilance inside the hospital and requested police to increase forces as per the interns' demands,"he added.

The interns enforced the strike on Monday after a patient's attendant allegedly assaulted their at the hospital.

#### Signature campaign for Tarique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

BNP has started a mass signature campaign in the district demanding withdrawal of cases against the party's senior vice chairman Tarique Rahman, his return to country and trial of those who "tortured" him.

BNP senior joint secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir inaugurated the progarmme at Tito auditorium in the town yesterday noon. Party sources said, about 5,000 signatures have been collected till 4:30 pm.

Bogra district BNP president advocate Mahbubur Rahman presided over the programme while BNP vice chairman Abdullah Al Noman was the chief guest. Former state minister for power Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku was the special guest.

BNP leaders Harunur Rashid, Hafizar Rahman MP, Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annie MP and local leaders were present.

#### 10 hurt in JCD factional clash

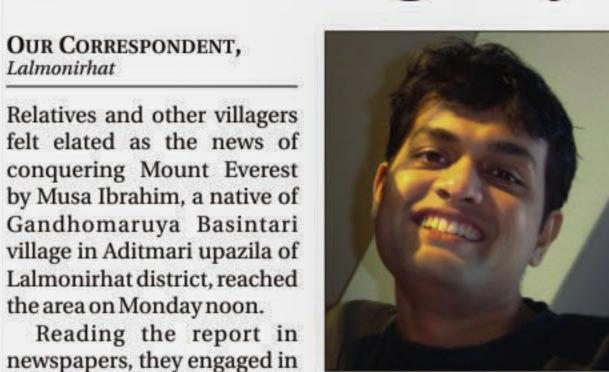
A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

At least 10 activists of Kishoreganj JCD unit were injured as two rival factions locked in a clash over forming new committee yesterday

noon. Two groups of Kishoreganj JCD, one led by its president Saiful Islam Suman and the other by secretary Abdullah Al Masud Suman clashed violently at Rathkhola Maidan at around 1:30pm in presence of central JCD president Sultan Salauddin Tuku.

Earlier, Tuku came to form a new committee of the district.

Of the injured, Amdadullah,35, Himel,24, and Pial,25, have been admitted to Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital.



Everest conqueror Musa Ibrahim's cousin Arifa Akhter shows a newspaper report on the astound-

ing feat to the relatives and neighbours at Musa's native village Gandhomaruya Basintari in

Musa's native villagers

Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat district.

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

the area on Monday noon.

lively talks and distributed

sweetmeat to celebrate the

As the news spread, peo-

ple from different villages

started coming to Musa's

Mountaineer Musa

Nabiron Nesa now spends a

good amount of time sitting

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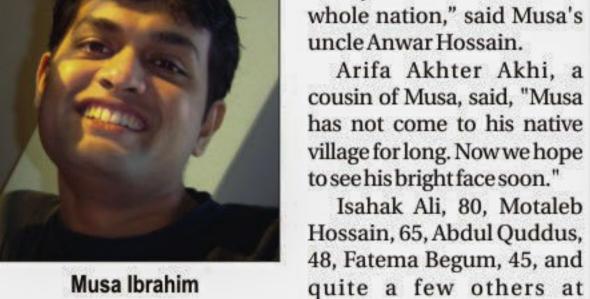
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Musa Ibrahim

waiting for his safe return.

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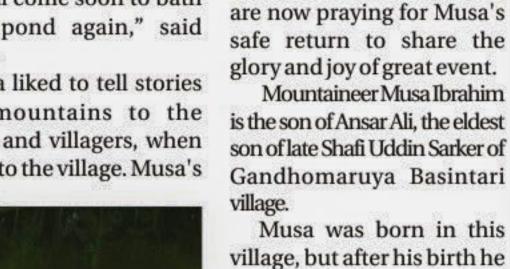
Ibrahim's grandmother "Musa liked to tell stories



"When my grandson

Musa came to the village, he took bath in this pond. My Musa will come soon to bath in this pond again," said

about mountains to the relatives and villagers, when he came to the village. Musa's



village, but after his birth he went to Thakurgoan as his father was a service holder at Thakurgaon Sugar Mill. Musa spent his child-

grand success brings glory

not only for him and his

family members, but the

Gandhomaruya Basintari

village said they feel

immense joy and pride at

Several people said they

Musa's achievement.

hood and received early education at Thakurgoan. He came to his native village with his parents very often, said relatives and villagers.

Not only the people of Lalmonirhat, the whole nation is proud of Musa's feat, said Abdur Rob Suzon, the district correspondent of daily Prothom Alo.

Lalmonirhat district administration will give mass reception to Musa Ibrahim when he returns to his native village, Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Ala Uddin Fakir said.

### tion entered the third day yesterday. 4 killed, 134 injured as rival villagers clash in 4 districts

Agitating miners of Madhyapara Granite Mining Company in Dinajpur block entrance to the residential area of the complex, confining

the company's managing director and over a hundred other officials and staff, as the miners' indefinite strike demanding job regularisa-

STAR NATIONAL DESK

At least four people were killed and 134 others injured in clashes in Pabna, Narsingdi, Sumanganj and Brahmanbaria districts yesterday. In Pabna, two people were killed and

20 others injured in a clash between two groups at Paikasha village in Santhia upazila yesterday. The deceased were identified as

Nizam, 55, and Hasiful, 25, reports our correspondent.

Police said there was a longstanding rivalry between two Awami League leaders -- Abdur Rahman and Azizur. Their enmity climaxed yesterday over

harvesting paddy from a disputed field. Supporters of both the leaders equipped with lethal weapons attacked each other over a trifling matter, leaving two killed and 20 injured from both sides.

Police fired thrice to bring the situation under control, said Faruk Hossain, Officer-In-charge of Santhia police station.

Of the injured, condition of Majan, 48,

Jaidul, 45, Baten, 45, Jaynal, 27, Jalil, 35, Jamal, 42, Sayed, 30, Rakib, 28, and Hares, 25, was stated to be critical.

In Narsingdi, one person was killed and 50 others were injured in a bloody clash between two groups of villagers yesterday reports a correspondent. The incident occurred in the morning at

Darigaon village under Nilakkhya union, a remote char area under Raipura upazila. According to witnesses, Sabina, 25,

daughter of Khalil Miah, of the village was tending paddy on the yard of their house. Abdul Haque, son of Daru Miah, of the same village crossed the yard riding a bicycle which damage some paddy. This angered Sabina and the two locked in an altercation.

The elders of the villages arranged an arbitration to settle the matter but it turned into a clash leaving Rahis Miah, 50, killed and 50 others injured.

Eleven seriously injured are Rafis Miah, 30, Imam Ali, 20, Khalil, 40, Ujjal, 28, Jasim, 50, Nasir, 35, Saidur, 14, Jahangir, 40, Rafique, 40, Kazi Miah, 32, and Noab Ali, 45.

In Sunamganj, a baby girl was killed and four people were injured in a clash following an altercation between two children at Lakma village in Tahirpur upazila, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as twomonth old Asia Begum, daughter of Abul Hossain of the village. Witnesses said the clash ensued fol-

lowing an altercation between two children over playing a game at 8pm, leaving five people injured.

The injured were rushed to Upazila Health Complex where Asia died at 10pm. Police arrested suspected killer Ruhul but his accomplice Afzal managed to flee.

Our correspondent in Brahmanbaria reports: At least 60 people were injured in a clash yesterday between two groups at Mona Bazar of Pharpur village under Bijoynagar upazila.

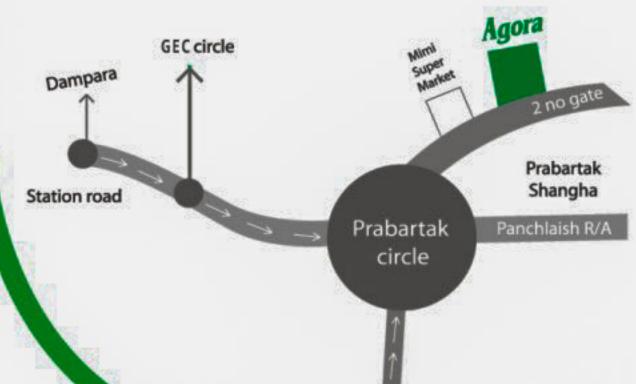
According to locals and police, there was a longstanding enmity between two groups led by Ali Hossain and Abul Kalam centering bitter power struggle in the village. They locked in a two hour-long at Mona Bazar yesterday leaving 60 people from both sides injured. Of them, 31 were admitted to 250bed Brahmanbaria Modern Hospital.



**B** RAHIMAFROOZ

Musa's grandmother Nabiron Nesa sits on the stair of the pond beside the village home, wishing to meet him again on his heroic return.

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