

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 deceased 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.

Besides, Mozibur

Rahman, 35, of Monoharpur village under Monkasha union and Ripon, 12, of Dhorbona village under 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 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 around 12:15 pm. Yousuf died while his uncle Baharul Islam, 30, was injured seriously.

Baharul is now under treatment at Chapainawabganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

RMCH interns call off strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Interns at Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital (RMCH) yesterday noon called off indefinite strike after the authorities assured them of fulfilling their three demands 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The demand for removal of RMCH Director Brig Gen Abdul Latif was withdrawn as the authorities assured the interns of fulfilling other demands including deployment of police at all wards and probing recent attacks on intern doctors and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 Litor 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.



PHOTO: STAR
Everest conqueror Musa Ibrahim's cousin Arifa Akhter shows a newspaper report on the astounding feat to the relatives and neighbours at Musa's native village Gandhomaruya Basintari in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat district.

Musa's native villagers share the glory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Relatives and other villagers felt elated as the news of conquering Mount Everest by Musa Ibrahim, a native of Gandhomaruya Basintari village in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat district, reached the area on Monday noon.

Reading the report in newspapers, they engaged in lively talks and distributed sweetmeat to celebrate the occasion.

As the news spread, people from different villages started coming to Musa's village.

Mountaineer Musa Ibrahim's grandmother Nabiron Nesa now spends a good amount of time sitting on the bank of the pond beside the home, praying and



Musa Ibrahim

grand success brings glory not only for him and his family members, but the whole nation," said Musa's uncle Anwar Hossain.

Arifa Akhter Akhi, a cousin of Musa, said, "Musa has not come to his native village for long. Now we hope to see his bright face soon."

Isahak Ali, 80, Motaleb Hossain, 65, Abdul Quddus, 48, Fatema Begum, 45, and quite a few others at Gandhomaruya Basintari village said they feel immense joy and pride at Musa's achievement.

Several people said they are now praying for Musa's safe return to share the glory and joy of great event.

Mountaineer Musa Ibrahim is the son of Ansar Ali, the eldest son of late Shafi Uddin Sarker of Gandhomaruya Basintari village.

Musa was born in this village, but after his birth he went to Thakurgoan as his father was a service holder at Thakurgoan Sugar Mill.

Musa spent his childhood 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.



PHOTO: STAR
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 regularisation entered the third day yesterday.

Signature campaign for Tarique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

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 programme 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.

4 killed, 134 injured as rival villagers clash in 4 districts

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 two-month old Asia Begum, daughter of Abul Hossain of the village.

Witnesses said the clash ensued following 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 Bijoy Nagar 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 250-bed Brahmanbaria Modern Hospital.

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 Kishore 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.



PHOTO: STAR
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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