



## After the inferno

The blaze at Nimtoli in the city has been extinguished; now mourning fills the air, with signs of devastation all over the area. The fire that broke out on Thursday night has claimed the lives of 117 people.

1. Local people attend a namaz-e-janaza of fire victims at Hossaini Dalan yesterday. 2. Family members and relatives of a fire victim mourn. 3. Runa, the bride, lost eight members of her family and relatives in the blaze. 4. A charred motorcycle. 5. People from different areas of the city throng Nimtoli to see the devastation. 6. Wreckage of a tin-roofed house. 7. Electric transformers were burnt in the fire. 8. A gas oven which sparked off the fire. 9. The wife and the mother of a fire victim wail. 10. Wreckage of a chemical godown.

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## AL leader gunned down in Jessore

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

An Awami League leader was gunned down at Noapara in a case, came under attack at

Jessore on Thursday night.

Raju Ahmed, 35, also one of the accused in a sugar hoarding case, came under attack at

Noapara ferry ghat at around 11:00pm when he was returning home at Purakhali in Abhaynagar by a motorcycle from his business establishment, Sajib Trade International.

Police and locals said a gang of four or five criminals shot Raju in the forehead and chest at point-blank range when he was about to leave Noapara ferry ghat after crossing the River Bhairab by a ferry. He died on the spot.

The gang then exploded several bombs to create a panic and escaped the scene.

Later, the police sent the body of Raju to Jessore General Hospital for autopsy.

Police suspect that members

of the Biplobi Communist Party, an extremist outfit, might have killed him to take revenge as three of their leaders were killed in crossfire with the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

### Road crash kills one

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

One retired BDR personnel was killed as a sand laden truck hit him near Farazibari gas turbine of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Aziz, 50.

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