

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits Dhakeswari National Temple in the capital yesterday on the occasion of Durga Puja, the largest religious festival of the Hindu community.

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## 3 adivasis hurt over land dispute

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Three members of an adivasi family were injured and their newly built house was demolished in an attack by a group of influential locals at Nondopur village in Godagari of Rajshahi yesterday.

The victims are Nirmol Hembrom, his brothers Jacob Hembrom Bishu, and Maniel Hembrom. Nirmol was admitted to Godagari Upazila Health Complex with serious injuries in his both arms.

Subrata Kumar Mahato, sub-inspector at Kakonhat Police Outpost, said a group of people led by Momta Uddin, a former chairman Pakri union parishad, attacked the people around 12:00pm.

Police said there was a feud between Momta Uddin and Jacob Hembrom over a piece of three bigha land for the past three years.

The attack was made after Jacob's family built a house on the disputed land on Monday, said Godagari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ohidul Haque.

Earlier in 2010, Momta had filed a case claiming its ownership, he said, adding that Jacob appealed to the court against the verdict.

Mamta Uddin said he had been enjoying the land's ownership for about 35 years. But Jacob claimed its ownership three years ago.

Denying the attack, Mamta said he just protested the construction of the house.

His father had bought the land in 1965, he added.

Jacob, however, said they tried to take the land's possession as they found relevant documents proving their ownership of it.

He said they were too young when their father died.

## Sunil's death a loss to Bangladesh, literature

Say litterateurs, cultural activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has lost a true friend with the passing of Sunil Gangopadhyay, whose death has created a vacuum in the Bengali literature, said noted litterateurs and cultural activists of the country yesterday.

The prolific poet and novelist, who wrote for generations of readers, had been and will remain an inspiration to those who write poetry and novels in Bangladesh and West Bengal, they added.

Noted poet Nirmalendu Goon said, "Sunil always stood beside Bangladesh in national disasters and helped the country during the War of Liberation in 1971 through his poetry."

Sunil had always been vocal in protecting Bangladesh's interest and also put pressure on the Indian government on issues like Teesta water-sharing, he said.

"Through his writings he (Sunil) portrayed the most important time frame of the Bangalees' life. He presented history in the easiest possible way to readers in the form of novels," he said.

Sunil pioneered a new style in the history of Bengali poetry through the magazine "Krittibas", of which he was the founding editor, and played a key role in assimilating poets and litterateurs of the two Bangla, said Nirmalendu.

He was a true friend of Bangladesh, and his death is a huge loss to Bengali literature, he added.

Eminent poet-playwright Syed Shamsul Haq said Sunil was very respectful and sensitive towards the art, literature and culture of Bangladesh and perhaps the only writer of West Bengal who deeply nourished and evaluated Bangladesh.

In West Bengal, Sunil wrote poems, novels, short stories and plays with immense power for the last 60 years and had been an inspiration to the poets and novelists for four generations, he added.

Mentioning about Sunil's historic novels like "Sei Samay", "Protham Alo" and "Purbo-Paschim", noted cultural activist Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu said Sunil has uniquely influenced the youth of Bangladesh through his writings.

## Eviction drive sparks violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 11 people, including an executive magistrate, were injured in a clash during an eviction drive by a mobile court in Tejgaon Industrial area of the capital yesterday.

About 150 locals armed with sticks and bricks attacked the mobile court led by Sheikh Kamal Hossain, executive magistrate of Dhaka North City Corporation, near Bangladesh Government Press building.

The court was carrying out the drive to evict about 50 illegal shops and about 25 shanties which had been set up on the streets there.

The clash continued for about half an hour before police reinforcements arrived and scattered the mob.

Seven people of the mobile court, including Hossain, were injured and required first aid. Two police officers and two members of the press were also hurt. Hossain's car was vandalised in the clash.

Fakrul Islam, an RTV reporter, said his colleagues reporter Khairuzzaman Shrabon and cameraman Mamun Hawlader needed treatment at Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital.

Faruk Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station, said two of his officers were also wounded.

A case was filed regarding the matter and a person already was detained, he added.

## Road accidents kill 8, injure 15

METRO DESK

Eight people were killed and 15 others injured in separate road accidents in Sirajganj, Chittagong, Gopalganj, Pabna, Rajbari, Bhola and Tangail on Monday and yesterday.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports, two persons were killed and 10 others injured as a bus hit a truck from the opposite direction on Western Approach Road of Bangabandhu Bridge at Talukderbazar in Kamarkhand upazila of Sirajganj yesterday morning.

The deceased were the bus driver Solaiman Hossain Kalu, 35, of Balshabari village in Ullapara upazila, and passenger Saidur Rahman, 38, of Doatpur village in the upazila.

In Chittagong, Md Morshed, 20, son of Saleh Uddin of Madhyam Saraf Bhata village of Rangunia upazila, was killed and another injured as a bus rammed a motorbike from the opposite side on Chittagong-Kaptai road in Babani Gate area of the upazila in Chittagong yesterday morning.

The injured Forkan Miah, 22, of the

village, was taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

In Gopalganj, Shukuran Begum, 45, died as a truck hit her on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Chandradigulia area of sadar upazila yesterday morning.

Following the accident, locals blocked the highway for half an hour.

In Pabna, Samsul Alam, 24, died as a coach hit a human hauler in Shahpur Pathshala square area of Ishwardi upazila on Monday night.

UNB from Rajbari reports, cattle trader Sajib Molla, 16, son of Liakat Molla of Beza village in Mohammadpur upazila of Magura district, died as a bus ran him over in Daulatdia Ghat area in Goalando upazila yesterday.

BSS from Bhola reports, Zahurul Alam, 55, died when a motorcycle hit him from behind in Kunjerhat area of sadar upazila on Monday night.

In Tangail, a Dhaka-bound cattle-laden truck collided head-on with another truck in Charvabla area of Kalihati upazila on Monday night, killing Mintu Miah, 30, and another cattle trader instantly and injuring four others.

## RAMU ATTACK MKA sees national, int'l plots

UNB, Dhaka

Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir has blamed "national and international conspiracies" for the attack on Buddhists last month.

"Local and international conspiracies were behind the communal attacks on the Buddhist community in Ramu, Ukhia and Teknaf upazilas in Cox's Bazar," Alamgir told the news agency on Monday.

"Those who masterminded the attacks will be put on trial," he said.

The minister said he reviewed the probe report with 11 recommendations submitted to the home ministry on Thursday.

"Most of the recommendations have been accepted, and directives have been given to the officials concerned to take necessary actions," he said in reply to a question.

Considering the size and terrain of Cox's Bazar district, the number of police force has been increased there, he said.

Alamgir said committees, comprising members of all communities, will be formed for an indefinite period at different tiers, including union, upazila and district levels.

The committees will take steps to prevent repeat of such violence, he added.



A group of devotees, who failed to travel to Saudi Arabia for performing Hajj this year after being deceived by a Hajj management agency, doze off on the verandah of the Hajji Camp in the capital's Ashkona before leaving for home yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Hajj agency sued for fraudulence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A case was filed yesterday against the authorities of Shapnapuri International, a local Hajj management agency, on charge of cheating 23 devotees who failed to travel to Saudi Arabia to perform hajj this year.

Firojul Islam from Khulna filed the case with Paltan Police Station on behalf of the devotees.

The complainant alleged that the agency misappropriated a huge amount of money from such 59 devotees, including the 23, for which they failed to travel to Saudi Arabia.

The agency took Tk 2.60 lakh to Tk 3

lakh from each victim through its local agents.

Another victim, Atiur Rahman Sardar from Khulna, said Shapnapuri officials assured them of sending them to Saudi Arabia on Monday but they fled the office shutting it down on Sunday.

He said they, however, got back their passports and visas on Monday as Shahbagh Police Station seized 29 passports from Abul Kalam of the agency at Ramna Park.

The Daily Star could not reach the Shapnapuri officials for comments as the contact numbers were unreachable last night.

## 3 workers killed in wall collapse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Three demolition workers were killed as the wall of an abandoned school building crumbled down on them at a remote village in Kanaighat upazila last evening.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Ali, 20, and Hamidur Rahman, 20, of Bhati Barapait and Nur Ahmed, 30, of Lohajuri village.

The incident took place at about 6:00pm when the Ujan Barapur Government Primary School building was being demolished.

The school is located in a remote and bordering area, which is about 28 kilometres off the upazila headquarters, said Superintendent of Police (SP) of Sylhet Md Shakhawat Hossain.

With the help of local people, the trapped bodies were taken out of the rubble around 10:00pm last night, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kanaighat Police Station Md Abdul Hai.

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