

# Five of a family burnt in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A couple and their three children were burnt in a fire that broke out in their one-room residence at South Keraniganj, outside the capital, yesterday.

Rickshaw puller Ripon, 40, his wife Moli Begum, 35, their daughter Ripa, 15, and sons Monir Hossain, 9, and Abdul Gani, 5, were rushed to the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 6:00am.

Ripon suffered 65 percent burns, Gani 45 percent, Monir around 28 percent, Ripa 22 percent while Moli suffered 15 percent burns, said Mozzamel Haque, an inspector at Dhaka Medical College Hospital Police Camp and doctors.

The fire originated from an electric short circuit in their room around 3:30am, and an electric wire and a mosquito net under which they were sleeping were found completely burnt, said Fire Service and Civil Defence sources and South Keraniganj police.

## Ctg transport strike called off after leader's rescue

UNB, Ctg

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation called off its indefinite strike as transport worker leader Nurul Islam was rescued from Mirsarai upazila of Chittagong yesterday, two days after he was kidnapped from the city's Bandartilla area.

Assistant police super of District Special Branch (DSB) Robiul Islam said a team of Jorarganj Police Station rescued Nurul around 8:15pm.

Some miscreants identifying them as law enforcers picked up Nurul, general secretary of City Human Hauler Workers' Association, on Wednesday night when he was returning home.

## Ctg physician burnt

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Nizam Uddin, officer-in-charge of Khulshi Police Station, said the domestic worker sensed fire in their bedroom around 3:30am and began shouting for help. As the police station is very close to the house, officials rushed to the spot and broke the bedroom door, said the OC.

The couple was rushed to CMCH with over 90 percent burn injuries, he said, adding that Imtiaz died around 1:00pm. The bedroom was gutted in the fire, said the police official.

## Rain worsens flooding

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sheltered in Chhoto Marung Government Primary School and Hasinsonpur Government Primary School, as the district administration distributed relief materials to them yesterday noon.

Road communication between Dighinala and Longadu upazilas of Rangamati has been suspended due to the flooding.

In Khagrachhari town, the affected families returned home from the nine shelters but complained of getting no relief materials from the administration till yesterday afternoon.

The affected people demanded government assistance as the flood severely damaged farm lands, ponds, roads, and bridges.

Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachhari Muhammad Wahiduzzaman said a list of the affected families was being prepared and relief goods would reach them soon.



Some of the vehicles stuck on one end of the Shimulia-Kewrakandi ferry terminal where services opened on a small scale yesterday around 10:30am after being halted for some nine hours due to a decrease in navigability in the Padma river. The situation has been prevailing for the last two weeks.

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# Ensure hassle-free govt services

## Speakers tell meeting

BSS, Rangpur

Government services should reach the poor and extremely poor rural people smoothly in order to accelerate the pace of rural development, said speakers at a meeting in Rajshahi.

Creating more transparency is also possible by developing the service of the upazila level government and non-government organisations.

Karmojibi Nari organised the meeting under its "Uniting farm-workers, flourishing their leadership and establishing rights project" at Samokal Samaj Unnayan Sangstha (SSUS) office in Pirganj upazila town on Thursday.

Officials of the Department of Agricultural Extension, BRAC, RDRS Bangladesh, SSUS and farm-labourers from different villages under Shanerhat and Barodorga unions of the upazila participated in the meeting organised with assistance from Manusher Jonno Foundation.

The speakers put emphasis on creating proper and adequate awareness among both the service providers in government offices and organisations and service recipients for attaining sustainable rural development.

They suggested that all service providers should ensure easier access to information about vulnerable group feeding and vulnerable group development programmes, old-

age and maternal allowances and health care and welfare services for poorer people.

The chief guest, Pirganj Upazila Agriculture Officer Samir Chandra Ghosh, stressed that coordinated efforts of the government, non-government and local service providing organisations and public representatives are needed to speed up empowerment of the rural people including women and children.

Representatives of SSUS narrated that their services, being provided to the farm-labourers, farmers and rural people, include promotion of vermi-composts producing technologies, benefits of vermi-composts, and its marketing and utilisation.

BRAC officials mentioned that their services, being provided to the rural people, including the poor and extremely poor sections, cover legal aid, health, hygiene and sanitation, technologies for production and preservation of various crop seeds.

Besides, representatives of other organisations discussed the services being given for marketing agricultural products and helping rural women in getting government services.

Zabid Hossain Swapan member-secretary of the district unit of "Realisation of Farm-labour Law Movement Committee" was in the chair while Manager of Pirganj Upazila Branch of BRAC Saidur Rahman, and SSUS officer Tazul Islam also spoke.

## Ansarullah, Ansar

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of the blasphemer Niloy Chowdhury Neel", and Ansar al Islam claimed the responsibility.

The sender identified himself as Mufti Abdullah Ashraf and claimed to be the spokesperson of "Ansar al Islam (al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent, Bangladesh Chapter)".

The way of claiming responsibility for Niloy's murder was different from the way ABT did. ABT's claims came through tweets and Facebook posts.

Asked, Director of Rapid Action Battalion's intelligence wing Abul Kalam Azad said they had enough information about ABT but Ansar al Islam was still little known to them.

"We're yet to penetrate deep into Ansar al Islam as its top leaders are still not arrested," he told The Daily Star last night. He said they were trying to get the group.

Four machete-wielding assailants, not identified yet, stormed into the residence of Niloy, 28, in Dhaka and hacked him to death in front of his wife and her younger sister.

Niloy is the fourth blogger to die at the hands of militant suspects in less than six months.

All four victims actively supported the war crimes trial.

## Corridors for elephants

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Chief Conservator of Forests Md Yunus Ali led the Bangladesh delegation while his counterpart was Azam Zayed of West Bengal.

Forest officials said there are around 200 elephants currently in Bangladesh while another 100 migrate from India.

In the last 12 years, people killed 62 elephants while 226 people died in elephant attacks, they said.



## Amjad's passing an irreparable loss

Memorial meeting told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The passing of Amjad Khan Chowdhury is an irreparable loss for the country as the country's agro food processing industry would not have expanded so quickly without the entrepreneur, speakers told a memorial meeting yesterday.

The programme was jointly organised by Greater Rajshahi Samity and Natore Zila Samity in the capital's Krishibid Institution Bangladesh.

The former army general-turned-businessman and chief executive officer of PRAN-RFL Group, who first took a Bangladeshi brand abroad and pioneered food processing business in Bangladesh, passed away on July 8.

Natore Zila Samity General Secretary Abdus Samad Molla termed him an optimist and brave forerunner always dreaming to embellish the country and who provided a livelihood to many financially insolvent people.

Prof M Moslem Ali, adviser of Bangladesh Agro-Processors' Association, said, "He was a great general, great leader and great entrepreneur."

The association's former president, ASM Fakhrul Islam Munsil, said, "If he was not there, the agro industry would not have come this far. Because of his efforts and initiatives, the industry spread throughout the country. Had he been with us today, the industry might have grown even further."

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