

## Schoolboy killed over family feud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A 14-year-old schoolboy, who sustained critical head injury in an attack allegedly by their relatives over a family feud in Gabtoli upazila on Sunday night, died at Bogra Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital (SZMCH) yesterday.

The deceased, Abdus Salam, son of Futu Mollah, 48, of Doripara village in the upazila, was a Class VIII student at Kolakopa Atapjan Memorial High School.

Meanwhile, following a case filed by the deceased elder brother Liton Mollah with Gabtoli Police Station yesterday, police arrested four people--Mozahar Ali, 35, Rani Khatun, 26, Khuki Begum, 55, and Nilufa Begum, 35, from the village.

## Road blockade for power supply

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Road communication on Dhaka-Bangabandhu Bridge highway remained suspended for nearly half an hour yesterday as local people blocked the highway in Elenga area under Kalihati upazila demanding uninterrupted power supply.

The protesters, including traders, political leaders and activists and students of different institutions, put up a barricade on the busy highway from 11:30am, to protest against frequent power outages in the area, which caused huge traffic jam on the highway for about half an hour.

Addressing a rally, speakers said local people are losing their patience due to frequent power outages which made their life miserable.



A road in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar goes under water due to last two days' rain that triggered flash floods, submerging around 45 villages in Juri, Kulaura and Kamalganj upazilas of the district. Inset, a collapsed section of the embankment in Dhalai river basin at Adampur village in Kamalganj.

PHOTOS: MINTU DESHWARA

# Rainwater floods 45 villages

### Aus paddy on 13,000 hectares damaged in three Moulvibazar upazilas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

People in around 45 villages in the district have become marooned as heavy rain in the last two days triggered flash flood in Juri, Kulaura and Kamalganj upazilas.

Low-lying areas in Monu and Dhalai river basins were submerged during the period, said Executive Engineer of Water Development Board (WDB) in the district Bijoy Indro Sankar Chowdhury.

Aus paddy on 13 thousand hectares of land got damaged due to the inundation, said Upazila Agricultural Officer in Kamalganj Md Shamsuddin.

Locals said heavy downpour for the last two days and water from the hills caused breaches on differ-

ent points of the Dhalai river protection embankment.

Joyal Abdin, 65, of Nischintapur village under Kulaura upazila in the Monu river basin, said more than 10 villages in the area were submerged on Sunday. The hapless villagers took shelter on roads, he added.

Sharifpur Union Parishad Chairman Junab Ali said at least 10 villages were hit by flood. If the embankments had been repaired in time, the villagers would not have to face this problem, he added.

Juri Upazila Parishad Chairman Gulshanara Mili said they have informed the higher authorities about the flood.

Abdul Alim, 58, of Ghuramara village in Kamalganj upazila, said the

flood was triggered by heavy rain in the last two days. "Water from the Dhalai river started to enter our homes since Saturday evening," he said.

On a visit to the area, this correspondent saw that Mokhabeel, Guler haor, Sreepur, Hiramoti, Shimultola, Katabeel, Adampur, Bongaon, Ghuramara, Najatkuna, Hiramati, Tilakpur, Kamalganj, Chaitannaganj, Alepur, Gopal Nagar, Karimpur, Ujirpur, Kapana Kapon, Ramapasa, Munshibazar, Suranandapur and Ubahata villages under Kamalganj upazila were flooded.

Islampur Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Hannan said around 1,000 families have been affected, adding that around eight flood control embankments have started breaking up.

They informed WDB about the matter, and the officials just visited the areas but didn't take any action, Hannan said.

Mayor of Kamalganj Municipality Jewel Ahmed said five points along the Dhalai river have collapsed, one lakh people have become marooned and thousands of families along the river-side are living in fear of losing their croplands and homesteads.

Kamalganj Upazila Parishad Chairman Md Rafiqul Islam said they informed the higher authorities about the situation.

The executive engineer of WDB said there is no fund for repairing the Dhalai and Monu embankments, adding that they have sought funds for repairing those.

## Friend of fasting people

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Kamal has been supplying cold drinking water for the last eight years free of cost to the poor people of his locality, helping them to break their fast with ease during the holy month of Ramadan.

"It makes me happy," said Masud Al Kamal of Baluadanga (Hathatpara) area in Dinajpur Municipality.

The thirty-five-year-old bakery shop owner told this correspondent that he opened the shop after he lost his job at a private company in the capital in 2008.

The people of the area come to his shop for cold water just before Iftar.

More than 50 families take cold drinking water every day, said Kamal, son of a primary school teacher.

This correspondent recently found the man distributing water to many people with pitchers gathered in front of his shop for cold water just before Iftar.

Kamal said he keeps bottles of different sizes with safe water in his refrigerator in the morning and distributes them during Iftar time.

The noble gesture by Kamal is appreciated by the locals. "I commute daily on this route and have seen



him giving water to poor people. We need to encourage him," said Saheb Ali of the area.

Many onlookers hailed his innovative idea of quenching the thirst of fasting people. His service to the people really deserves public admiration, many people said.

"I can quench my thirst in this hot weather due to Kamal's kindness," said rickshaw-puller Nur Islam. Many poor people would be benefited if people of other areas follow him, he added.

"I have been serving cold water to people because many cannot afford to buy bottled water. I feel happy when people come and take drinking water from me. I am not rich, but I try my best to make people happy with what I have," said Kamal.

"I am lucky that I have a refrigerator for cooling water," he said.



Alleged female activists of Jamaat-e-Islami, arrested from Basundia in Jessore Sadar upazila on Sunday evening, are kept at Jessore Kotwali Police Station yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Indigenous family at a loss in Longadu arson attack

MINHAJ UDDIN with ANVIL CHAKMA, from Longadu, Rangamati

Seventy-year-old Nandi Bala Chakma and her husband Budda Kumar Chakma were visiting their house on Sunday to see what remained after the arson attack at Tintila village of Longadu Sadar union in the district.

Their house turned to charcoal while paddy, rice, goats, clothes, Tk 15,000 in cash, utensils, sewing machine, ornaments and furniture kept there were either looted or burnt during the mayhem unleashed by the Bangalee settlers on Friday.

Following the death of local Jubo League leader Nurul Islam Nayon on Thursday, a tense situation prevailed in the area as Bangalee settlers blamed indigenous people for the 'murder'.

Sensing an impending danger, Nandi sent her 17-year-old daughter to the jungle on Friday morning.

Around 10:00am that day, two groups of youths went to Budda's house with sharp weapons, sticks, and bottles full of petrol and the couple

too rushed to the jungle behind their house and took shelter beside a chhara (spring) there.

"My husband and I were trembling in fear, thinking what would happen if they find us. Peeping between the trees, we saw them taking the valuables from our house in a Mahendra (locally devised tractor). Then they set fire to our house," said Nandi.

Rescued by police and other Chakma people around 4:00pm, the couple went to a shelter at nearby Tintilla Banbihar at night.

"They have ravaged our life by looting and destroying everything we had. It would be better if they had killed us with a gun," said Nandi.

Over 200 homes and shops were vandalised, looted and burned while one indigenous woman was reportedly burnt to death as Bangalee settlers unleashed a series of arson attacks on the houses of indigenous Chakma community at Tintila, Manikjhor and Baittapara villages in Longadu on Friday morning, according to local indigenous leaders.

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## One of 25 'anthrax' patients dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least 25 people have been infected with Anthrax in Faridpur upazila of the district in the last three days.

Of them, one died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Friday. Doctors, however, could not confirm whether it was caused by Anthrax or other disease.

The deceased was Md Alauddin, 12, son of Golam Mostafa of Jantihar village. He took part when a diseased cow was slaughtered in the village last week, said family members.

Anthrax outbreaks at Jantihar village in the upazila started after slaughtering of two diseased cows on May 27, said locals.

People engaged with the meat processing were infected with anthrax, said Livestock Officer Md Kamruzzaman.

They have already collected samples of meat of the diseased animals for tests, he said.

The symptoms of the disease show that the villagers slaughtered anthrax-infected animals for the sake of profit," said Kamruzzaman.

Pabna Civil Surgeon Dr Tahazzal Hossain claimed that of the anthrax-infected patients, 10 are stated to be critical. They are now undergoing treatment at the upazila health complex.

A four-member medical team of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) in Dhaka has already visited Jantihar village for collecting samples of blood of the affected patients.