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Losses much higher than estimated

Say affected indigenous families in response to local admin's assessment of losses in Friday's arson attack

MINHAJ UDDIN and ANVIL CHAKMA, RANGAMATI

Less than a year ago, Joseph Chakma spent a hefty sum to have his dream home in Tintila village. Later, he adorned it with new furniture, electronic goods, wooden floors and walls. But his happiness was short lived as the tin-shed house was razed to the ground during Friday's arson attack in three villages of Rangamati's Longadu.

Since then, Joseph, a health assistant in Longadu Upazila Health Complex, has been passing days in a panic in a shelter in Tintila Ban Bihar, a Buddhist monastery in the area.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, he estimated his losses at Tk 15 lakh. But much to his frustration, the district administration put the figure at only Tk 3.5 lakh.

"I also had gold ornaments, utensils, a refrigerator, a brand new TV and other household items. How can they say the amount is so low?" questioned the 50-year-old man.

Moni Shankar Chakma, who lives in the same village, said the administration calculated his losses at Tk 9 lakh but "the figure would be much higher".

Buddhajoy Chakma of Baitapatra village and many others had similar experience.

The district administration has prepared a list of losses incurred by the indigenous people in the attack. It would be submitted to the disaster management department for

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Flood water runs over the Kulaura-Shamshernagar road in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila yesterday while people and vehicles brave the hazardous situation. Around 25,000 families in the district's Kulaura, Juri and Kamalganj upazilas have been hit hard this week by flood due to incessant rain and onrush of water from the hilly areas upstream.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA



Justice Latifur passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former chief justice Latifur Rahman, who led the caretaker government in 2001, passed away at a city hospital early yesterday. He was 81.

He left behind his wife, three daughters, a host of relatives and friends.

Latifur was admitted to Samoria Hospital on May 23 after he had suffered a stroke, said a hospital official.

Court proceedings of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court were suspended after 11:00am yesterday in honor of the former CJ. The High Court didn't continue proceedings after 1:15pm and the chamber judge of the apex court didn't hold proceedings.

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha gave directives

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CONSTRUCTION SITE 3 workers die falling from 10th floor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lack of safety measures once again led to a tragic accident in the capital's Siddheshwari area, where three construction workers died after they fell from an under-construction building yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Joyntul, 18,

Sayeen, 17, and Jahangir,

26, all hailing from Uttar

Alampur village of

Golapganj upazila in

Sylhet, said Bachchu Mia,

sub-inspector of Dhaka

Medical College Hospital

(DMCH) police outpost.

Moshiure Rahman,

officer-in-charge of Ramna

police station, told The

Daily Star that it happened

at 10:30 am when workers

were carrying out

work on the building.

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Trudeau on kayaking trip



MAIL ONLINE

Justin Trudeau took a minute out of his kayaking trip Monday to talk with a couple on the river.

The charming Canadian Prime Minister was kayaking on the Niagara River for World Environment Day, before he made his first public comments since President Donald Trump announced the US would leave the Paris climate accord last week.

But before he spoke in the Ontario town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the life jacket-clad Trudeau stopped to have a nice chat with a couple.

As he paddles up to them, Trudeau comments on the high water levels. He then compliments the couple's house.

The man asks how Trudeau is doing and he replies, "Not too bad."

"Any day I can get out on the water's a good one," Trudeau said, adding, "And they call this work, you know?"

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Trump sides with Saudis

Backs efforts to isolate Qatar; former Bangladeshi envoys say row won't affect Dhaka at the moment

REUTERS, Doha/Dubai

US President Donald Trump, wading into the worst split between powerful Arab states in decades, yesterday said his trip to the Middle East was "already paying off" with leaders there taking a hard new line in accusing Qatar of funding of militant groups.

His blunt remarks cast the anti-Islamist speech he gave at a Riyadh summit in May as the inspiration for a decision by leading Arab powers to sever ties and transport links to Qatar in protest at what they say is its support for terrorism.

In fact, US officials were blindsided by Saudi Arabia's decision to sever diplomatic ties with Qatar in a coordinated move with Egypt, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, current and former officials in Washington told Reuters.

"So good to see the Saudi Arabia visit with the King and 50 countries already paying off. They said they would take a hard line on funding extremism, and all reference was pointing to Qatar. Perhaps this will be the beginning of the end to the horror of terrorism!" Trump on Twitter.

The comments -- Trump's first about the rift between Qatar and major Arab

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LONDON TERROR ATTACK

Anger boils over security flaws

UK PM under pressure ahead of tomorrow's election; Labour slashes Tory party lead to one point; 3rd suspected attacker arrested

AGENCIES

Police yesterday named the third attacker in the weekend terror assault in London amid mounting anger, two days before an election, over how the jihadist killers had apparently escaped surveillance.

The attack, followed by two more in weeks, put Prime Minister Theresa May's record on security under the spotlight and dominated the campaign agenda yesterday.

After police named two of the attackers and revealed that one was previously known to security agencies, May's Conservative Party faced further questions about her record overseeing cuts to police numbers.

The latest opinion poll, by Survation for ITV, showed the Conservatives' lead narrowing to just one point from six points in the same poll a week earlier.

With flags at half-mast, the nation fell silent at 11:00am (10:00 GMT) to remember the seven killed and dozens injured on Saturday night -- a mourning ritual now grimly familiar after two previous terror attacks in less than three months.

Police identified the third attacker as Youssef Zagbha, a 22-year-old Italian of Moroccan descent, a day after naming his accomplices as Khuram Shazad Butt, 27, a Pakistan-born Briton, and Rachid Redouane, 30, a self-described Moroccan-Libyan dual national.

Police also said they had made an overnight raid in east London and arrested a 27-year-old man early yesterday. Twelve people arrested earlier have since been released without charge.

But "was known to the police and MI5" but there was no intelligence to suggest the attack was being planned, the Metropolitan Police said. Zagbha

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
12	8	3:38	6:48
13	9	3:38	6:48



PRAYER TIMING JUNE 7

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
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JAMAAT 3-54 11-5 5-15 6-58 8-45

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