

# Horror strikes hills

At least 130, including 4 army men, dead in a series of landslides in 3 districts; many still missing, painstaking rescue goes on; heavy rain, destruction of hills, trees caused the disaster

**STAR REPORT**  
 In the worst landslide since 2007, at least 130 people, including four army men, have died in the hilly areas of Chittagong, Rangamati and Bandarban following incessant downpour overnight.  
 The death toll may rise further, officials said. Scores more were hurt and many remained missing. Rescue operations were delayed due to bad weather, but were continuing as of filing this report last night.  
 The landslide happened due to too much rain in a short time. Also destruction of hills and trees over the years has made the hills risky, contributing to the disaster, said Reaz Ahmed, director general of the disaster management department.  
 The Chittagong Hill Tracts saw over 300mm of rainfalls in the 24 hours till yesterday morning. Chittagong alone experienced 222mm of rain during the same period. None of these areas has seen such rain in recent years, he added.  
 As a result, much of the low-lying areas of the hill districts went under water.  
 Many people remained in their shanty-like homes at the foot of the hills risking their lives, despite warnings by the local administrations.  
 The district administrations opened a number of makeshift shelter homes for people evacuated and rescued from some 20 landslide spots.



Part of the Rangamati-Chittagong road collapsed in Manikchhari, some 6 km off Rangamati town, yesterday morning, killing four army men.

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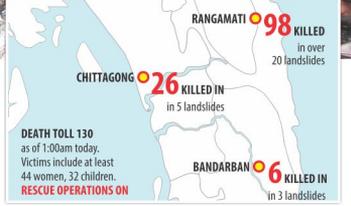
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## All 3 kids buried alive, parents live to ache

**SANJOY KUMAR BARIUA, Bandarban**  
 The couple and their three children huddled together inside their hut as it rained hard all day and night on Monday. The parents left their kids' side early yesterday to clean up the mess of washed-away mud, and then suddenly a large chunk of earth came crashing down on them.  
 Moments later when people living nearby dug the family out, Swapan, still reeling from the shock, saw his children sound asleep as they were before the mudslide.

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## Curious case of Chittagong connection

Little known firm gets seat on Islami Bank board

**JERIN NESA ALO**  
 Another little known Chittagong-based company, JMC Builders Ltd, has secured a position on the board of Islami Bank, the largest private commercial bank that drew a lot of attention after major changes in key positions in January.



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The company bought over 2 percent shares recently at the market price through stock exchange and nominated a representative on the board, confirmed Arastoo Khan, chairman of Islami Bank. Arastoo also represents a Chittagong-based company, Armada Spinning Mills Ltd.  
 JMC Builders spent about Tk 100 crore to buy over 3 crore shares at prevailing average market price of Tk 30 each to get a seat on the board.  
 Muhammad Shahabuddin Chuppu, a former commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), has been chosen as the representative of JMC Builders on the Islami Bank board.  
 The decision was taken at a board meeting on May 31. The bank got approval from Bangladesh Bank to this effect last week.  
 The board also decided to appoint Shahabuddin as vice-chairman of the bank as a replacement of Syed Ahsanul Alam, who was removed from the post on May 23. Earlier that day, at the annual general meeting, it was decided that the bank would

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Workers salvage furniture from a house in Manikchhari of Rangamati after the area was hit by a landslide yesterday.

## DEATHS IN LANDSLIDE

(Since 2000)

CHITTAGONG	DEATHS
2007	127
2012	28
2011	17
2010	13
2000	13
2008	11

COX'S BAZAR	DEATHS
2010	54
2012	29
2008	13
2015	5
2008	4

BANDARBAN	DEATHS
2012	27
2009	9

## We Deeply Mourn



Alhaj Borhan Uddin Ahmed, Director of Popular Jute Exchange Limited and its sister concern, founder member of Raimonen Nesa Degree College, President of Gazipur K.A.L High School and Azizia Hafizia Madrasa, Adviser and Ex- President of Riazbagh Zame Mosque, Prominent patron of learning and eminent social worker passed away on 12 June, 2017 Monday, at BIRDEM Hospital, Dhaka (Inna Lillahi wa Inna Elaihi Rajioun). He was 70.

We deeply mourn the departed soul and share the shock and pain with the mournful family members. We pray to the Almighty Allah for salvation of the departed soul. May Allah be kind enough to his family members to overcome the shock and pain.

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