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## GAS LEAK EXPLOSION Two killed, 7 hurt in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Two women were killed after walls of a building fell and a fire broke out following an explosion in Narayanganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

Seven others were injured in the incident.

Fire service officials suspected that gas that accumulated from a leak in a gas burner caused the explosion. The incident happened on the ground floor of five-storey "Mujahid Villa" at Shiachar.

On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the fire.

Of the two deceased, Maya Rani Das, 40, was killed in wall collapse, while Kakoli Rani, 25, died from burn injuries at Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery. The two were garment workers.

The injured were undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and other hospitals.

Abdullah Al Arefin, assistant deputy director of Narayanganj fire service and civil defence, said it took two fire engines to control the fire.

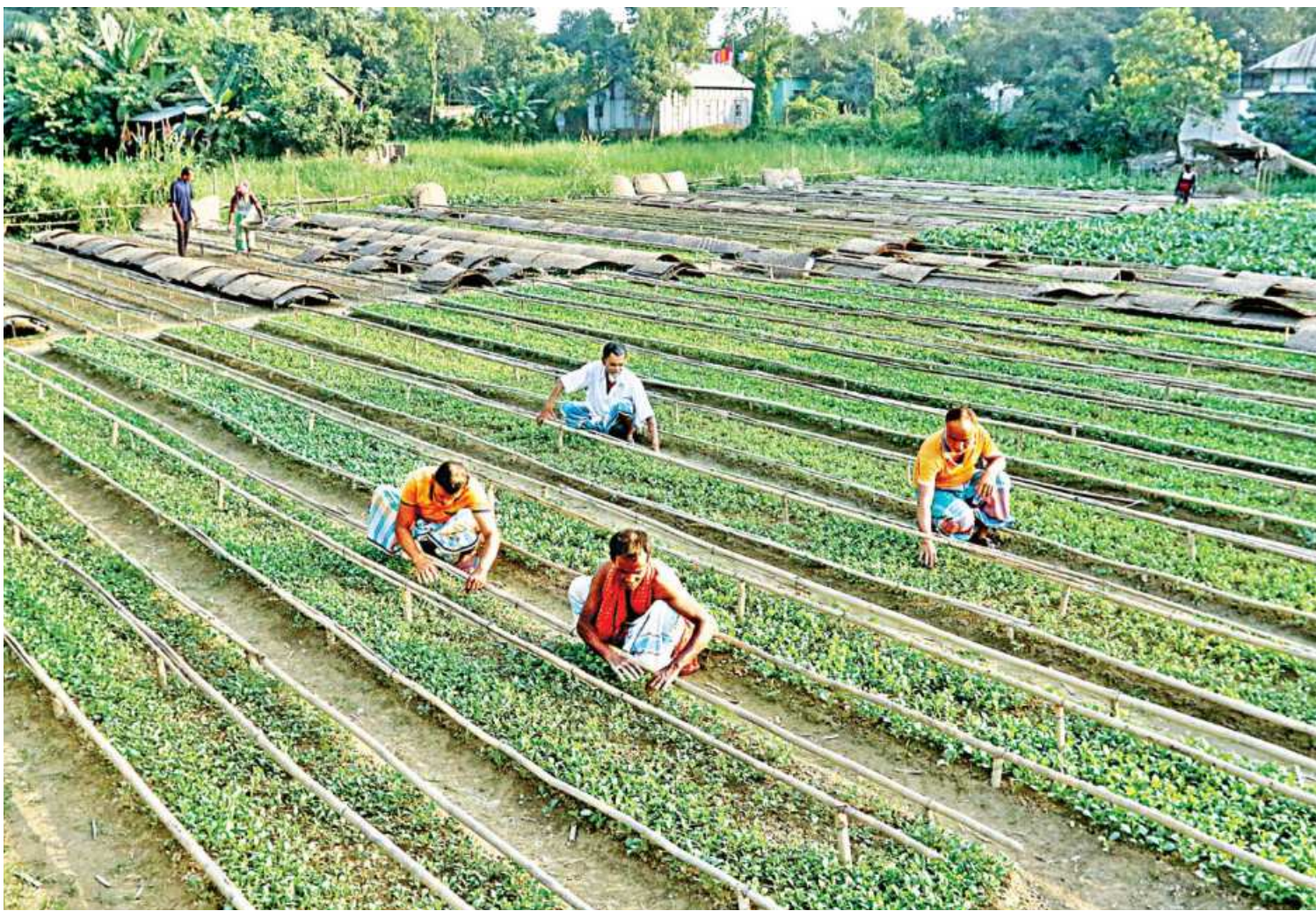
He said due to the explosion, portions of walls and windows of five rooms on the ground floor collapsed.

The official said primarily it was suspected that gas that leaked from a burner accumulated inside the rooms. The explosion might have happened when the burner or electric switch was switched on, he added.

Following the explosion, the building became risky for living. As a result, residents of the building were shifted elsewhere, he added.

Locals said they heard a loud bang around 6:00am and saw many people coming out of the building in fear. After

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Farmers busy preparing saplings for winter vegetables at Sirajdikhan of Munshiganj. Growers from all over the country come to this place to collect the saplings touted to be the best for vegetables production.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## POST-COUP MYANMAR US journo jailed for 11 years

AFP, Yangon

A Myanmar junta court yesterday sentenced an American journalist to 11 years in prison on charges of unlawful association, incitement against the military and breaching visa rules, his employer and lawyer said.

The military has squeezed the press since taking power in a February coup, arresting dozens of journalists critical of its crackdown on dissent,

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### PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 13

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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## Pakistan-China meeting at UN

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**BACK HOME, INDIRA GANDHI WARNS OF RISING DANGER**

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, returning from a three-week Western tour, said today that the military confrontation with Pakistan was becoming "less and less tolerable".

In her 10-minute airport meeting with the press, she carefully avoided giving any hint of what steps she was contemplating to deal with the border crisis.

"Do you think the Bangladesh problem can be solved without a war?" she was asked.

"This has also been exercising my mind and the minds of the leaders I met," she answered.

Asked about reports in the foreign press that she and President Nixon had found "no common ground" in their talks, she said this was "not entirely correct." She did not elaborate.

**PAKISTAN-CHINA MEETING**

China's chief delegate to the United Nations, Chiao Kuan'hua, and his deputy, Huang Hua, today discussed the India-Pakistan dispute and United Nations matters for an hour and 30 minutes with

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## 2 Bangladeshi cattle traders shot dead by BSF

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two Bangladeshi cattle traders were shot dead and another suffered bullet wounds as the Indian Border Security Force opened fire in the border area of Lalmonirhat's Kaliganj upazila early yesterday, said locals.

The BSF, however, claimed that the Bangladeshis had crossed inside their territory and that it had to fire shots in self-defence after it came under attack.

The deceased were Idris Ali, 30, and Bhasani Mia, 32, both from Malgara village of Kaliganj upazila. The injured, Shafiqul Islam, 28, of the same village, went missing after being shot, said Gorol Union Parishad Chairman Mahmudul Islam.

"Border Guard Bangladesh [BGB] Battalion-15 was informed about the shooting. They told us that steps would be taken to bring back the bodies and the missing person," he told The Daily Star.

According to locals, the incident happened near border pillar-917 in Burirhat-Malgara border area of the upazila's Gorol union as members of the Bhandaria Camp-7 of BSF opened fire on a group of

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## Rare, yet to be recorded

10 Middle Ages sculptures spotted in 4 Sylhet temples

YOGINI KALI

TARUN SARKAR

Four Sylhet temples have long been housing 10 Middle Ages sculptures, including a rare five-faced Shivalinga and a goddess on a corpse, but historians and archaeologists were unaware of their existence.

Each of them bears signs of ancient Shaivism practice in the region, but there is no mention of them in existing books or historical documents in Bangladesh, researchers and archaeologists have said.

Experts are particularly excited about two gems -- the rare quintuple-faced (five-faced) Shivalinga and the ancient four-handed goddess. Both were spotted by this correspondent during a visit to the Kali Temple in August 2021. The historic temple is located on Amzad Ali Sarak near the Sylhet Circuit House.

Independent researchers and archaeologists from Dhaka University and Jahangirnagar University confirmed their identity when photos taken from different angles were shared with them.

The "finds" will help reconstruct the history of the ancient Sylhet region, they said. Established around the year 1800 by Kalicharan Bhattacharjee, the Kali Temple is listed among the popular places of worship in the region.

The quintuple-faced Shivalinga is one foot and nine inches tall and is made of black basalt stone.

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## New class of drug reverses paralysis in mice

AFP, Washington

US scientists have developed a new form of drug that promotes the regeneration of cells and reversed paralysis in mice with spinal injuries, allowing them to walk again within four weeks of treatment.

The research was published in the journal Science on Thursday, and the team of Northwestern University scientists behind it hope to approach the Food and Drug Administration as early as next year to propose human trials.

"The aim of our research was to develop a translatable therapy that could be brought to the clinic to prevent individuals from becoming paralyzed after major trauma or disease," Northwestern's Samuel Stupp, who led the study, told AFP.

Curing paralysis is a longstanding goal of medicine, and other cutting-edge research in the field includes experimental treatments using stem cells to make new neurons (nerve cells).

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### Star HEALTHLINE

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Dental caries, also known as tooth decay or cavity, is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases worldwide. It is a permanently damaged area in the hard surface of one's tooth that develops into tiny opening or hole.

This is caused by a combination of factors, including bacteria in the mouth, frequent snacking, sipping sugary drinks and not cleaning one's teeth well.

Individuals are susceptible to this disease throughout

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## AL leader shot dead in Rajbari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A local Awami League leader was shot dead by unidentified men near his house in Mohisbathan area of Rajbari town early yesterday.

Abdul Latif Mia, 55, was the president of Baniboha Union Parishad (UP) Awami League and a former chairman of the UP.

He was hoping to be the AL nominee for UP chairman in the election to be held on December 28.

His nephew Ariful Islam said, "My uncle was coming home on his motorcycle from Baniboha bazar with our neighbour Mehedi Hossain around 12:10am. He dropped Mehedi in front of his house, which is about 600 yards from our house. As he was coming home, he saw some people standing on the road. He stopped and was turning around when they opened fire. Hearing his screams, the neighbours rushed there, but the gunmen had left by then. Five bullets hit his body... He was taken to Munnu Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead."

Mohammad Sahadat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Rajbari Sadar Police Station, said police were looking for the suspects.





### URGENT: Attention all Canadians in Bangladesh,



Due to the **COVID-19** pandemic we are strongly urging all Canadian Citizens to immediately register as a Canadian abroad (ROCA) at <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration> to enable you to receive important safety updates from the Government of Canada.

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