

Get-together turns fatal in Narayanganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As February 21 was a public holiday, four friends who worked at two private companies got together on Wednesday at a house in Narayanganj's Kanchpur area.

They went to one of their acquaintance's house in Chairmanpara area in the afternoon -- to cook and enjoy the meal together.

While the person whose home they went to, got out to buy some drinks from a nearby shop, four friends were getting ready to cook food.

But a brief moment of happiness quickly turned tragic as one of them lit a match to light the stove in the kitchen.

Suddenly a fire engulfed them, which is believed to have originated from accumulated gas.

All four of them got burnt in the blaze.

The four -- Md Jakaria, Abdullah Al Mamun, Rubel Hossain, and Sajib Mia -- suffered severe burn

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82 died in gas explosion-related fires in last 3 years

UNB, Narayanganj

At least 82 people died in gas explosion-related fires in Narayanganj over the last three years, according to police and fire service.

This excludes the number of victims of such fire incidents who died while receiving treatment.

Although gas pipeline leaks and cylinder explosions are the leading causes of these recorded fires, threats still persist. A blast in Pashchim Talla Baitus Salam Mosque of Narayanganj killed 37 on September 4, 2020.

There have also been accusations of irregularities in the investigation process, and the accused in the majority of cases remain uncharged due to the slow process of investigation.

According to police and fire service, there were 104 gas explosion-related fire incidents in Narayanganj district in 2022. Sixty-nine of them were caused by flaws in the gas pipeline, 34 incidents were reportedly caused by cylinder and air conditioner blasts. A total of 18 people, including children, died and 25 were injured in those incidents.

There were 114 gas explosion-related fire incidents in 2021. Pipeline flaws were responsible for 96 incidents. That year, 20 people were killed and more than 50 were injured.

A total of 44 people died and 26 were injured in 106 gas explosion-related fire incidents in 2020. Seventy-one incidents were caused by gas line faults, while the rest were caused by cylinder and air conditioner blasts.

Locals of the district said the authorities show

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Only a few millimeters of rain in Chattogram is enough to wash away the authorities' lofty claims of monsoon preparedness, as the majority of the city gets submerged. Chattogram Development Authority launched a project in 2018 to excavate and clean all canals in the port city to address the perennial problem of waterlogging. However, due to the slow progress of the work, city dwellers fear they will most likely suffer the same fate during this monsoon. The photos were taken in the Rajkhal canal area of Bakolia.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN



Graft case against sons 'politically motivated'

Claims Tarikat chief Maizbhandari

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Tarikat Federation Chairman Syed Najibul Bashar Maizbhandari has termed the graft case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission against his two sons "politically motivated".

He made the comment on Monday, a day after the case filed. A video clip of his statement did rounds on social media.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, Najibul Bashar, also a lawmaker from Chattogram-2, said the video was authentic.

The ACC on Sunday filed the case against 14 people for misappropriating a loan of about Tk 39.40 crore from Prime Finance and Investment Limited (PFIL).

The accused include Syed Taibul Bashar Maizbhandari, Syed Aftabul Bashar Maizbhandari and former PFIL chairman KM Khaled.

According to the case statement, the loan was approved on December 20, 2011, two days before the submission of the loan application.

Of the Tk 39.40 crore, Taibul got Tk 20 crore and Aftabul Tk 19.40 crore in their respective bank

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PRAYER TIMING
FEBRUARY 23

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-20 12-45 4-30 6-03 7-30
JAMAAT 5-55 1-15 4-45 6-07 8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Jamdani Palli: a village that weaves tradition

FARHANA AHMED

Jamdani is a symbol of identity, dignity and elegance both at home and abroad for its fine and rich muslin fabric and its motifs.

On special occasions, especially weddings, women are known to throng Jamdani Palli to buy their favourite sarees at wholesale rates.

Every Friday, buyers and traders gather at the Jamdani Palli soon after the Fazr prayers as a weekly "haat" is organised there to boost the business.

Jamdani Palli is located 3km north of the Kanchpur Bridge on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Noapara in Tarabo of Narayanganj's Rugganj.

In 1991, Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), built the BSCIC Jamdani Industrial Estate & Research Center -- now known as Jamdani Palli -- on around 20 acres of land at the cost of Tk 6 crore.

The area is also called BSCIC Nagari where weaving Jamdani is a family business.

Families have been practising this craft for generations. The weaving skills are handed down by parents to their children through

home workshops. There is no written form of teaching here.

Jamdani Palli has a great role in bringing together weavers from across the country, and that has resulted in a rich diversity of weaving traditions.



To nurture this art, the craftsmen have been gathered and given infrastructural facilities, allowing the artisans to live with their families and build an industry.

Here, the artisans, who have held on to the tradition of jamdani weaving, compete with each other to make the highest quality fabric.

Now, Jamdani is no longer limited to sarees. Craftsmen are also making three-

pieces, panjabis, curtains and wall mats to meet the market demands.

There are a total of 416 plots in the industrial city. Of those, 407 plots have been allotted for Jamdani weavers and two for pumps while seven others are reserved for rural electrification, according to the website of BSCIC Jamdani Industrial Estate & Research Center.

In this village, the craftsmen weave jamdani manually. No modern device is used. As a result, making a jamdani saree can take from a week to a year depending on the scope and quality of the work.

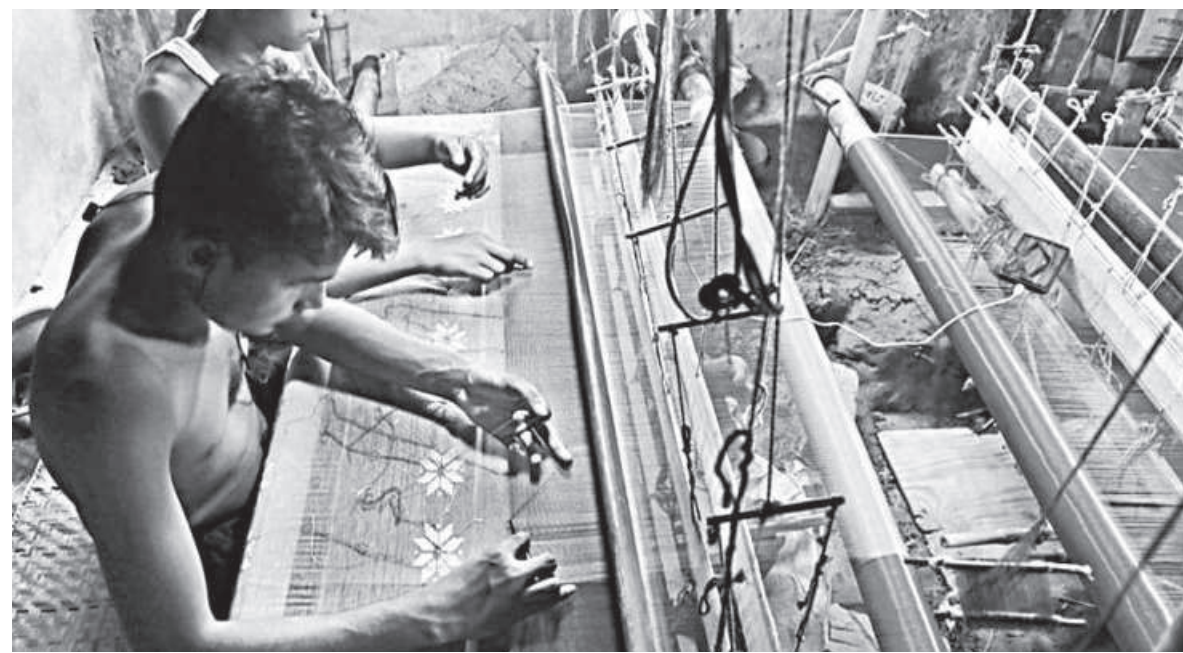
Talking to The Daily Star, Bayezid Hossain, an industrial estate officer, said BSCIC arranged their accommodation so that the tradition of weaving this wonderful, luxuriant fabric is not lost, or scattered to far-flung regions.

There are around 1,600 "taanties" (weavers) living in Jamdani Palli at present.

"We regularly inspect the plots to confirm that the plots are being used properly," he said.

The officer said once there was a training

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A typically busy day for a weaver at the Jamdani Palli, where he is seen weaving intricately detailed designs on the fabric.

PHOTO: STAR

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Memo No. cedp/bmc/otm/2022-23/01 Date: 23/02/2023

e-Tender Notice 01/2022-2023

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following packages:

Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
793797	Procurement of Furniture & Fixtures for Library, Teachers Conference room, Female common room & Principal's room for Government BM College, Barishal	13-Mar-2023 15:00	13-Mar-2023 16:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to 12-Mar-2023 16:00.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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JOURNO MURDER Inclusion of accused in AL committee sparks criticism

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Inclusion of journalist Shimul murder case prime accused Halimul Haque Miru in Sirajganj district Awami League committee has sparked criticism.

Miru, also former mayor of Shahzadpur municipality, has become a member of the new AL committee declared on Sunday.

Journalist Abdul Hakim Shimul, a correspondent of the Daily Samakal, was shot on February 2, 2017 during a clash between two rival groups of AL. He died on the way to Dhaka the next day.



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Freedom fighter tied to tree, tortured over land dispute

UNB, Chattogram

A freedom fighter was tied to a tree and tortured allegedly by his neighbours over a land dispute in Hathazari upazila of Chattogram.

The attackers ransacked freedom fighter Ahmed Hossain's house and later built a boundary wall on his land. Police have arrested Ahmed's neighbour Nahida Sultana in this connection. Her husband Lokman, and other accused went into hiding. After a video of the freedom fighter being tortured went viral on social media, police and the UNO of Hathazari upazila went to the victim's house.

Shahidul Islam, the UNO of Hathazari upazila, said, "Upon receiving information, I, along with police officers and other freedom fighters, went to the spot. The boundary wall was demolished at my command."

Ruhul Amin Sabuj, officer in charge of Hathazari Model police station, said a case was filed in this regard.

"We detained the wife of the main accused. Steps are being taken to detain Lokman and his cohorts," he said.

Engineering Division
Khulna University, Khulna
www.ku.ac.bd

Tender No. KU/ENGG/524/2020 Date: 22/02/2023

e-Tender Notice Tender No. 13/2022-23

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of

Tender ID No.	Name of the works	Tender closing and opening date & time
793325	Construction of Curtain Wall and Thai Work at Central Lab at Khulna University, Khulna	12-Mar-2023 3:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
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Padma Oil Company Limited
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
Strand Road, Shadarghat, Chattogram

Ref: 28.22.0000.857.06.110.17/48 Date: 22/02/2023

Corrigendum Notice
For

"Engineering Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Jet A-1 Underground Pipeline from Main Installation of Padma Oil Company Limited, Guptakhal, Chattogram to Shah Amanat International Airport, Chattogram, Bangladesh on Turnkey Basis"

Ref. No. 857.06.101.17.007 Date: 09/01/2023

This is for information of all concerned that following amendments of Tender Notice have been made:

Sl. No.	Existing	Amended
14	Tender last selling date	27/02/2023 up to 01:00pm
15	Tender closing date and time	28/02/2023 at 02:30pm
16	Tender opening date and time	28/02/2023 at 03:00pm

All other terms and conditions of the Tender Document shall remain unchanged.

Md. Abdus Sobhan
General Manager (Ops & Planning) & Project Director- Jet A-1 Underground Pipeline from MI to SAIA

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