

## Mother, 2 children die in Ctg fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Transport worker Manik Mia and his family – a wife and three children – were building onto their dreams in their humble abode in a slum in port city's Bayezid Bostami East Sahidnagar area.

However, his joy soon transformed into agony after a catastrophic fire at his house engulfed his wife Noor Nahar, 30, and two children – three-year-old Faria, and one and a half year old Maruf, early yesterday.

"I have lost everything," said Manik, who was away from home when the harrowing incident took place.

With his eldest son Masud being the only one to escape the inferno, Manik now has to live with a void that can never be filled.

Two fire service units rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control at 5:50am, upon information. Their efforts also led to the rescue of four individuals, who were promptly rushed to a hospital for urgent medical attention.

Preliminary investigations suggested that the fire originated from a mosquito-repellent coil in the slum, engulfing Manik's house and later spreading to five other adjacent homes, informed Ferdous Jahan, officer-in-charge of Bayezid Bostami Police Station.

"The family of the deceased filed an unnatural death case with our police station," he added.



Chattogram turned into a city of procession and rally yesterday as the ruling party and BNP held programmes in Laldighi Maidan and Bakalia area respectively. In Bakalia, BNP brought out a procession demanding resignation of the Awami League government, left. Meanwhile, AL held a peace rally at the Laldighi Maidan to protest against the arson attacks and violence by BNP-Jamaat men.

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## Two siblings sent to jail for torturing schoolboys

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Two brothers who were arrested for torturing two schoolboys over a football game in Jamalpur, were sent to jail yesterday.

The incident took place at Sadar upazila.

The arrests were made after the father of one of the victims, Jetu Mia, filed a case with the Jamalpur Sadar Police Station on Saturday night.

The arrestees are Sheikh Mohammad Rukon, 40, and Motaieb, 35, said Nur Mohammad, investigation officer of the police station.

According to Jetu Mia, the incident unfolded when a quarrel erupted between Rukon's son Bulbul and his son Babu during a football game, over a goal. They returned to their respective homes following the altercation.

However, Rukon, along with his younger brother Motaieb, rushed to Babu's house and forcibly took Babu and his friend Raihan to their residence. They

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## Alokbali's water hyacinth woes

JAHIDUL ISLAM and SHARIFUL ISLAM, back from Narsingdi

Mahmuda Begum was bleeding excessively after she gave birth to a baby girl on December 22 last year.

The 22-year-old mother from Alokbali union under Narsingdi Sadar upazila needed emergency medical care, which didn't exist in the union, located on a remote char in the Meghna river.

It was 5:00 am. Nasir Ahmed, her husband, started a race against time to get to the Narsingdi Sadar Hospital by navigating the Meghna river in an engine boat.

However, Mahmuda's condition deteriorated rapidly, and she fell unconscious en route. Hours later, when they finally arrived at the hospital, the duty doctor informed him that it was too late to save his beloved wife.

"If only she had reached the hospital a couple of hours earlier," Nasir sobbed, while sharing his story.

Mahmuda's tragic incident is not an isolated case in this remote char region. During the months of March to June, the journey to Narsingdi Sadar becomes a nightmare for residents, plagued by dense bushes and water hyacinths obstructing the waterways.

The owners of the 200 or so illegal fish farms, which are set up along the river's banks and branches are directly to blame for this, said locals.

These fish farm owners, in an effort to maximise their profits, release water hyacinth



into the river during the dry season. Within weeks, this invasive plant spread throughout the water body, rendering it nearly impassable for water transport. The consequences are dire, with lives hanging in the balance.

Nizam Uddin, 34, from Khodadila village in the Alokbali union of Sadar upazila, has two fish enclosures.

He said, "We do not create barriers in the river for the movement of boats. Instead, water hyacinth is typically present in the river during this time of year. Besides, there are other plants floating in the river."

Residents of Alokbali union expressed that their woes subside during the rainy season when rising water levels and the inundation of surrounding areas alleviate the problem. They rely on engine boats and occasionally

speed boats to reach Narsingdi Sadar via the Meghna river. However, when water hyacinth fills the river, even speedboats are rendered immobile. The normally short 30-minute speed boat journey is extended to one and a half hours on an engine boat.

Narsingdi Deputy Commissioner Abu Nayeem Mohammed Maruf Khan said the district administration is not aware of the matter. He said they will take necessary steps in this regard.

Local MP Lt Col (Rtd) Nazrul Islam Hiro (Bir Pratik) said he placed a survey report conducted by LGED to construct a concrete road and two bridges at Jatiya Sangsad last year, but it is yet to be approved.

"I hope the project will get approval from the Ecneec soon," he added.

## 'How dare you do BNP politics' 'BCL men' beat 4 Jubo Dal leaders in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Four Jubo Dal leaders were injured in an attack allegedly by Chhatra League men in Narayanganj's Rugganj upazila on Saturday night.

They are Obaydul Hossain Rocky, general secretary of Murapara union unit Jubo Dal under Rupaganj upazila; Al-Amin, assistant general secretary of the same unit, Md Kamal Hossain, president of ward-8 under the union, and Farhad Hossain, vice-president of the same ward unit.

Talking to The Daily Star, Obaydul said they were going to Murapara from the Rupshi area at around 9:00pm on Saturday when some youths intercepted them, and asked for their identities, he said.

"When they (attackers) came to know that we are involved with Jubo Dal, they started beating us. Instantly, some 20 to 25 more people joined them. They also snatched our mobile phones and wallets," he alleged. While beating us, the attackers said, "How dare you do BNP politics," said Obaydul.

"The attackers identified themselves as BCL activists and tried to take us to the office of Tanzir Ahmed Reaz, who is acting president of Rugganj upazila unit BCL," he added. Obaydul said later they took treatment at the local health complex.

Contacted, Riaz denied the allegation. Inspector (investigation) Ataur Rahman of Rugganj Police Station said, "If anyone files a complaint, we will take legal action."

Narayanganj district unit Jubo Dal convener Golam Faruk Khokon alleged, "We are being targeted by ruling party men. If we go to the police station, the law enforcers harass us rather than cooperating. So, we will not file any complaint."

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## Schoolboy among three killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people – including a schoolboy – were killed and three injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Cumilla, two persons died and three were injured as a microbus fell into a roadside ditch after being hit by a truck in Daudkandi upazila.

The deceased are Sattar Mia, 65, and Dulal Bapary, 62. Both were residents of the upazila.

The Dhaka-bound truck hit the microbus from behind in front of Shahidnagar MA Jalil High School around 8:30am, said Md Jahangir, officer-in-charge of Daudkandi Highway Police Station.



One of the victims died on the spot and another was declared dead at a local hospital. The victims were passengers of the microbus, he said.

The truck toppled on its side upon impact, the OC said, adding that police seized both vehicles after the accident.

In Bogura, a nine-year-old boy was killed after a bus ran him over on Bogura-Naogaon regional highway in Adamdighi upazila.

Abu Bakar Siddique, son of Shamim Miah of Dalomba slum, was a student of class II at a local government primary school, said Adamdighi Police Station OC Rezaul Karim.

Quoting locals, the OC said a Bogura-bound bus from Naogaon hit the boy while he was going to a shop beside the highway to buy food around 8:00am.

The bus managed to flee the scene, he said. The body was handed over to the family without an autopsy.

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