

Two cousins
killed in gas
cylinder blast

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Two teenage boys died in a gas cylinder explosion in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur during Durga Puja celebrations on Monday night.

The deceased were cousins Simanta Pal, 17, and Prosenjit Pal, 14, of Paltapur (Kumarpura) village under the upazila.

Simanta's father Nikhil Chandra Pal is a gas balloon trader. On Monday night around 8:00pm, Simanta was inflating a balloon using gas cylinder, while Prosenjit was assisting him, when the cylinder exploded, leaving them severely injured.

Locals rushed them to Birganj Upazila Health Complex, where both of them succumbed to their injuries, said Abdur Razzak, officer-in-charge of Birganj Police Station.

The explosion also caused damage to the family's house, the OC added.



Most houses of this Ashrayan project in Khulna's Dumuria upazila have been lying amid knee to waist-deep water for the last three months, causing immense suffering to hundreds of residents. The photos were taken recently.

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Imam Uddin
Ahmad no
more

STAR REPORT

Former caretaker government advisor Imam Uddin Ahmad Chowdhury passed away at his residence in Sylhet yesterday. He was 97.

He breathed his last around 3:00am, said his son Dr Niaz Ahmad Chowdhury.

He left behind one son, one daughter, grandchildren, and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He will be buried following a namaz-e-janaza at Shahjalal Dargah Mosque on October 27.

Imam Uddin's career included serving as an advisor to the Shahabuddin Ahmed caretaker government, a role he assumed on January 7, 1991. He was in charge of the commerce ministry.

He was born on December 10, 1926, in Sylhet's Dakkhin Surma upazila's Daudpur village.

He passed the BSc Engineering examination with first class in 1951 as a pioneering student of Dhaka Engineering College. He then started his career as an assistant engineer in the Communication and Building Department of the government of East



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Ashrayan homes under
water for 3 months

Residents in Khulna's Dumuria blame poor planning

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

An Ashrayan (shelter) project with 56 houses in Khulna's Dumuria upazila has remained inundated for the last three months, leaving over a hundred residents amid untold sufferings.

The project was constructed in an unplanned manner in a low-lying area, ignoring objections from local representatives.

Locals said the shelter was developed in an area where a river used to flow even a decade back.

Visiting the shelter project recently, this correspondent saw most houses lying amid knee to waist deep water.

Rabeya Begum, a resident, said she left their allotted house with her husband and son three months ago and moved to a house that is slightly less sunken, sharing it with two other families.

"For the last three months, residents here have been living amid difficulties. We cannot use the bathroom in the house as it has dirt floating inside," she said.

Abdul Barik, another resident, said after the shelter became submerged three months ago during monsoon, most residents were forced to leave the shelter and are now renting houses in neighbouring villages.

"It is true that our government gave us a house, but what benefit is it to us if we cannot live in it? The UNO is yet to visit the shelter after it became inundated," he said.

"Before site selection, I repeatedly requested the then upazila nirbahi officer not to construct the shelter there," said Abdul Goffur Gazi, a local union parishad member.

"The UNO did the government's project whimsically, without consulting locals. Ultimately poor people are suffering now," he

alleged.

Ashraf Hossain, upazila project implementation officer, said the project was constructed during the dry season.

The situation has turned worse as water cannot drain through the canal because the Shoilmar river has become silted and the sluice gate is not operational, he said.

"It is not our responsibility to drain the water, it has to be done by the Water Development Board," the upazila PIO added.

Dumuria UNO Sharif Asif Rahman said the upazila parishad and several surrounding villages are still waterlogged.

"If the rivers are not dredged, not only the shelter project, but the surrounding villages will become permanently inundated. We are in touch with departments concerned to dredge the river and repair the sluice gates," he added.



2 die as truck
overturns
in Sylhet

UNB, Sylhet

Two people were killed and at least seven were injured as a mini truck carrying them overturned on Sylhet-Tamabil Road in Jaintiapur upazila of Sylhet yesterday morning.

The deceased Jahangir, 30, and Moyamin, 28, were residents of Itapara area under Keraniganj upazila.

Md Tajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Jaintiapur Police Station, said some people from Keraniganj came to Hazrat Shahjalal Mazar to offer prayers.

The accident occurred around 9:30am when the truck carrying them overturned as the driver lost control over the steering, he said. The truck was on its way to Jallfong from Sylhet.

Initially, the injured were rushed to Jaintiapur Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital, the OC added.



People suffer
for delay in
bridge work

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

People in Lalmonirhat's Gaddimari are suffering as the bridge over Sanajan river is yet to be completed, even four and a half years after the construction began.

Locals cross the river using a boat, which costs Tk 10 per ride.

Nazrul Islam, 65, a farmer of Gaddimari village, said construction of the bridge was supposed to be completed three years ago. "We have to cross the Sanajan river to go to the district town. It is also a burden when it comes to transporting agricultural produce. If the bridge is completed quickly, we will be benefited greatly," he said.

Abdul Haque, 60, another farmer, said over 1,000 families living in the Teesta char areas will be able to travel using the bridge. However, since it is incomplete, they are forced to spend time and money to cross the river by boat.

Local Government Engineering Department sources said work on the 220-metre-long bridge began at a cost of Tk 22,39,96,300 on April 13, 2019. It was supposed to be completed by September 30, 2021.

Islam Traders is the contractor responsible for constructing the bridge.

The Daily Star couldn't contact the contractor despite repeated attempts.

Lalmonirhat LGED Executive Engineer Manjur Kader Islam said 95 percent of the bridge has been completed. It will be open to traffic after construction of the connecting road. Due to the pandemic, the contractor delayed the construction of the bridge, he said.



It's discriminatory
CSO Forum on JnU rule
requiring married, pregnant
women to vacate dorms


STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The provision at Jagannath University's residential hall, requiring married and pregnant women to vacate, is discriminatory and should be withdrawn immediately, said CSO Forum for Strengthening Sustainable SRHR Ecosystem in Bangladesh yesterday.


On September 25, Dipika Rani Sarker, provost of Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall of JnU, issued a notice, directing married and pregnant students to leave the hall as per rules.

"Such discriminatory provisions and its implementation in residential halls are very worrying and condemnable," read a press release

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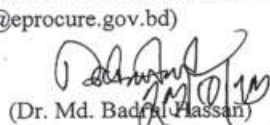
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Patuakhali-1
by-polls on
Nov 26

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The by-election to Patuakhali-1 constituency will be held on November 26, said EC Secretary Jahangir Alam yesterday.

The EC announced the schedule of the elections after a meeting of the commissioners.

The last date for submission of nomination papers is November 1, EC Jahangir said, adding that the last date for withdrawal of candidature is November 9.

The parliament secretariat on Sunday announced the constituency vacant after former state minister for religious affairs and Patuakhali-1 lawmaker Shahjahan Miah died on Saturday.

There was confusion whether the EC would hold the by-elections just months ahead of next general elections, which is likely to take place in early January.

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