Cold persists in the north

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Residents of several northern districts, including Dinajpur and Rangpur, are facing the brunt of a severe cold spell throughout the region.

Over the past two days, people in Dinajpur have had to deal with dense fog and frosty winds, along with low temperatures, as the sun couldn't be seen anywhere.

The intense cold weather has caused serious hardship for the locals, especially those residing in riverside areas of the Teesta Basin who lack adequate warm clothing.

In Dinajpur, the meteorological office recorded the temperature at 12 degrees Celsius yesterday.

Meanwhile, in Rangpur, residents are opting to stay indoors as the bitter cold and fog have enveloped the area since Wednesday afternoon.

This is particularly affecting low income individuals, particularly day labourers, as they can hardly find any work amid such weather.



The increasing fog also raised concerns among farmers about potential damage to crops, with boro seeds and rabi crops being vulnerable to such weather conditions.

The severe cold conditions have not only disrupted daily life but have also resulted in health issues, with children and the elderly suffering from respiratory problems and diarrhoea, causing a surge of patients at medical centres and hospitals at the district and upazila levels.

Meanwhile, relief and rehabilitation officer's offices in Dinajpur and Rangpur districts had sent approximately 1 lakh blankets to various upazilas for coldaffected people on Wednesday.



Salam Gazi, a 64-year-old vegetable farmer, on the way to a local market from his cucumber plantation in Nandapara area of Barishal's Bakerganj upazila yesterday. Investing about Tk 20,000, he makes Tk 50,000-60,000 every season, selling each kilo of his produce for Tk 30 to wholesalers. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Pro-BNP lawyers call for demo on January 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

United Lawyers Front, a platform of pro-BNP lawyers, yesterday announced to bring out black flag processions and stage demonstrations at all bar association premises countrywide on January 14 to press home its demands for resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina-led government and cancellation of January 7 national polls.

Terming the national polls "a dummy election that assassinated people's right to vote", the ULF leaders placed the demand at a press conference at South Hall of the Supreme Court Bar Association.

Four to die for killing driver

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A Cumlla court yesterday sentenced four persons to death on the charge of drowning a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver in a roadside ditch.

Rozina Khan, third additional and district judge of Cumilla, delivered the verdict, court sources said.

The convicts -- Md Jahangir, 30, from Kalairkandi; Md Sumon, Imran, 18, and Rubel Mia, 23, from Jafrabad in Debidwer -- were not present at the court.

On April 24, 2013, the four killed CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver Ikter Hossain at Bekinagar Fisheries Project site, according to the case record.

The convicts beat him and then drowned him in the ditch. Later, they hid the body into water hyacinth.

On April 25 of the same year, Akter Hossain, elder brother of 22, from Juranpur in Daudkandi; the deceased, filed a murder case with Daudkandi Police Station

Another fire guts eight shelters in Rohingya camp

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A week after a devastating fire that burned down at least 1.000 makeshift shelters of Rohingyas at Camp 5, a fire incident occurred again at the same camp in Ukhiya upazila of Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

At least eight shelters were razed in the fire at the B block of the camp, said the fire fighters.

We are investigating the incident, said Shafiqul Islam, station officer of Ukhiya Fire Service and Civil Defence.

The trained volunteers of the camp acted after the fire ensued around 12:45am and later four units of Ukhiya fire service joined them, said Shafiqul.

The fire came under control within an hour, he said.

Meanwhile, panic has gripped the Rohingyas following the frequent fire incidents in camps.

At least three fire incidents had happened at the refugee camp in the last 15 days. At least 1,000 shelters were gutted in the January 6 incident at Camp 5.

RAMU TEMPLE Youth arrested over arson



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar Police have arrested a youth in connection with the arson at the Buddhist temple of Ramu Sadar

in Cox's Bazar on January 6. Abdul Yasir Shahjahan, 22, a BNP activist from East Merulong area in Ramu, was held in

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Chattogram city on Tuesday night, said Mahafuzul Islam, superintendent

of police in Cox's Bazar, at a press briefing yesterday. "The arson was a planned sabotage for pre-election unrest," he said.

Arsonists set fire to the Buddhist temple in Ramu upazila on January 6. The incident took place at U Chai Chan (Rakhine) Ramu Buddhist . Temple around 2:00am

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Four killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed in road accidents in three districts during the last two days, according to reports received from our correspondents.

In Natore, a man and his wife died after a human haulier hit them in Lalpur upazila yesterday.

Chandu Molla, 62, and his wife Arabi Begum, 45, from Dakkhin Lalpur in the upazila were declared dead at Lalpur Upazila Health Daudkandi upazila yesterday. Complex after locals took them

According to locals, the accident took place on the Ishwardi-Lalpur road in the area when Chandu and Arabi were standing by the road waiting for a vehicle to take them to Naogaon.

A human haulier overturned and hit the couple after a truck rammed the vehicle, said Nasim Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Lalpur Police Station.

In Cumilla, a youth died after an unidentified vehicle hit his car in

The accident happened

Bekinagar around 6:00am, said Daudkandi Highway Police Station OC Shahinur Islam.

Srijon Debnath Joy, 30, from Polash Bazar in Ghorashal, Narsingdi died on the spot.

In Netrakona, a motorcyclist named Ashraful Islam was killed after being hit by a sand-laden truck on Durgapur-Shyamganj road in Nuapara under Durgapur upazila on Wednesday night.

Durgapur Police Station OC Uttam Chandra Deb said the police seized the truck but the driver

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