

A family wiped

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The four deceased were buried side-by-side on Tuesday evening.

Meanwhile, another family also fell victim to the same accident.

Popi Akhter, 21, was travelling with her husband, Iqbal Sheikh, 25, and their one-year-old son, to visit Iqbal's cousin in Dhaka. Popi and Iqbal did not survive the accident, leaving their baby an orphan.

"My daughter and son-in-law are gone, and now their little boy has no parents," said Popi's father Nannu Ali.

"Now how will this child grow up without a mother and father?" he cried.

At least 15 people were killed in the horrific collision in Faridpur, while several others were injured.

Won't tolerate

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return to normal life," added Khurshid.

Regarding the arrests of common people, he said, "If you go fishing in a pond, small fish also get caught in the net. The same thing happened here."



PRAYER TIMING
APRIL 18

Table with prayer times for Fajr, Zohr, Asr, Maghrib, Esha. Includes source: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION.

HOLICHERRA TEA GARDEN
450 trees felled on govt land



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Around 450 trees, including at least 52 Akashmani trees, have been illegally felled and sold off on a government land within Luayuni-Holicherra Tea Garden area under Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar.

A case has been filed in this connection on April 10, accusing Farooq Ahmad Chowdhury and Mahmud Hasan Prince, the garden's general manager and deputy manager respectively, and 20 unnamed others.

Amir Uddin, a sub-inspector of Kulaura Police Station, said, "Bijay Chandra Sheel, assistant land officer at Brahmanbazar union land office, filed the case under the Forest Act on April 10."

Investigation is going on in this connection, he added.

Confirming the matter, Mehedi Hasan, assistant commissioner (Land) in the upazila said, "A total 450 trees were cut down and sold from the garden. On information, Riaz Uddin,

range officer of forest department in the upazila, and I visited the spot on April 8, and observed that the tree stumps were covered with soil and debris to hide the proof. The felled trees are valued around Tk 80 lakh, as per the declaration of lease agreement."

Meanwhile, 23 logs of Akashmani trees were recovered from a village near the Tea Estate yesterday. "We think the logs were from the trees felled at Holicherra Tea Garden area," claimed Mehedi.

"They [tea garden authority] violated the lease agreement. Besides, the government has lost revenue," he added.

Contacted, Mahmud Hasan Prince, deputy manager of the garden, said some trees were cut down in the garden recently after those were damaged in storm.

The wood from these trees would be used for construction of staff quarters and waiting room, he also said.

He, however, claimed that no other tree was cut or sold, adding that they did not know anything about the case.

Tangail's only

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but for that, they need a modern camp with the necessary facilities. A gymnasium is not the right place to accommodate them," said Shamim Al Mamun, a badminton player.

"However, if they have to be kept in the gymnasium, we demand that a new indoor facility be constructed immediately for the local athletes," he added.

Contacted, Major Manjur Mehedi Islam, commander of CPC-3 of Rab-14, said they have nothing to do in this regard as it is a matter of the government.

"A proposal has been made to the government for the construction of a Rab camp in Tangail. The matter is under process," said Mohibul Islam Khan, additional deputy inspector general and also commander of Rab-14.

Let candidates

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Kajol issued the order and rule on April 8, following a writ petition filed by 156 candidates who have passed the registration examination and are now above 35.

Petitioners' lawyer Md Shahinuzzaman told The Daily Star that NTRCA issued a public circular on March 31 this for recruiting 96,736 teachers at the non-government academic institutions including private schools and colleges.

According to the circular, the candidates must be under 35 years of age. They were under 35 when they attended the exam, he said.

The results were published in December 2023 and the writ petitioners are now above 35 years, he added.

Senior lawyer Shah Monjurul Hoque appeared for the writ petitioners.

12 drug kingpins amass

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2021, followed by 82,672 in 2022 and 76,403 in 2023.

ASSETS OF DRUG KINGPINS
A Teknaf based drug kingpin Nurul Haq Bhutto was killed at the hands of rivals in May 2022, following the death of his brother Nur Mohammad in a "gunfight" with police earlier that year.

A money laundering case filed against Bhutto, Nur Mohammad, and their father Ejahar Mia in 2017 uncovered a network of 42 associates involved in laundering approximately Tk 3 crore. The CID seized

assets including 2.05 acres of land and a Tk 2.5 crore house.

Shafiq Alam alias Shafi, another kingpin, faced two money laundering cases in 2021 and 2023. His illicit gains amounted to Tk 44.14 crore, with assets comprising 730 acres of land and three houses worth Tk 1.10 crore.

On March 14, 2023, the CID filed a case against one Shaheen Alam, for laundering Tk 6.20 crore. The CID sought to confiscate his house and 192 acres of land.

Yaba dealer Nurul

Kabir faced allegations of laundering Tk 11.05 crore in a case in Teknaf on March 20, 2022. His assets -- including a brick kiln, a duplex house, a poultry farm, a salt farming business, and 15 acres of land, are currently in the process of confiscation.

Furthermore, on March 22, 2023, the CID filed a case against drug kingpin Nurul Islam with Adabar Police Station in Dhaka, for laundering approximately Tk 13 crore. His possessions, including four houses, 0.88 acres of land, a car, and gold ornaments, were targeted for confiscation.

Wholesale market relocation

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the issue of compensation for the businessmen who wanted to move to the Jatrabari Market.

According to the meeting sources, the home minister gave a positive response to the businessmen's demand.

Mutakabbir Ahmed, regional executive officer of DNCC's Zone-5, said, "There is no doubt that Karwan Bazar market will be relocated. The process will start very soon."

"Many businessmen were unwilling to go to Amin Bazaar and submitted a proposal to relocate to a market in Jatrabari, which is under the jurisdiction of the local government division. We

will facilitate the transfer to both of these locations," he told The Daily Star.

In the initial phase, a total of 256 shops are slated for relocation from Karwan Bazar, with 180 earmarked for Amin Bazar and the remaining 176 for Jatrabari, said Mutakabbir, who will oversee the relocation.

However, Lokman Hossain, secretary of Karwan Kitchen Market Businessmen's Association, said they have not received any official letter or directive regarding the relocation process yet.

He declined to make any further comment on this matter.

On the other hand, DNCC started the process of relocating its regional

office from Karwan Bazar to Mohammadpur Community Center on March 28, due to its risky infrastructure.

In 2006, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) approved a Tk 206 crore project to construct three markets in Mohakhali, Amin Bazar, and Jatrabari, intending to modernise markets and supply systems for farm products and reduce traffic congestion in the Karwan Bazar area.

However, the work on the project remained suspended until 2013, when the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and DNCC revised the total budget of the project to Tk 264 crore.

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