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## ONGOING HEATWAVE

# Water crisis grips Khulna

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

The water crisis in Khulna city has deepened amidst the relentless heatwave, due to plummeting groundwater levels and the inability of the Water Supply and Sewerage Authority to meet the residents' water needs adequately.

Around 500 families residing near Sonadanga Solar Park and Harijan Pally areas in ward 17 of the Khulna City Corporation are facing the worst of this crisis.

Kabita Begum, a mother of three, said the public tube-wells in her locality have stopped producing any water for a week now.

"I've had to trek to a distant pump to fetch water. Additionally, I must purchase two jars of water daily at Tk 80 each to fulfill my family's needs," she said.

Similar distress echoed across Mirzapur Road, Baitipara, Ahsan Ahmed Road, Tutpara, Basupara, West Baniakhmar, Babu Khan Road, Gobarchaka, Basupara, Farajipara, and Daulatpur areas.

Saifullah Mamun from Karimnagar, under ward 17, highlighted the recurrent water crises plaguing the region for the past six years, particularly during the summer.

According to Wasa sources, approximately 90 percent of the city areas cannot utilise Wasa water for drinking purposes, so they rely on tube-wells and submersible pumps.

However, as groundwater plummets during summer, many of these tube-wells get dysfunctional, leaving its users with no pure drinking water.

Meanwhile, due to its costly nature, many residents cannot afford to set up a submersible pump to begin with.

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People are forced to fetch water from distant pumps or tube-wells as Khulna Wasa currently supplies only five crore litres of water per day against a demand of 24 crore litres. The photo was taken from the city's Mujgunni area recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## 3 of a family die from electrocution

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Barishal

A woman, her son and daughter died from electrocution yesterday after they came in contact with a torn yet live electric cable of Rural Electrification Board's supply line.

The incident took place in Dhalmaria village under Neamoti union in Barishal's Bakerganj upazila around 12:15pm.

The deceased were identified as Sonia Begum, 31, her son Salman Molla, 5, and daughter Rezeena Akter, 12.

Afzal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Bakerganj Police Station, confirmed the matter.

"On information, police went to the spot and recovered the bodies. The incident will be investigated and legal action will be taken to this end," the OC said.

Contacted, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, UNO of

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## Hit by auto-rickshaw, child dies falling off mother's lap

STAR REPORT

Although a mother's embrace is the safest place for a child, it seems no place can be deemed safe on the roads of Bangladesh.

One-year-old Humaira Akter was on her mother's lap when tragedy struck.

Two auto-rickshaws collided head-on in the Madina Bazar area of Munshiganj yesterday.

The impact was so forceful that one of the auto-rickshaws overturned, careening towards Humaira and her mother, Habiba Begum.

As the vehicle hit Habiba, Humaira fell from her lap and sustained serious injuries.

She was taken to Munshiganj General Hospital where doctors declared her dead, said Inspector Amal Dash of the Munshiganj Hatimara Police Investigation Centre.

Neither the auto-rickshaw drivers nor their passengers sustained serious injuries, he said.

The two auto-rickshaws have been seized but the drivers managed to flee, said police.

Meanwhile in Mymensingh, two CNG-run auto-rickshaw passengers were killed and four others injured as the vehicle and a bus collided head-on in Sadar upazila.



The grieving relatives of Humaira.

The incident happened on Mymensingh-Sherpur road in Alalpur area, said Mohammad Mainuddin, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

One of the deceased was identified as Swaraswati Chowhan, 40, from Palpara in Haluaghat, Mymensingh. The identity of another could not be known immediately.

The injured – including the auto-rickshaw driver – were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Police seized the bus but its driver managed to flee, said the OC.

## JOURNO NADIM MURDER

# UP chairman's son still at large

Nadim's family says they're being threatened

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

One of the main accused in the case filed over the killing of journalist Golam Rabbani Nadim in Jamalpur is yet to be arrested even after 10 months since the murder.

The accused, Fahim Faisal Rifat, son of Mahmudul Alam Babu, still remains absconding, according to police.

Nadim was Jamalpur district correspondent of **bangla news 24**.

The injured – including the auto-rickshaw driver – were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Police seized the bus but its driver managed to flee, said the OC.

Bakshiganj, and died a day later.

Journalists and Nadim's family members yesterday formed a human chain and staged a protest rally on Press Club Road in Jamalpur Sadar demanding immediate arrest of Faisal.



Golam Rabbani Nadim

Jamalpur Online Journalists Association organised the programme.

Addressing the event, Nadim's wife Monira Begum alleged that although law enforcers are saying that Faisal is on the run, he is actually roaming around in the area freely and even joining different programmes.

Besides, some other accused, who are now on bail, have been

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## 3 HELD FOR ARSON ON BUS

# Jubo Dal, Chhatra Dal men behind the attack: CTTC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Division (CTTC) arrested three men, including two leaders of Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal, in connection with the arson attack on a bus in the capital's Demra area last October, resulting in the death of a bus helper.

The arrestees are – Nurul Islam Monir alias Monir Munshi, 37, former vice president of Dhaka City South Chhatra Dal, Shahed Ahmed, 38, member secretary of Narayanganj City Jubo Dal and Mahabubur Rahman Sohag, 33, Monir Munsif's driver, also a BNP activist, according to the CTTC.

The helper of a bus of Achim Paribahan – Nayem, 22 – was killed and its driver Rabiul Islam, 25, was injured after arsonists set fire to the bus in the Demra area on early October 29, 2023, while they were asleep.

At a press briefing at DMP Media Centre yesterday, CTTC Chief Md Asaduzzaman said they collected the CCTV footage around the spot. By analysing those, they identified a vehicle used for arson that day.

Based on that, they conducted raids in different parts of the capital and arrested the main arsonist and his accomplices. They also seized the vehicle.

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## Man held with 1kg crystal meth in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police claimed to have arrested a musician with one kilogramme of crystal meth, known as "ice", in the capital's Rampura area.

The arrestee is – Enamul Kabir Rebel, 47, a member of the rock band "Uccharon", which was formed by legendary singer Azam Khan.

He was placed on a two-day remand yesterday.

Talking to journalists, Rashedul Islam, additional deputy commissioner (Khilgaon Zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said Rampura police conducted a raid in Malibagh's Chowdhury Para area on Friday and arrested Enamul where he went to sell "ice".

"He put 'ice' into the bag of cat food and moved around," he said. The contraband is worth Tk 1 crore, he added.

Rashedul said Rebel is an accomplice of drug dealer Liton alias Litu Bhajjan.

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Dust clouds have become regular on the dilapidated Rayerbazar section of the Sadarghat-Gabtolli-Beribadh road, making commute difficult for people in the area. Meanwhile, the road work continues at a snail's pace. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## RAPE OF TEEN

# Accused Chinese national 'fled the country'

Police press charges against 2

EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

A Chinese national raped a teenager in the capital's Uttara area in August last year, police have found in investigation. Ji Chen, 58, was abetted by Hira Chakma, 25, in raping the 19-year-old indigenous girl, said police.

On March 31, investigation officer Nurul Haque, also a sub-inspector of Uttara Paschim Police Station, submitted a charge sheet in the case to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka, accusing Chinese citizen Ji Chen, and Hira Chakma, a court staffer told The Daily Star.

According to the charge sheet, Dr Anika Ibnat, a lecturer of the forensic medicine department at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College, stated in her report that the teenager had "signs of recent and forceful sexual intercourse".

"The girl got acquainted with Hira Chakma through Facebook 15 days before the incident. At one stage, Hira introduced Ji Chen to the teen as her friend, adding Ji Chen wanted to marry a Chakma girl; if she agreed to marry him, she had to come to Dhaka. The teen accepted Hira's offer and met her in Dhaka," said the charge sheet.

"Around 10:30pm on August 25 last year, Hira took the girl to Ji Chen's residence in Uttara's Sector-14 where Ji Chen raped the teenager," it added.

A day after the incident, the victim filed a case with Uttara Paschim Police Station under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act against the two.

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