



Candidates go through one last revision of the syllabus before sitting for the MBBS admission test yesterday. They even share helpful advice on particular topics with each other. The photo was taken opposite Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Child dies in Rohingya camp fire

Around 100 houses gutted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A five-year-old child died in a fire that broke out at the Mochoni Rohingya camp in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

The deceased, Ayesha Siddiqua, was sleeping inside when their house was engulfed in the fire that occurred at G-2 block of the newly registered camp in Nayapara.

"As soon as the fire broke out, I tried to escape with everyone, but I couldn't find my daughter. Later, I found out that she had died in her sleep in the fire. The fire was not accidental; it was intentionally staged. We demand a proper investigation," said Mohammad Ibrahim, the child's father.

At least 500 people became homeless as the fire ravaged around 100 houses.

"The fire broke out suddenly in one

house, and quickly spread to nearby houses and structures. Rohingya and APBN members worked together and brought the fire under control later," said Mohammad Kausar

Before the fire, many houses in our block were locked from the outside, which indicates that someone deliberately set the camp on fire.

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Sikder, commanding officer of 16th Armed Police Battalion and also an additional deputy inspector general.

The Rohingyas at the camp alleged that the fire was preplanned.

Omar Farooq, a community leader of camp's G-2 block, said, "Before the fire, many houses in our block were locked from the outside, which indicates that someone deliberately set the camp on fire."

Shaheed Nur, a Rohingya resident, said, "We captured one criminal involved in abduction in the camp and handed him over to the authorities. Three days ago, his gang threatened to set fire to the camp, and they did it."

Asked in this regard, the APBN official said they will look into the issue.

Contacted, Abdul Hannan, in-charge of Nayapara Camp in Teknaf, said the affected people are being provided with assistances including blankets, dry food, and other supplies, while donor agencies have started rebuilding the houses.

"The police are investigating the cause of the fire," he added.

RMG exports reached

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Spain with US \$3.42 billion, and France with US \$2.14 billion.

Additionally, exports to Canada reached US \$1.24 billion, accounting for 3.23 percent of the market.

Bangladesh is also making notable progress in non-traditional markets like Japan and Australia, reflecting efforts to

diversify.

Non-traditional markets contributed US \$6.33 billion, or 16.46 percent of total RMG exports.

Among these markets, Japan led with US \$1.12 billion, followed by Australia at US \$831 million, India at US \$606 million, Turkey at US \$426 million, and Russia at US \$343 million.

Polls in 6 months

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implemented," he added.

Sarjis also said groups comprising citizens from every district and upazila will be formed

across the country to prevent corruption and irregularities.

He said Rangpur division, including Panchagarh, has faced significant neglect in development over the past 16 years.

"The people of Panchagarh deserve what is rightfully theirs, and we will work to secure that," he said.

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JCD to hold 'March for Justice' today

BSS, Dhaka

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), a pro-BNP student organisation, will observe the "March for Justice" programme today.

The programme will demand the trial of "goons" of the recently-banned Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and teachers from various educational institutions who acted as cohorts of the Awami League during the July-August uprising.

The JCD will bring out the procession from the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) to Central Shaheed Minar at 2:30pm, said a press release from the organisation.

26 years on

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sheet accusing six people -- top listed criminals Sanjidul Hasan Emon, Mohammad Islam Munna, Shamsur Rahman Mona, Anisur Rahman Zaved, Tarique Saif Mamun and Sagor Hossain Osman.

According to the case record, Osman died during the trial. Emon and Mamun are now on bail, while the rest are absconding.

The court framed charges against the six on December 10, 2003.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for May 4 this year.

On May 9 last year, the Speedy Trial Tribunal 2 of Dhaka acquitted Emon and Mamun of the case filed over film actor Sohel Chowdhury's murder.

On December 18, 1998, Sohel was shot dead by some unidentified criminals at Trumps Club in Abedin Tower on Banani's Road 18.

Residential students

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In response, CU assistant proctors Nurul Hamid Kannan and Nazmul Hossain intervened to control the situation.

Abdullah Al Galib, a resident of Shahjalal Hall and a student of Banking and Insurance, said, "We found no evidence of the hall's provost approving the claims made by Chhatra Dal. They did not obtain permission for the community feast or any political meeting. They are advancing their political agenda, which we, the general students, are opposing."

However, Mohammad Yasin, joint secretary of CU Chhatra Dal, said, "We obtained permission from the provost to hold the feast inside the hall and arranged food in the dining area after dining hours. Due to cold weather, we sought approval to serve the food inside Shahjalal Hall. Meals were prepared for 250 people. However, a group is labelling participants as

'outsiders' and attempting to destabilise the campus. The event was organised by Chhatra Dal members residing in Shahjalal Hall."

CU Assistant Proctor Nazmul Hossain confirmed to the protesting students that Chhatra Dal had indeed received permission for the feast from the hall's provost. He suggested that any complaints be discussed with the provost on Sunday.

Later, at CU Zero Point, Abdullah Al Noman, president of CU Chhatra Dal, condemned the attack, accusing Chhatra Shibir members disguised as students of ambushing them. He also criticised the administration for failing to investigate previous incidents.

He stressed the need to connect with grassroots communities affected by local environmental problems.

"One of our members was injured in this attack," he added.

Noman added, "If the university administration does not take necessary action within the next 48 hours, we will be forced to take a stronger stand."

Need

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from pursuing projects that harm the environment," he asserted.

In his keynote speech, Prof Nazrul Islam, vice president of BAPA and founder of BEN, acknowledged the challenges of sustaining voluntary efforts and self-funded initiatives.

He called for increased collaborative support.

Chairing the inaugural session, BAPA President Dr Nur Mohammad Talukdar reflected on the organisation's achievements over its 25-year journey while noting gaps in creating a nationwide environmental movement.

He stressed the need to connect with grassroots communities affected by local environmental problems.

Environmental scientists, researchers, and representatives from across the country attended the conference.

Hasina regime

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"You spend two months working on a report, and in just one minute, another news outlet -- or even a hundred outlets -- steals it. You take a great photo, and a major newspaper publishes it without permission. If you produce a quality report, a hundred outlets steal it. Those who engage in such theft should be shut down."

Acbar Hossain Majumder, press minister at the Bangladesh High Commission in the UK; Plabon Tariq, the group's spokesperson; Uttara University teacher Mahbub Alam, and lawyer Molla Md Faruque Kaiser also spoke at the event.

Joynal Abedin Shishir, convener of the group, moderated the discussion.

The event concluded with the presentation of 13 proposals aimed at reforming the media.

Over a dozen

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"This old building, housing factories dealing with flammable materials like plastic and leather, had no firefighting equipment. It posed a severe fire risk," he said.

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Khan's family, had relocated to the building only four months ago, investing Tk 3 crore in machinery for Eid production.

"We have no insurance. Everything is lost. How will we recover from this?" Samin said.

Nasir Uddin, proprietor of Khan Footwear, said his warehouse of footwear worth several lakh taka was also destroyed.

PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 18

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