

## 12 houses, shop burnt in fire

### 13-year-old injured; complaint filed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A fire broke out in Sreepur upazila of Gazipur early yesterday, burning down 12 houses and a grocery shop, and injuring one person.

Fire service confirmed that 13-year-old school student Sajeeb was injured and was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Inspector Abul Kalam Azad of the Myna Fire Station said that firefighters from two units managed to bring the blaze under control.

The fire reportedly started at the house of Abul Hashem Pradhan in the Kewa West Khan area of Sreepur Municipality around 3:00am, he added.

Affected tenants said their houses were completely burnt, destroying cash, gold ornaments, electronic appliances, and furniture.

One of them alleged that the fire was intentionally set from outside, targeting the gates on both sides of the house.

A family member of Sajeeb filed a complaint with Sreepur Police Station, duty officer Arup confirmed The Daily Star.

Nayan Kar, inspector (operations) of the police station, said they will take legal actions after investigation.

## 2 more held

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a phone call, calling several youths to the scene.

Shortly after, the youths arrived and attacked the couple with weapons – the video of the incident went viral on social media.

Hearing the hue and cry, locals intervened, capturing Mobarak and Robi, beating them, and handing them over to the police.



A worker sorts through a pile of tomatoes at a wholesale market to separate the good ones and throw away any rotten pieces. Various companies purchase tomatoes in bulk from farmers to make ketchup and other sauces. On average, a worker sorts through 18-20 crates of tomato a day and earns Tk 10 per crate. The photo was taken at a wholesale market in Khulna's Dumuria upazila.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Its name, function do not match

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functioning there. The concept of rural development is no longer viable in the current context. That's why we believe these ministries should be renamed. We have proposed new names, but we will disclose them later."

He further stated that a mass organisation under the local government ministry will include NGOs.

"Why should the NGO Affairs Bureau be under the Prime Minister's Office? It should be overseen by those working at the grassroots level. This restructuring will integrate cooperatives and NGOs into the local government framework, allowing for better planning," he said.

Prof Tofayel also said maintaining separate engineering ministries is unnecessary. "These two ministries will be merged into one," he said.

Speaking as chief guest, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan

highlighted the lack of studies on marginalised communities.

"The progress we have made in improving their lives is largely due to reports and advocacy efforts by some NGOs. However, the problem with advocacy is that it has been intertwined with politics, affecting its neutrality," he said.

Prof Niaz urged NGOs and academicians to conduct systematic research to address the actual problems faced by these communities and called for a unified framework to support them.

Prof Taibabur Rahman, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at DU, said there are approximately 50-60 marginalised communities on the mainland.

He emphasised that the government, private sector, and civil society organisations (CSOs) each have distinct responsibilities in working for the welfare of these communities.

Highlighting the absence of accurate data, Prof Taibabur stressed the importance of determining the exact number of marginalised communities and ensuring their fundamental rights.

"Following the July uprising, there is now an opportunity for change. There should be an elected government that addresses the issues faced by marginalised communities," he added.

DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof Sayema Haque Bidisha called for more research efforts to improve the conditions of marginalised groups.

Prof Kazi Maruf Islam from DU's Department of Development Studies presented research findings related to the programme's theme.

Other speakers at the event included Nuzhat Jabin, country director of Christian Aid Bangladesh, and Ilira Dewan, a member of the Local Government Reform Commission.

## BRAC Bank scholarships to support 300 female students

CITY DESK

BRAC Bank has recently expanded its "Aporajeyo TARA Scholarships" programme to support 300 female students at Rajshahi University, said a press release.

The partnership was formalised at a signing ceremony on February 16 at the DU campus, where Vice Chancellor Prof Saleh Hasan Naqib and BRAC Bank DMD and Chief Operating Officer Sabir Hossain signed the agreement.

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(ORIGINAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 131 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF :  
An application under Sections 81(2), 85(2) and section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND In the Matter of  
Mr. Moyeen Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, shareholder & Managing Director of Leader Garments Ltd, having its registered Office- at Plot No. 33(A), 27, Milk Vita Road, Section-07, Mirpur, Dhaka, representative by its Managing Director Mr. Moyeen Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury and another..... Respondents

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