

Tin shed two storied shanty went down in water



So far 12 dead bodies recovered (6. 00 Am. 16-4-2015) (5 of them are men, four are women and the three are children), as an illegal two-storied tin-shed house, built on government land by local political bosses, collapsed in Boubazar under Rampura Police Station in the city on April 15, 2015. Several others were injured in the collapse, and around 20 were still

missing. The injured were rushed to DMCH Hospital. But, the actual number of injured is difficult to confirm as they had been admitted in different clinics and hospitals. The incident took place around 3pm, when the house caved in, all of a sudden.

According to several tenants of the ill fated house, around 40 families lived in the tin house, built—on a water body—using bamboo poles.



Area residents alleged that, information and research affairs secretary of ruling party-backed Juba League's Dhaka City Unit (South), had built the house, illegally on government land, more one-and-half year back. He collected Tk 4,000 to Tk 5,000, from each room, per month.

Most of the inhabitants in that house were engaged in low income jobs but they lived in the house, knowing it was unsafe, only to save some much needed money.

The district administration has arranged temporary accommodation for the survivors, at Chowdhurypara Primary School, and is also providing them with food. The government has been quick to give Tk 20,000 assistance for each death, to the bereaved family members, and Tk 5,000, each, to those injured.

Police, Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), and members of the Fire Service and Civil Defense are working there to rescue and remove the debris. Fire Service officials said they needed more time to finish the rescue operation, because of the structure of the house, which was completely faulty.

