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# Four of a family killed in landslide



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A home, destroyed by a landslide early yesterday, at the foot of a hillock in Satjami village of Sylhet's Jaintiapur upazila. The incident left four of a family dead. Photo: Sheikh Nasir

**F**our people of a family, including a five-year-old, were killed in a landslide in Satjami village of Sylhet's Jaintiapur upazila early yesterday.

The dead were identified as Juber Ahmed, 35, his wife Sumi Begum, 30, their five-year-old son Safi Ahmed, and Sumi's sister Shamim Ara Begum, 48.

Five other members of the 10-member family were also injured. Their home was situated at the foot of a hillock that was illegally cut earlier.

After getting primary treatment at a local hospital, Juber's father, one of the injured, said, "It was raining heavily the night before. We were all asleep, when I suddenly hear a loud sound around 6:30am. I woke up to find myself on the ground and realised that our entire house had been crushed."

He said his younger son Juber, a shopkeeper at Bateswar Bazar, was the only breadwinner of the family.

Golam Dastagir, officer-in-charge of Jaintiapur Police Station, said, "We recovered the bodies with the help of fire service officials and locals. As the family did not want autopsies, we handed the bodies over for burial."

Al-Bashirul Islam, Jaintiapur's upazila nirbahi officer, said, "To help the family bear primary expenses, a compensation of Tk 20,000 was provided for each deceased and Tk 5,000 to the injured.

"The money was handed to the the family in presence of the additional district magistrate and officials of the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office."

He added that his office is now working with all union chairmen and members to try and relocate people living in areas vulnerable to landslides.

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