

Fun boat-drive costs lives of 4 girl students among 5

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A fun boat-drive by a group of teen-aged school students, including girls, on waters of Beguntala Jhil at city's Mirpur area on Wednesday turned into a greatest tragedy of recent years.

Five students, including four girls were drowned when their boat sank in Beguntala Jhil at city's Mirpur area.

The tragedy occurred when they were returning from a pleasure trip to a house of their class-

mate.

While five students met with tragic end of their lives four others managed to return from the jaws of death and are now undergoing treatment at a city's hospital.

The five victims who were killed were identified as Jyoti, 15, Shoshi, 16, Brishti, 15, Khoki, 14, and male-student Nipu who studied in class X of the school.

They fell into the jhil water as they were reportedly dancing on

the boat ignoring repeated request of the boatman.

Police said nine students, including six girl students of class nine and ten of MDC Model Institute at Mirpur-12 under Pallabi police station went to the flooded water-body by boat after visiting the house of one of their friends, Ajanta, in Block-D of Mirpur-12 area.

The boat capsized in the jhil (See Page 11 Col. 4)

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near Madhumati-Matsya Khamar at about 12 noon, while the students were enjoying the journey by dancing and singing, police added.

On the other hand, Ajanta (16), Iva (15), Ratul (16), Mridul (16) and Arif (21) managed to swim to the jhil bank.

Arif used to study at Dhaka Commerce Collage, a police official said.

On information, rescue teams of firefighters rushed to the spot, and recovered five bodies from the jhil waters with the help of local people.

Md. Haroon, the boatman, told reporters that the accident occurred as the students started merry-making ignoring his re-