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Body recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Body of a housewife was recovered from Shantinagar under Bayazid thana in the city Monday.

The ill-fated was identified as Rehana Akter, 25, who might have been strangled. Police and witnesses said, local people found the body of the victim at her rented tin-shed house at around 11.30am. On information police recovered body with some marks. The victim's brother Salim filed a case accusing Rehana's husband Farid Uddin.

Two hurt in cocktail explosion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Two persons were injured in cocktail explosion in the city on Thursday. Police said the victims were identified as Salamat Ullah, 20, and Titu, 14. They were reportedly carrying explosives at a place behind a sweetmeat factory at Bakolia DC road when a cocktail went off at around 7.30am. Bakolia thana police said both Salamat of Satalia and Titu of a slum under Panchlaish thana sustained serious injuries in the explosion.

Launch disaster
13 more bodies found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Thirteen more bodies were found after eight days of the launch disaster near Chandpur ferry ghat from the downstream of the Meghna at different places of Barisal and Bhola district.

The death toll rose upto 148. According the DIG of Barisal Range, on the downstream of the Meghna, two dead bodies were recovered on Wednesday from Bader Char, two from Ganeswar, one from Kalikriti of Bhola Sadar, one from Monpura and two from CharKukrimukri of Charfassion.

Bhola Union Parisad (UP) Chairman Ibrahim Mia recovered three decomposed bodies from Shibpur, Bhola and buried at mass grave.

Another two dead bodies were found from the Pandav river, a tributary of the Meghna at Bakerganj of Barisal district.

Miseries of flood



A mother with a dead child in lap and relatives on board a boat in search of dry place to bury their dear one who died in flood related diarrhoea at Parulia village of Hatibandha upazila in Lalmonirhat district on Wednesday, left, a little boy leads two flood affected women and their children by a raft in the Jamuna river to a safe place from Char Hatkoromja in Sariakandi upazila of Bogra district on Thursday, middle, Nurjahan Begum, a flood victim of Nilgachha Purbo Para under Sadar upazila in Sirajganj district cooks her food on her raft recently, right.

PHOTOS: STAR

10,000 outlaws rule 10 districts in SW region

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

About 10,000 armed cadres of outlawed parties rule 10 districts of southwestern (SW) region.

Over two crore people in the districts have become helpless and insecure in their hands.

According to DIG control room, only five extremists have been arrested from July 1 till July 16 this year from the southwestern zone.

A total of 307 persons have been murdered in 10 districts from last January till July 16. Most of the murders were committed by outlaws.

According to different Intelligence agencies, 10 outlawed parties are playing dominant role in committing various crimes including murders.

The outlawed parties are Purbo Banglar Communist Party (Tapan), New Biplobi Communist Party (Mrinal-Barun), Sramajibi Mukti Andalon, Bangladesh Sarbahara Party (Khalaque Reza), Sarbahara Party (Shamsuzzoha), Purbo

Bangla Sarbahara Party (Kabir), Zihadi Party, Gana Bahini, Chinnamul Communist Party and Janajuddho Party.

DIG Control room said that only five out of 3,033 persons picked up from July 1 till July 16 are outlaws. Twenty one firearms, 120 rounds of ammunition and nine hand bombs were recovered during the same period from 10 districts of south-western zone.

The arrested outlaws are PBPC's Zinnat Sheikh and Ali Ahmed of Khulna and Jessore, Abdur Rahim of PBPC of Jhenidha, Babu Basu of Sramajibi Mukti Andalon and Sona Mia of PBPC's Meherpur district unit.

A total of 2,755 armed extremists of southwestern zone surrendered from June till August in 1999 taking advantage of general amnesty. They laid down 1,074 illegal arms during surrender. A total of 787 out of 2,755 extremists were provided with jobs in Ansar department, while 350 are still in different jails. The rest have gone back to underground activities

after getting bail from courts, police sources said.

Boy rescued from N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Police on Thursday rescued a seven-year-old boy after three days of abduction from Tatia Khali area under Bandar thana.

Fatullah thana police arrested two people on charge of abduction.

Police told this correspondent that on July 14, Shahidur, 7, son of Mohiuddin of Narsingpur under Fatullah thana was abducted from beside his house. A female neighbour Sumi, 27, abducted him when he was playing. Later, the criminal demanded TK 20,000 as ransom from his father who informed police about the matter.

Acting on a tip off, Fatullah thana police raided the house of Abdul Mannan at 2:30 am on Wednesday and recovered the victim.

Trial of killers of Ctg BCL leaders demanded

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders have demanded immediate trial of the killers of eight BCL leaders and activists who were killed in Bahddarhat area on July 12 in 2000 by armed Shibir cadres.

They demanded this at a meeting at a community centre in the city on Monday. The meeting was as part of their week-long condolence programme to mark the 3rd death anniversary of the BCL leaders.

"Three years have been completed but police did not arrest even the chargesheeted accused of the case," they regretted.

They also said that after taking power the BNP-Jamaat government brought a large number of cases under the speedy trial tribunal, but they did not bring the sensational eight murder case

under this tribunal.

They threatened that no conspiracy would be tolerated over the case.

"The anti-liberation Jamaat-Shibir cadres would have to be given exemplary punishment immediately after finding the truth".

Hasan Murad, a member of BCL steering committee presided over the meeting. Among others, BCL leaders Nazmul Haque, Didarul Alam, Akhter Hossain Khan, Bijoy Barua, Kazi Mazharul Islam, Sumon Debnath, Sujit Das, Jalal Ahmed Dulal, Abul Bashar and Emranul Haque spoke in the meeting.

Eight BCL leaders and activists were killed in Bahddarhat area in the city on July 12 in 2000 when they were going to Chittagong Government Commercial Institute by a microbus.

New president, secy of CNHU

CU CORRESPONDENT

Abu Taher and Daudul Islam were elected President and General Secretary of Chittagong Newspaper Hawkers' Union (CNHU) in the biennial council and election held in Chittagong on Monday.

Other office bearers are Vice President- Joinal Abedin, Assistant Secretary- Ali Akbar Mojumder, Treasurer- Lal Miah.



Priyanka Barua of Bagura Cantonment Public School and College who scored grade A+ in this year's SSC examination poses for photograph with her parents Prasanta Bhusan Barua and Shila Barua along with her younger sister Agnila Barua.

Housewife gangraped in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A housewife, mother of two children was allegedly gangraped on Thursday night at village Ramerdanga under Sadar upazila.

Police quoting local people said that victim Zahura Khatun, 29, wife of Ayub Ali of village Ramer Danga was sleeping in her room at deadnight when miscreants Abu Bakkar, Matiar, Fakir Ali and Mani of the same village entered into her room by breaking open the fence of the Kutcha house. The miscreants raped her one after another in absence of her husband.

The rapists threatened her not to disclose the incident or to file case against them. They threatened her of dire consequence if she files case against them.

A case was filed with Satkhira police station.

Meanwhile, the medical test of the victim was done.

Attack on schoolteacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

An unmarried school teacher was injured when miscreants chopped her after failing to rape her at Khalishabunia village under Shyamnagar upazila on July 17.

Police said Taslima Khatun, 26, daughter of Solaiman Kaguchi of Khalishabunia village was preparing to go to sleep at around 10 pm when miscreants Wahiduzzaman, Jamat Ali, Obaidul Haq and Yusuf Ali of the same village entered into the room and tried to rape her. As she raised a hue and cry the miscreants could not rape her and chopped her with a sharp weapon. Afterwards, they left the scene. Four fingers of the victim were cut off.

When contacted, the victim informed this correspondent that one person named Wahidnzzaman proposed to marry her, but she refused. At this he became annoyed with her. So, he along his accomplices tried to rape her.

A case was filed with Shyamnagar police station.