

COLLEGE STUDENT MURDER IN TANGAIL

One to die, four get life term

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a youth to death and four others to life in jail for killing Rassel Chowdhury, a college student, in Tangail in April last year.

The convict with death is Mohammad Rubel while the lifers are Lutfor Bhuiyan, Suman, Kajal and kamal.

Of them, Lutfor is in custody while the rest four are absconding since the incident.

Judge Shahed Noor Uddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 gave the verdict in a packed courtroom.

The court acquitted Falzu and Lavlu as the charges brought against them were not proved.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements

of 11 prosecution witnesses.

According to the prosecution, over a previous enmity a group of criminals led by Lutfor killed the victim at Purba Adalatpara in Tangail at about 6:15 pm on April 30 last year.

Following the incident, victim's father filed a murder case against Lutfor and six others the same day.



Projonmer Chetona forms a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding an end to use of black money and muscle power and foreign interference in the upcoming election.

Incorporate issues of street children in poll manifestos

Speakers urge political parties

Speakers at a press conference yesterday stressed the need of political commitment to ensure safe night for the street children, says a press release.

They also urged the political parties to incorporate the issue in their election manifestos ahead of the upcoming national elections.

The press conference organised by INCIDIN Bangladesh was

held at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium.

Speakers at the conference said that street children, both girls and boys, are exposed to numerous hazards and perils that include hostile weather, unhygienic stay facilities, sexual abuse and exploitation.

Without protecting the children from these night hazards, all the

development activities aimed at protecting children's rights would be ineffective, they argued.

Executive Director of INCIDIN Bangladesh AKM Masud Ali spoke at the press conference while Executive Director Ratan Sarkar, Advocacy Chief Nasimul Ahsan and Coordinator of Child Rights Project Mushfiqur Rahman were also present.

Mugger lynched in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Angry mob yesterday beat one mugger to death and severely injured two others on charge of snatching money from a vendor in the city's Jatrabari area.

The deceased was identified as Ruman, 28, and the injured were

Manik, 30, and Shimul, 27.

Police sources said when the three muggers snatched Tk 3000 from vegetable vendor Abdul Momen in front of Jatrabari Shahi Mosque at about 6:30am, the devotees, who have just finished their Fazr prayers in the mosque chased the muggers, captured and beat them mercilessly.

Locals then handed them over to Jatrabari police who sent them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Doctors there declared Roman dead.

The two others are now receiving treatment.

Momen filed a case with Jatrabari Police Station in this connection.

Defamation suit against Manabjamin editor, publisher

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked editor, publisher of the Manabjamin and its Daudkandi correspondent to appear before it on March 8, 2007 in a defamation case filed by former BNP lawmaker for publishing a defamatory report on December 4.

Metropolitan Magistrate ABM Abdullahel Baqui passed the order after Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad, filed the case with Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM), Court seeking warrant of arrest against the accused.

The accused are chief Editor Matjur Rahman Chowdhury, Publisher Mahbuba Chowdhury and Daudkandi correspondent Abdul Karim.

In his complaint, Kaikobad mentioned that the accused published a report titled "Kaikobad in image crisis" on December 4 which tarnished his reputation, name and fame in the political field.

Art competition for children

Talent Promotion Initiative organised an art competition for Children to mark the Victory Day, says a press release.

Play Group to Class X students of Dhaka district have been requested to send their art works to 19-B, Lake Circus, Kalabagan by January 15.

One grand prize and 25 general prizes will be given to the winners.