

BEATING WOMAN
Brother-in-law arrested in Kurigram

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmonirhat

Police on Friday night arrested a man in Chilmari upazila of Kurigram in a case filed in Dhaka on charges of torture for dowry and foeticide.

The arrestee, SM Nizam Uddin, is son of Samsul Haque, said Aminul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) Chilmari Police Station.

Sazida Islam Parul on May 11 filed the case in Dhaka against her husband Rezaul Karim Plabon, and four others including Nizam Uddin, younger brother of Plabon.

"A team of police from Dhaka, with the help of Chilmari police, arrested Nizam Uddin from the house of main accused Plabon. Police took him to Dhaka," said OC Aminul Islam.

Sazida was married to Plabon, a staff reporter of Bangla daily Jugantor, on April 2 this year.

"Sazida's husband and his family members severely beat her as she could not meet his demand for dowry. Her foetus was ruined due to the beating.

"She filed a case against five people, including her husband Plabon, with Hatirheel Police Station on charges of torture for dowry and killing foetus on May 11," the OC said, referring to the case.

Trader killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Criminals killed a trader in Babuganj upazila on Friday.

The deceased is Lokman Hossain, 40.

Police said when Lokman reached near his house a gang stabbed him, leaving him critical injured.

Police sent injured Lokman to Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead.



Scenes of massive sand extraction from the bank of the Jadukata river in Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila.



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Illegal sand and stone lifting poses threat to Jadukata river

Environmentalists ask for immediate action to protect the important flow in Sunamganj

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Jadukata, a transboundary river originating from Khasi Hills of India and flowing through Sunamganj's Tahirpur and Bishwamvarpur upazilas, is famed for its scenic beauty.

But for decades, illegal and unplanned extraction of sand and sand mixed stone posing serious threat to the river's existence, say experts and environmentalists.

The river has already lost its navigability, its bank areas at places are ravaged and dwellings at many villages are under threat of erosion, they said.

On June 3, 2010, a High Court bench termed sand extraction in the river 'illegal', following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) in 2009, said advocate Shah Shaheda Akhter, regional coordinator of BELA in Sylhet.

"But the illegal sand extraction did

not stop. On several occasions, we wrote to the authorities concerned in this regard," she said.

On July 7 last year, Sunamganj district administration published advertisement to lease three newly declared balumohal (sand quarry) -- two in Jadukata and another in its tributary Maharam.

But advocate Jahir Uddin Limon, chairman of Legal Support and People's Foundation, filed a writ and the High Court on July 23 issued a stay order on the lease notice.

"Due to the High Court order, the quarries were not leased. And so, sand extraction is illegal there," said Mohammad Rashed Iqbal Chowdhury, additional deputy commissioner (Revenue) of Sunamganj.

Meanwhile, Sunamganj Zila Parishad leased out 37 acres land to extract sand but it is at a distance from the river

bank, said Zila Parishad Chairman Nurul Huda Mukut.

But a few people are extracting sand from the riverbank area, claiming that they are doing it legally under the lease, said Kashmir Reza, president of Paribesh O Haor Unnayan Sangstha.

"Indiscriminate sand extraction in the river and sand mixed stone extraction in the adjacent areas continue for years. Through the act, a group of influential people backed by ruling party men are ravaging the river, river banks and nearby villages," he said.

Bijen Banarjee, who served as upazila nirbahi officer of Tahirpur till his transfer last week, said, "Some people, mostly locals, try to extract sand and sand mixed stone illegally. We conducted frequent drives, arrested many of the perpetrators and tried our best to stop the illegal activities centring the river."

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) in Sylhet, said, "Destructive activities centring the Jadukata river must be stopped at once. The administrative authorities and local public representatives cannot evade their responsibility to protect the river."

Earlier on September 24 last year, lawmaker for reserved seat-21 Advocate Shamima Akter Khanam sent a demi-official letter to Planning Minister MA Mannan, also lawmaker from Sunamganj-3, requesting action against illegal extraction of sand and sand mixed stone, which had continued ravaging bank areas of three Sunamganj rivers including Jadukata.

Mouazzam Hossain Ratan, lawmaker from Sunamganj-1, said, "When the quarries are leased out for exorbitant prices, it's easily understood why the leaseholder or others concerned are

involved in massive illegal extraction."

"Of course the importance of sand and the livelihood of local labourers should be taken into consideration. But everything must be done in a planned way and a single organization should be given the responsibility for the river as involvement of several cones creates confusion," he said.

Dr Muzibur Rahman Howlader, chairman of National River Conservation Commission, said the sand of the river needs to be dredged for navigability, but that must be done in planned and controlled way after hydrographic survey.

"But the river is being ravaged in all possible ways. We repeatedly asked the responsible authorities to take action to save the river, but nothing notable happened. We will sit with all stakeholders for a proper plan after the Covid-19 situation eases," he said.



The traders and buyers gathered at Barobabazar goat market in Jhenidah town do not seem to be bothered about maintaining safe physical distance from each other. Majority of them either do not wear masks or do not use those carefully enough to cover their noses or mouths properly to stop the possible spread of the novel coronavirus. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Spreading pandemic?
What pandemic?

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

With cases of Covid-19 showing no sign of decline in the country, traders and buyers at Barobabazar goat market in Jhenidah town, like elsewhere in the country, continue to conduct business without maintaining any health measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic.

In their blatant display of disregard toward public safety, they have been swarming in droves at the market, the largest in Jhenidah, two times a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Although the number of Covid-19 patients is rising in the town at an alarming rate, not too many townspeople in or outside the market are seen too interested in wearing face masks or maintaining safe physical distance while in public areas.

While visiting the market recently, this correspondent noticed that the majority of the people, who are crowding the place, are either not wearing masks or not using those

carefully enough to cover their noses or mouths properly. They also seemed to be least bothered about maintaining safe physical distance from each other.

Concerned locals said such careless public gathering might result in a larger population getting infected by the virus at a faster pace.

Khokon Hossain, a resident of Barobabazar area, said it will be a miracle if the virus does not spread among the local population soon as no one at the goat market is maintaining safe distance or not many of them are wearing masks in accordance with health guidelines.

"If this situation persists, if [novel coronavirus] will spread [in the locality] overnight. The goat market needs to be relocated to a bigger and spacious location," said Shariful Islam, a grocer at Barobabazar market.

When this correspondent asked Amjad Hossain, a goat trader, about why they were crowding the

marketplace, he said, "How much longer can one stay home without any alternative source of income? I borrowed a lot of money with high interest from local moneylenders. So it's a huge risk passing days at home."

Jhenidah Civil Surgeon Selina Begum confirmed that the virus is spreading rapidly in Jhenidah due to the failure of properly maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Reached for his comments about the situation at the goat market, Barobabazar UP chairman Abul Kalam Azad said they were working on to create Covid-19 awareness among traders and buyers visiting the market, but the response is not very promising.

Contacted, Kaliganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Subarna Rani Saha said workers of the administration have been making rounds at nooks and crannies of the upazila and using loud speakers to inform citizens about how to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Youth found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Mymensingh

Police recovered the body of young man in Bhaluka upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Masud Mia, 20, son of Khairul Islam of adjacent Trishal upazila.

Local people found his body lying beside Dhaka-Mymensingh highway and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

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