

Drug addict kills wife for money

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A housewife was killed by her drug addicted husband allegedly for money in Joypurhat Sadar upazila on Tuesday.

Being informed by the villagers, police recovered the body of Monika Rani Mohanta, 26, wife of Anukul Chandra Mohanta of Belamla village, and sent it to Joypurhat Modern Hospital for autopsy.

Culprit Anukul, however, fled the house with his five-year-old son, keeping Monika's body lying on the floor.

Locals said Anukul, a carpenter and son of Horen Chandra, often used to torture his wife for money since their marriage about eight years ago.

On Tuesday night, Anukul demanded money from Monika to buy drugs, but as she refused to give the money he beat her mercilessly and strangled her to death before fleeing the scene.

Villagers spotted Monika's body yesterday morning and informed the police.

Two years into building, nursing institute not opened

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Two years into construction of a nursing institute in the district town, it is yet to become operational, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned.

The Public Works Department (PWD) is not handing over the three-storey building due to lack of power and water supply, sources said.

The health ministry and Diabetic Association of Bangladesh in 2013 took a joint project to build the 200-seated nursing institute at a cost of Tk 17.97 crore. It is a public private partnership (PPP) project.

The government has funded Tk 14.29 crore while the rest of the amount was funded by Pabna Diabetic Association for construction of the nursing institute.

It was scheduled to complete construction work of the three-storey building in 2018. It ended in December the same year.

On January 15 in 2014, the Public Works Department issued work order to the contractor for construction of the nursing institute in Pabna Diabetic Association.

Later, Zinnat Ali Zinna construction firm got the work order.

According to the district health department and Pabna Diabetic Association, although construction of the nursing institute was completed in 2018, the building is still awaiting its



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ended within the scheduled time but the PWD did not hand over the building in the last two years as the finishing touches

of the building are yet to be completed, said Md Baby Islam, president of Pabna Diabetic Association.

As electric and power supply lines to the building are yet to be connected, the PWD cannot hand over it, he said.

Meanwhile, the colour and decoration of the newly-built building are being damaged due to lack of maintenance, Baby Islam said.

The PWD has extended the time for the project till June, 2019 but they did not complete the work within the time. Later, the deadline for completion of the construction work was extended till June this year but one percent of the finishing touches on the building is yet to be completed.

Due to the negligence of the authority, the nursing institute is yet to become operational, said Baby Islam, adding that recently, a letter has been sent to the ministry of health, letting it know about the slow progress of the construction work.

Pabna PWD Executive Engineer Anwarul Azim said the work of electrical wiring and water supply to the building is yet to be completed. They are expecting to finish the work very soon.

They are expecting to hand over the newly-constructed building to Pabna Diabetic Association within this year, he said.

Missing baby found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

The body of a 17-day-old girl child, who was stolen from her house allegedly by one of her neighbours early Monday, was found floating in a pond in Morelganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim, Sohana Akhter, was daughter of Suján Khan of Gabtala village in the upazila.

Local people found Sanjida's body floating in a pond nearby her house in the morning and informed the police. Officer in Charge (OC) of Morelganj Police Station Mohammad Monirul Islam said, adding that they recovered the body and sent it to the hospital for autopsy.

Earlier, after having their meal on Sunday night the girl's parents went to sleep with the baby.

They woke up early Monday and found the baby girl missing from the bed.

Sujan alleged that his daughter might have been abducted and killed as a sequel to a conflict over land disputes with his neighbours.

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