

Salman's death
Fresh CID probe
demanded by
parents

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Feb 14: The parents of late Chowdhury Mohammad Shahriar alias Salman Shah, renowned film actor have denounced the final report in the case of 'unnatural death' of their son. Detective branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police submitted the report before the Metropolitan magistrate's court recently and stated it as a case of suicide.

Kamar Uddin Chowdhury and Neela Chowdhury, parents of Salman while addressing a press conference at Sylhet Press Club Friday afternoon also demanded a fresh enquiry by the CID police for the sake of detecting the culprits involved in the 'cool-blooded' murder. They said that Salman's father Kamar Uddin Chowdhury had already given an appeal to the Prime Minister for handing over the case to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for the sake of justice.

Salman Shah was found dead in his own flat at 131, New Eskaton, Eskaton Plaza, Dhaka on September 6 last year. Dhaka Metropolitan Detective Branch (DB) took up the unnatural death (UD) case lodged with Ramna Thana. But, following a petition filed by Kamar Uddin Chowdhury, the deceased's father the case was transferred to the CID. Salman's parents in the press conference alleged that, the CID could not proceed its job and the case was mysteriously again sent back to the DB in compliance with a secret order from the police headquarters on December 21. They said, some influential quarters were trying their best to save the planned murderer of the renowned hero.

Call to make Bandarban malaria free

BANDARBAN, Feb 14: Chairman of Local Government Council of Bandarban Hill District Mong Kya Ching Chowdhury Thursday urged the government organisations and NGOs to work together to make the district free from malaria, reports BSS.

Addressing a meeting at the local government primary school premises Mr Chowdhury expressed his commitment to work hard to eliminate hunger

The above situation was disclosed to this correspondent by

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Winter crops cultivation scheme in B'baria

Fertilizer, other agri inputs going beyond farmers' reach

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 14: A scheme has been taken up to bring 1,38,600 hectares of land under various winter crops cultivation in the district during the current season while the output target has been fixed at 4,27,327 metric tons (MTs).

According to district Agricultural Extension Department (AED) office, of the total land areas, about 83,000 hectares will be brought under high yielding variety (Ufashy) *Patjam* and *Boro* paddy cultivation. 5,000 hectares under local variety of *Boro* paddy cultivation, 16,500 hectares under wheat cultivation 18,400 hectares for mustard cultivation, 2,500 hectares for potato, 500 hectares for peanut cultivation, 200 hectares for *Maize* 4,600 hectares for vegetables 1,500 hectares for sweet potato, 3,200 hectares for *mosur* (lentil), 200 hectares for *chhola* cultivation, 150 hectares for *moog* cultivation, 1,000 hectares under *maskalai* cultivation, 1,500 hectares for *khesari* cultivation and 50 hectares of land will be brought under *arhar* cultivation and three hundred hectares for *motor* (pea) cultivation.

More than 500 demonstra-

tion plots will be set up in all seven thanas namely, Nasirnagar, Sarail, Akhaura, Kasba, Nabinagar, Banchharampur and Brahmanbaria sadar thana of the district.

According to the district AED office sources, the total production target has been fixed at about 4,27,327 metric tons (MTs) for this winter crops cultivation season.

The target of production are: 2,65,600 MTs of high yielding variety *Boro* paddy, 7,750 MTs of local variety *Boro* paddy, 33,000 MTs of wheat, 16,560 MTs of mustard, 30,000 MTs of potato, 950 MTs of peanut, 500 MTs of maize, 46,000 MTs of vegetables, 22,000 MTs of sweet potato, 2,496 hectares of lentil, 186 MTs of *chhola*, 750 MTs of *arhar* and 225 metric tons of *motor* (pea).

According to district AED office sources it was also learnt that 4957 hectares of land were used as seedbeds to supply the seedlings of *Boro* paddy to the farmers of the district during the current season.

Brahmanbaria sadar thana

police station sources said that last month they seized 250 bags of urea fertilizer of Bismillah Traders and 12 bags of HYV-wheat seeds of Krish Traders' from a loading truck which was bound for Companygonj, adjoining areas of Brahmanbaria district. Police also arrested one Abul Hasem in this connection and field a case.

Meanwhile, the farmers have alleged that seeds of high yielding variety (HYV) and other necessary agricultural inputs are not available in the open market while small quantity of HYV-seeds and inputs are being sold in some shops at high rates.

Some dishonest dealers are selling adulterated and impure fertilizer, pesticide and seeds here, farmers alleged.

In order to vanquish the pests and larvae the peasants use DDT powder which is smuggled in from India by smugglers for its being available at cheaper rate.

It was also alleged that some dishonest dealers made brisk business by selling their allotted fertilizers and seeds outside the district. The seized urea fertilizer was deposited at Kasba thana.

Now the fertilizer is being sold at a high rate in the rural areas of the district.

The farmers have urged the authorities to take proper step against corrupt persons involved in creating such situation that can hamper cultivation in the current winter season.

Natore pourashava's jurisdiction extended

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Feb 14: The jurisdiction of Natore pourashava has been extended recently.

A total of 3.88 square kilometres of areas including the largest Tebaria Hat of the region, Natore Sugar Mills and Jamuna Distillery have been brought under Natore pourashava.

With this extension, a long cherished dream of the pourashava people has partially been fulfilled and the prospect of upgrading Natore pourashava into a first class one has become bright.

A total of 3.88 square kilometres of areas of four villages under Tebaria Union Parishad have been included in Natore pourashava through a government gazette issued by Deputy Secretary (pourashava) following the order of president on Nov 27.

away goods and cash money worth Tk 3 lakh.

During the night of January 8, another dacoity was committed in the house of one Dr. Utpal Kumar at Muladuli within Ishurdi thana. The armed dacoits, injured two inmates of the house of the said doctor and on point of arms, took away a cash amount of Tk 25,000.

In yet another incident, a daring dacoity was committed on the night of January 15 in a night coach just on the border of Pabna and Natore districts over the North Bengal Highways. In this incident, Supervisor of coach Akbaruzz, 30, was killed, driver Farman, 40, and nearly 40 passengers were injured by the dacoits equipped with fire-arms and they decamped with booty worth of over Tk one lakh and 50 thousand.

On the night of December 27, a mysterious dacoity was committed in the Pabna office of the Project Director, Water Development Board and attached offices of one Executive Engineer. The armed dacoits tied up two night guards of the WDB, entered into 30 rooms of different offices by breaking the locks of the doors of the said offices, also broke open the locks of 60 almirahs, ransacked the offices and left away. Police was informed of the incident by the Project Director next morning over telephone and then in writing, but they failed to bring to book any of the culprits so far.

When attacked by the extortions on the way, Nasiruddin cried out and at this stage the villagers rushed and rescued him in badly injured condition. Nasir was immediately shifted to Ishurdi Thana Hospital and a case was lodged with Afgharia thana.

In yet another incident, at about 7 AM in the morning of January 5, the terrorists of Bharara union under Pabna thana, shot one Afas Molla, 40, who received gunshot injuries and was admitted to Pabna General Hospital.

Injured Afas Molla of village Bakshirup was returning home after seeing the condition of the crops in his land and on way he became the target of the terrorists.

On December 23, underground cable of telephone line was stolen by miscreants by digging land near Maligachha Bridge over Pabna-Ishurdi road. The miscreants thus stolen away the underground cable from a vast area from Maligachha to Tebunia Bazar.

The incident appeared to be mysterious since the area falls adjacent to the extremely busy (day and night) Pabna-Ishurdi highways. A case was registered with Pabna thana, but none could be arrested as yet in this connection.

On December 24, Ripon, 17, a student of HSC second year, was stabbed in the morning in broad daylight by several miscreants. Ripon was immediately sent to Pabna General Hospital.

A young unmarried girl Asma Khatoon, 16, daughter of Jaijal Ali of Gayeshpur within Pabna thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Tuesday.

During the night of December 30, one Power Tiller was stolen away from the house of one Haji Minajuddin of village Chowbaria under Ekdanta union of Afgharia thana.

On January 1 in the night, one electric transformer of a deep tubewell was stolen away from Najirpur Beelpara under Pabna Sadar thana resulting in complete disruption in irrigation of land in the area.

During the same night, in Shibrampur area of Pabna town, one Abel Kalam alias Kali Mastana was mercilessly stabbed to death in presence of a good number of his close associates while celebrating the New Year.

On January 7, a sensational dacoity was committed, all being equipped with fire-arms, in the shop of the Abdus Samad situated in the big and famous Banwarinagar Bazar. The dacoits, on point of arms, looted

8,600 acres khas land illegally occupied

PABNA, Feb 14: About 8,600 acres of khas land are now under illegal occupation in the district, according to revenue officials here, reports UNB.

Lack of proper supervision, administrative laxity and other irregularities have created this situation, they said.

Deputy Commissioner Ashiqul Haq Chowdhury, at a recent meeting of district revenue officials, directed the Executive Officers and Assistant Commissioners (land) of the thanas to locate, demarcate and take over possession of khas land and uncultivated land in the district.

He gave the directive on receipt of reports that interested quarters were trying to manipulate false documents.

Corruption hampers Tk 350 cr flood control project

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 14: The construction work of the Tk 350 crore Brahmaputra flood control embankment is being hindered by irregularity, inefficiency and corruption, reports UNB.

The Korean construction company, which began work last month for protecting Sirajganj town from flooding and erosion has expressed concern at the frequent obstruction being created by local vested interest groups.

There have been many clashes over labour-supply, unremitted pilferage of stones and gasoline and undesirable influence by political touts, they said.

One local mastan is reported to have been caught while trading in women.

Housewife commits suicide

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Feb 14: A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at a village in sadar thana here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police and family sources said Dilara Begum, 32, of Alipur village allegedly took poison as she was not allowed by her husband Firoz Ali to go to her father's house at Chandpur.

Dilara was immediately rushed to Sadar Hospital in a critical condition where she breathed her last.

Smuggled goods recovered from border areas

SYLHET, Feb 14: Bangladesh Rifles in separate drives here recovered smuggled goods worth about Tk 1.75 lakh from the border areas on Wednesday, reports UNB.

BDR sources said the jawans of one raid seized Indian betel nut worth about Tk 1.25 lakh from a truck near Shahjalal bridge.

In another drive, BDR men raided some passenger buses and recovered smuggled goods including cumin and salt worth about Tk 45,000 on the same day.



Begum Shahjadi, Chairperson of A K M Hashem Smriti Shikkha Tahabil (speaking at a scholarship awarding ceremony of the Secondary School Certificate SSC and Higher Secondary Certificate HSC) examinees held at Jhalakathi, Circuit House recently.

Four killed, 5 hurt in road accidents

At least four persons were killed and five injured in road accidents in Noakhali and Khulna in two days, reports BSS.

One person died and two others were injured seriously in a road accident at Ekhlaspur bazar under Begumganj thana in Noakhali Thursday.

The dead was identified as Monir, 35, while the injured persons — Monir Ahmed, 22, and Abdullah, 60, — were admitted to the Noakhali general hospital.

Police sources said a speeding tempo knocked down the three on the Begumganj-Majid road leaving Noakhali on the spot and the others injured on the spot.

Another report adds from Khulna: Three persons were killed and three others seriously injured in road accident near Shiromoni on Khulna-Jessore highway. Police seized the tempo.

Police seized the bus but the driver escaped. A case has been registered with the Khan Jahan Ali police station in this connection.

Terrorism in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 14: The Eid holidays have been marked by hijacking, mugging and clashes in the town leaving 20 people injured, reports UNB.

Of the injured, three persons have been admitted to the Sirajganj General Hospital in serious conditions.

A three and a half ounces of gold chain was snatched, a shopkeeper stabbed and a video shop damaged and looted on the Eid-day and the following two days.

Eyewitnesses said in the afternoon of the Eid-day, a gang of extortions demanded Tk 500 from a shopkeeper near the railway colony. As he refused, they hit him with sticks and stabbed him. He was admitted to the Sirajganj General Hospital.

In the evening, three muggers on an unlicensed motor-bike snatched a gold chain from a lady moving with her husband on the busy New Dhaka Road. She screamed for help but nobody came forward.

The other incident occurred on Monday. Some way-wards of Sardarpur area were teasing a woman in Malshapura area. The inhabitants caught hold of four of them, roughed them up and released them on request from their guardians.

But the Sardarpur boys decided to take revenge the next day. They attacked and ransacked a video shop at SM road. A clash ensued in which 14 people were injured among them three were in serious condition.

A case was filed in sadar thana in this connection.

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