

Rab nabs Bhagina Farid in N'ganj

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Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested seven listed criminals, including Iftekhar Ahmed Farid alias Bhagina Farid in Narayanganj.

Rab raided Farid's house at Hariharpura when he was at a meeting with his brother Fayz, a local union parishad chairman.

Rab also recovered two nine MM pistols, one short gun, two bullets and four bottles of phensidyl from Farid's possession. Later, Farid was handed over to Fatullah police.

Meanwhile, Rab also arrested Munir, Badsha, Momir, Hamid, short Munir and Mohsin from Godanik area at Siddirganj.

Two get death for killing boy

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A Dhaka Court yesterday sentenced two persons to death for killing four and a half-year-old boy at BISF Colony of Mirpur in the city in 1995.

Victim Siraj was abducted by a gang of miscreants led by Shahidul Islam and Abdul Barek from their residence at about 5:00pm on May 2, 1995 and demanded Tk 2 lakh as ransom. On refusal, the abductors killed siraj and dumped his body in a jheel of the Botanical Garden the same day. Later, police recovered the decomposed body from the jheel.

Judge Mohammad Shamsul Alam Khan of the Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court gave the verdict at a jam-packed courtroom in presence of the convict Shahidul Islam. Convict Abdul Barek was tried in absentia.

The punishment of the fugitive will be effective from the date of his arrest or surrender and the convicts can appeal to the High Court against the verdict in seven days, the judge said.

After cross-examination of 15 out of 20 prosecution witnesses, the court pronounced the verdict.

Victim's father Abdul Aziz Bepari filed the case accusing Shahidul and Barek on May 4.