

Kushtia sadar SI of police sued for illegal arrest

Our Correspondent, Kushtia Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) on Thursday filed a case against a sub-inspector (SI) of Kushtia sadar police with a magistrate's court for alleged illegal arrest of two persons.

The magistrate ordered the police super to take legal action on the matter after necessary inquiry. According to complainant, SI Masur Rahman arrested one Bachchu, 18, of Mangolbaria area of the town, on Monday evening after one Abdul Latif lodged an allegation against him for demanding toll. The police held Bachchu at thana custody till Thursday 3:00pm when his father Abdul Aziz went to police station to know the reason of the arrest of his son. At this, police also held Aziz.

On information, Advocate Zohurul Islam, vice-president of BLAST and former secretary of local bar association, filed a case against the SI.

Hearing about the case, police swiftly sent the father and son to court on the same afternoon, said Advocate Zohurul.

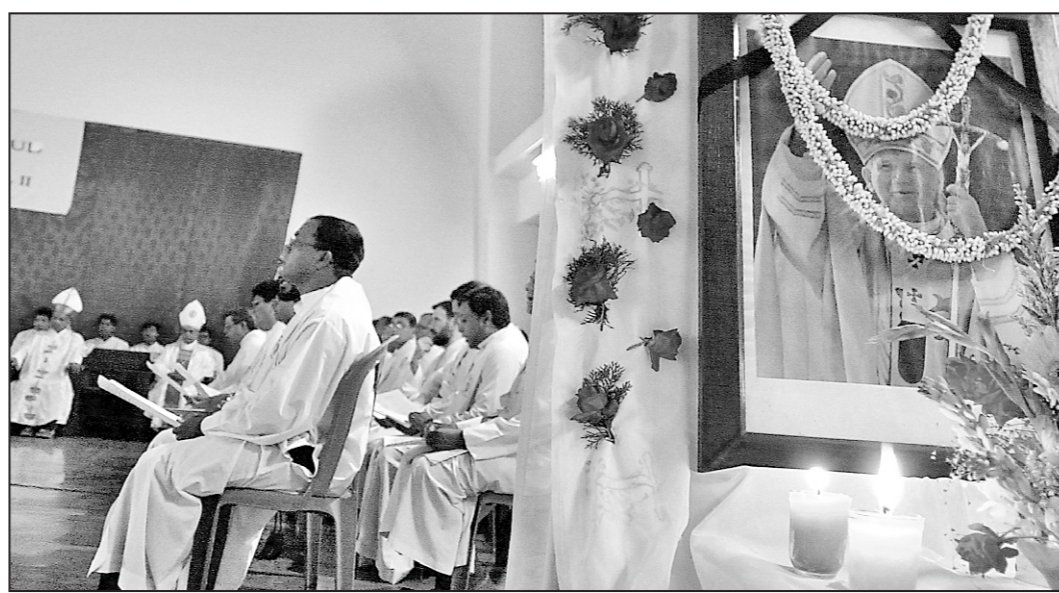
The court has sent them to jail. When contacted, Police Super Sahabuddin Khan said they were looking into the matter.

Handicrafts fair begins April 15

A two-day handicrafts fair will begin at Uttara senior section of the International Turkish Hope School in the city on April 15, says a press release.

Handicrafts, made by Turkish women, will be available for sale at affordable prices at the exhibition.

The school is organising the fair to raise funds for its construction work.



Catholic bishops pray for Pope John Paul II during a special mass at Kakrail Cathedral in the city on Thursday.

Project positive images of women

Information minister urges media

UNB, Dhaka

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday urged the journalists to project the positive aspects of women and children in their writings.

His remarks came while addressing the concluding and prize distributing ceremony of a three-day workshop titled "Reporting on Child and Woman Issues" at Munshiganj Circuit House.

The minister said women constitute half of the country's population and the media could play a leading role in removing discrimination against them.

Terming journalism as much more specialised and competitive profession, he said that with the

SSC examinee killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

An examinee of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) was killed and seven others were injured in a tragic road accident in Boratoli area of Betunia under Kawkhali upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Kohinoor Begum, 16, daughter of Hiru Mia of Betunia.

Police said the accident took place when the driver of a Chander Gari (pickup) lost control and collided with a roadside tree at around 2:00 pm leaving Kohinoor dead on the spot and seven others with minor injuries.

BSF returns bodies of 2 Bangladeshis

BSS, Satkhira

The Border Security Force (BSF) of India at a company commander level flag meeting yesterday returned the bodies of two Bangladeshi cattle traders to the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) authority.

The meeting was held at the zero point of Bhomra border area under Sadar upazila of the district. The victims are Forman Ali, 25, and Abul Bashar, 35.



The annual general meeting of the Dhaka Union of Journalists was held at the National Press Club yesterday.

Medical representative chopped to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

A medical representative of Apex Pharmaceuticals was chopped to death by some unidentified assailants yesterday.

He was identified as Rafiqzaman Linkon, 38, of Dakkhin Para Chuadanga. His job was based in Panchagarh.

Kotwali police sources said, Rafiqzaman, husband of Nazrin

Akhtar Shefa, a lecturer of Upashahar Mohila College, Jessore, came here by a train at about 4:00am yesterday.

He took a rickshaw to the Central Road residence of his wife. On the way, he was chopped to death by the unidentified killers.

The rickshaw-puller brought the body and his belongings to the 250-bed Jessore hospital and fled away.

A total of Tk 14,000 in cash, a cell phone, a table fan and a gold ring were found in his possession.

The incident, similar in kind to the murder of Jubo League activist Shahadat Hossain Babu by his fellow party men on Tuesday night, indicates a total deterioration of law and order situation of the town.

Shariatpur BNP leader expelled

BSS, Dhaka

A K M Nasir Kalu, general secretary of Shariatpur district unit of BNP, has been expelled from the party for breaching party discipline.

Kalu was expelled under section 5 (Ga) of the party constitution. The decision will come into force with immediate effect, said a BNP press release.

Journalist leaders reiterate demand for 6th Wage Board Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist leaders yesterday reiterated their demand for 6th Wage Board Award and 60 percent dearness allowance.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) at the National Press Club, they said the government has taken no initiative in this regard even two months after its assurance of forming the board.

Expressing concern over the threats on the journalists, Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury said journalism has become the most risky profession in the country today.

He said the journalists are becoming the targets of the criminals and this will seriously hamper their movement for press freedom.

The BFUJ president also called upon the members of the two journalist unions to be united in a bid to establish their rights.

Journalist leaders Manzoorul Ahsan Bulbul, Ruhul Amin Gazi, Elahi Newaz Khan Sazu, and Shah Alamgir also spoke.