

Serving life term for police negligence

JASHIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Innocent indigenous farmer Mokor Kanti Chakma, 45, is serving life term in a murder case due to negligence and whimsical action by police.

This was revealed during investigation by police and the administration. Mokor Kanti is in Khagrachhari jail since June 15, 2006 instead of convict Kala Dhaon Chakma, sources said.

Najmul Islam Khokon was murdered on March 10, 1985 at Bajaichhara village in Dighinala upazila of Khagrachhari district.

His brother-in-law Moulabi Abul Hossen filed a case (no GR 20/85) with Dighinala police station accusing three persons—Kala Dhon Chakma, Anil Chandra Chakma and Ranjit Kumar Chakma.

The charge sheet of the case was submitted by Investigation Officer (IO) SI Mohammad Sirajul Islam of Dighinala police station.

In the verdict of the case, pronounced on June 30, 1987, Chittagong Sessions Judge G S Dhar gave life term rigorous imprisonment to the three accused in absentia.

But police could not arrest any of the fugitive convicts for long.

On June 14, 2006, the then officer-in-charge (OC) of Dighinala police station Main Uddin Bhuiyan arrested Mokor Kanti Chakma from Dighinala Bazar taking him to be Kala Dhon Chakma.

After his arrest, his father Purna Kumar Chakma filed a petition to police claiming that his son was innocent and not involved in the murder of Kokon. But the matter was hushed up, sources said.

As the matter came to light and created confusion, Dighinala Upazila Nirbahi Officer Moniruzzaman Mia and Sub-inspector Badiuzzaman visited the village early this month to investigate it.

In the report submitted to Khagrachhari Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, the UNO said Mokor Kanti Chakma was arrested instead of convict Kala Dhon Chakma in Knokon murder case.

Badiuzzaman said he still can not say why Mokor Kanti was arrested.

This correspondent also talked to complainant of the case Mohammad Abul Hossen, superintendent of



Mokor Kanti Chakma

Bara Merung Ebtataye Madrasha. He said police arrested Mokor Kanti Chakma taking him to be absconding Kala Dohann Chakma. Mokor kanti is an innocent poor farmer and is known in the area, he said.

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Fayjul Hoque said he is investigating the matter for a final check-up.

Additional District Magistrate Monindra Kishor Majumder, when contacted, said he is also investigating the matter. It is inhuman that one person has been serving life term instead of the real killer, he said.

Mokor Kanti was the bread earner for his five-member family including three daughters—Champa Chakma, 15, Dipa Chakma, 8, and Jonaki Chakma, 6. Champa is a student of class nine and Dipa is a student of class two, said his wife Jatna Prava Chakma.

She said her family is being ruined in absence of her husband.

3 outlaws held, arms recovered in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police arrested three outlaws and recovered arms and ammunition in separate raids conducted in the district on Friday.

Kumarkhali police arrested Bashar, 40, an absconding cadre of the outlawed Gono Bahini, from Gorai shoal and recovered a country-made pistol with four bullets from his possession at noon.

A Kushtia court sentenced Bashar in absentia to suffer 14 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) in an arms case in 2002.

He was involved in illegal activities for the last 20 years, police said adding he is an accused in at least 12 cases including two for murder.

In another raid, Daulatpur police arrested two outlawed party cadres from their house at Farakur and recovered a pistol with three bullets in the morning.

They are Saiful Islam alias Tengor, 36, and Rafiqul Islam alias Ghungur, 38, two of them brothers.

Police said both were involved in underground activities.

Separate cases were filed against the three.

MANJURUL IMAM MURDER Charge sheet submission today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Inspector Chitta Ranjan Pal of Detective Branch of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) will submit charge sheet in AL leader advocate Manjurul Imam murder case today to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate.

The veteran Awami League leader and president of Khulna city unit of the party was bombed to death on August 25 in 2003 in front of his residence at Shamsur Rahman road in Khulna.

His assistant Advocate Bijon Bihari and rickshaw driver also died in the same incident.

The chief metropolitan magistrate earlier ordered investigation officer Chitta Ranjan Pal of Detective Branch of KMP to submit supplementary charge sheet of the case on June 15.

Judge Abdus Salam Shikder of Khulna Speedy Trial Tribunal sent docket of the case back to CMM court on March 18 this year for further investigation following an appeal made by Special Public Prosecutor advocate Abu Zafar Inspector Chitta Ranjan Pal began further investigation of the case on March 27.

Abdullah Harun Rumi, eldest son of slain Awami League leader and a prosecution witness of the case, named as planners for the murder five local leaders of the party during deposition in the court on February 25 this year as planners for murder of his father.

They are former whip Mostafa Rashidi Shuja and his younger brother Moazzem Rashidi Doja, former KCC Mayor Kazi Aminul Huq, present general secretary of city Awami League Mizanur Rahman Mizan and ward commissioner Imam Hasan Chowdhury Moina.

When contacted, Mizanur Rahman and Imam Hasan said they did not know anything about the plan to murder the veteran AL leader.

Shuja, Doja and Aminul Huq have been absconding since declaration of state of emergency in January last year.

Fulfill 6-point demand to hold credible polls

Thakurgaon AL says in first meet since allowing indoor politics

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Thakurgaon district Awami League leaders in their first executive committee meeting since allowing indoor politics demanded immediate implementation of the six-point demand earlier announced by the party's central committee.

At the meeting held at the party office in the town yesterday, they urged the caretaker government to immediately lift the state of emergency and conditions on indoor politics and hold the general election by October.

Demanding stopping of mass arrest of political leaders they

urged the government to ensure a favourable situation for holding national election and demanded withdrawal all cases against party chief Sheikh Hasina and other leaders and activists.

The meeting decided to start campaign at the grassroots level as part of preparations for coming national election.

Speakers at the meeting criticised the government for failure to keep the prices of fertilizer within common farmers' capacity.

If the government does not take right decision for the farmers as well as the people, the country would have to face a critical situation as it will have to depend on

foreign countries in the food sector, they said.

Former lawmaker and district president of Awami League Babu Ramesh Chandra Shen chaired the meeting held at the party office in the morning.

At least 40 executive committee members of the district committee attended the meeting, said advocate Mostaq Alam Tulu, office secretary of the district committee.

The meeting was addressed by, among others, former lawmaker Dabirul Islam, district AL Secretary Sadek Quraishi and Joint Secretary advocate Tojammel Haque Monju.

WIFE MURDER

HC orders accused OC to appear before lower court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A High Court (HC) bench has directed former Patkelghata Police Station officer-in-charge (OC) Kazi Mizanur Rahman, the charge sheeted accused in the sensational Sabiha Akhtar murder case, to appear before the lower court in Satkhira within four weeks when he appeared before the bench of the HC court seeking bail on May 21.

Earlier on May 21, the accused appeared before the HC court bench with a prayer for bail and the court after a long hearing passed the order, says a report received here yesterday.

As per directive, the accused is to appear before the lower court on or before June 21, sources said.

On March 6 night, Sabiha Akhtar, the second wife of Kazi Mizanur Rahman, the then officer in charge (OC) of Patkelghata Police Station, succumbed to her injuries allegedly inflicted by her husband on March 4.

The victim's mother



Kazi Mizanur Rahman

Tayebunnisa, now a resident of North Shahjahanpur in Dhaka, submitted on March 9 an FIR (First Information Report) to Motijheel Police Station in Dhaka as she was unable to go to Satkhira due to old age ailments, Satkhira police said.

Motijheel police received the case on behalf of Patkelghata Police Station and sent it there to record

the case, police said.

After getting the FIR from Motijheel Police Station, Patkelghata Police Station authorities filed a case against him on March 10, police said.

The investigation officer of the case, sub-inspector Ziaur Rahman Zia of Patkelghata Police Station, submitted the charge sheet against him before Satkhira Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on May 9.

OC Kazi Mizanur Rahman, who went into hiding shortly after the killing, was later suspended.

IU reopens today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Kushtia Islamic University (IU) reopens today after 14 days' summer vacation, campus sources said. All classes and examinations will resume today, they said.

The university was closed on June 1.

BSF returns body of Bangladeshi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday returned body of a Bangladeshi national gunned down by them at Moshwampur border Wednesday night.

BSF returned body of Samaul Islam, son of Kitab Ali of Pardakhapur village, to Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) after a flag meeting held at Gopalpur camp yesterday afternoon.

At the flag meeting, Bangladesh side was represented by Jadbapur company commander Subedar Sirajul Islam while Indian side was represented by Ronoghat company commander Debrashad Biswas and Bagda police station officer-in-charge (OC) Ashit Kumar.

BDR sources at Gopalpur camp said Samaul was gunned down by BSF while he was trying to cross the barbed wire fence near Moshwampur Border Piller No-49. Later, BSF took the body to India.

MEDICAL DIPLOMA

Health tech instt students protest decision on admission

RU CORRESPONDENT

Students of the Institute of Health Technology of Rajshahi under the banner of Students' Welfare Association (SWA) yesterday protested higher authorities decision which offered private clinic technicians aged 40 years an opportunity to study medical technology diploma course.

They protested through a press conference held at a city restaurant where SWA president Refayet Hossain read out a written statement.

The conference demanded immediate cancellation of the decision taken by the higher authorities at a meeting held on March 03.

Students alleged the decision was taken to earn money from private clinic owners, not for education.

They declared a five-day agitation programme including wearing of black badges, hoisting of black flag atop buildings, and formation of human chain.



Long queue of vehicles is a usual scene at Pakshi CNG refuelling station in Pabna. The photo was taken yesterday.

Lone CNG station for 4 dists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

CNG-run microbus drivers in Pabna have demanded immediate setting up of new CNG stations in the district headquarter to ease pressure on the lone CNG refuelling station at Pakshi in Ishwardi upazila under the district.

Over three to four thousand CNG-run vehicles from Pabna, Natore, Rajshahi and Kushtia districts refuel gas from Pakshi CNG station and the drivers have to wait in long queues everyday, leaders of CNG-run Micro Drivers' Association, Pabna said at a press conference at Pabna Press Club auditorium yesterday morning.

Vice president of Micro driver

association, Pabna Md. Abul Kalam chaired the press conference while secretary of the organization Md. Motiur Rahman, Md. Dablu, Md. Shimul, Md. Eheteshum Rani addressed among others of the organization in the press conference.

"Even after receiving authorities' permission for setting up four new CNG stations in the district, the owners of the concerned stations did not establish new stations due to the low pressure of the gas, sources said.

"The gas company has ensured 350 cubic metre pressure for gas supply in the CNG station while at least 650 cubic metre pressure would be needed for

operating the CNG station," said Md Faruk Ali Sheikh, owner of Faruk Filling Station that along with Citizen Filling station, RR Filling station and Yakub filling station got permission to establish new CNG stations in the district.

Officials, on the other hand, said gas pressure cannot be increased until setting new gas pipeline.

"If the permission recipient stations do not set the station in the due time we will think about five to six other applicants," Shailojo Nanda Boshak, deputy manager of Western Gas Co Ltd., Pabna said over phone yesterday.

Shuja, Doja and Aminul Huq have been absconding since declaration of state of emergency in January last year.

Khulna students float body for agri development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Students of different colleges of Khulna city have floated a new platform styled 'Krishi Biplob'.

We have formed this new platform with a commitment to help the government make Bangladesh self-sufficient in food keeping in view greater interest of the farmers who are backbone of national economy, Rajib Hasan, president of the newly formed platform, said at a press conference at Khulna Press Club yesterday.

"Our objective is to convince the government to take necessary steps to stop leasing out rivers and canals, sale of khas land without consent of farmers. Farmers should be provided with interest-free credit facilities while top priority should be given to development of agriculture," he said.

He urged introducing a long-

term programme to remove menacing problem of waterlogging across the country and dredging rivers.

"The government must pay more attention to ensuring steady supply of fertilisers at fair prices and encourage import of agricultural equipment. We are on movement to realise these demands just at a time when Bangladesh has not been spared from the impact of food crisis across the world."

Our newly formed platform is totally non-political by nature. We have decided to stand firmly by the side of the farmers to protect their interest through agriculture movement, said other members of the committee who were present in the press conference.

Tabibar Rahman has been made general secretary of the 16-member committee of Krishi Biplob.

TENDER NOTICE (NATIONAL)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare				
2	Agency	ICDDR,B				
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Director, ICDDR,B				
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
5	Invitation for	Supply of Materials for Vertical Extension and Renovation of Research and Hospital Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
6	Invitation Ref No & Date	Memo No. ICDDR,B / Mohakhali / Procurement / 08 / 05 Date: 15.06.08				
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method				
8	Budget and Source of Funds	IDA through RPA (GoB)				
9	Project (if applicable)	Vertical Extension and Renovation of Research and Hospital Building – ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh				
10	Tender Package Number & Name	Package No. 2: Lot-2: G.I. Frame, C-stud & U-truc. Lot-3: Door Closer and Door Lock Lot-7: Sanitary Goods				
11	Tender Publication Date	June 15, 2008				
12	Tender Last Selling Date	July 14, 2008				
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	July 15, 2008	Time: 11:00 Hours			
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	July 15, 2008	Time: 11:30 Hours			
15	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address				
	- Selling Tender Document	Cash Counter, Treasury Unit, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
	- Receiving Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
	- Opening Tender Document	Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.				
16	Eligibility of Tenderer	(i) The tenderers shall be Manufacturers / Sole Agent / Sole Distributors from eligible source countries. (ii) Tenderers, if sole Agent/ Sole Distributors must have Authorization Certificate from the manufacturers. (iii) Tenderers shall have experience in the execution of similar nature of works for last 05 (five) years in Bangladesh. (iv) Tenderers may submit price quotation either for individual lot or for any combination of lots and prices quoted shall correspond to 100% of the items and quantities specified for each lot. (v) Tenderers shall have minimum amount of Liquid Assets / Sanctioned Credit Facility /Working Capital of Tk. 1 (one) crore.				
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	Lot-2	G.I. Frame, C-stud & U-truc.	ICDDR,B	Lot-2 Tk. 50,000.00	60 (sixty) days from date of award of Contract.	Tk. 2000.00
	Lot-3	Door Closer and Door Lock	68, Saheed Tajuddin Ahamed Sarani Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 Bangladesh	Lot-3 Tk. 25,000.00		
	Lot-7	Sanitary Goods		Lot-7 Tk. 60,000.00		
18	Name of Official Inviting Tender	M. Alam				
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