

3 to die for  
murder in  
Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

A court in Dinajpur yesterday awarded death sentence to three people in the case for killing a woman after gang rape.

The convicts are Bidhan Chandra Roy, 33, Tushar Babu, 33, and Monichandra Roy, 34, -- all from village Durgapur under Chirirbandarupazila of Dinajpur.

Mr Badsha Alamgir, Judge of Women and Children Repression Prevention Court handed down the verdict in the crowded courtroom in presence of convicts.

Criminals suffocated Mahazabin Chowdhury Giti, 40, after gang rape at her Munshipara residence in Dinajpur town on September 8 in 2007, goes the prosecution.

The next day, Giti's mother Razia Chowdhury filed a murder case with Dinajpur Police Station accusing the three people.

Investigation officer of the case, Sub-Inspector Shreshtha submitted charge sheet against the three persons and the court delivered the verdict after examining the documents and witnesses.

Claiming themselves innocent, the convicts said they will appeal to the higher court.

**Tk 50 lakh  
heroin seized,  
3 held in  
Ramgarh**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Khagrachhari*

Bangladesh Rifles arrested three men for their alleged involvement with heroin smuggling in bordering Ramgarh upazila in Khagrachhari district on Sunday night.

The arrestees are former union parishad member Halathowai Marma, 46, Kayajari Marma, 35, and Monta Marma, 44.

Acting on a tip, a BDR team led by Ramgarh 11 BDR Commanding Officer Lt Col Sharif Muhammad Abul Hossain raided the bridge area at deep night and arrested two persons with heroin worth about Tk 50 lakh, police said.

Following their confessional statement, BDR later arrested ex-Ramgarh UP member Halathowai Marma, 46, from his Masterpara residence.

They were handed over to Ramgarh Police Station yesterday afternoon.

**Drug trader  
arrested**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *C'naubaganj*

Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) arrested a drug trader with hemp at Dhorebana village under Shibganj upazila in Chapainawabganj on Sunday night.

The arrestee is Lalchand, 36, of Dhorebana village in Shibganj upazila.

Rab also seized 8 kg hemp from his house.

Later, Rab handed him to Shibganj Police Station.

## Magura clinic owner held as newborn baby dies after surgery by him

*The SSC-passed man said he earlier conducted such operations*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Police yesterday arrested the owner of Magura Surgical Clinic as a newborn baby with 'imperforated anus' (absence of anal passage) died allegedly after the owner, with educational qualification of SSC, operated upon the child on Sunday.

Basanti Rani, 25, wife of Gosai Kumar Biswas of village Sagda-Laxmipur in Magura Sadar upazila, gave birth to a male child by caesarian operation at Magura Surgical Clinic on Friday night, police and family sources said.

As the baby did not have any anal canal, Gosai Kumar took the child to Magura Sadar Hospital the next morning. On-duty doctor at the hospital referred the baby to Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

When asked about his qualifica-

tion to conduct the operation, he said he had operated upon such type of patients earlier on several occasions at his clinic and the case was an accident, he said.

Accordingly Jamir operated the child on Sunday noon. Shortly afterwards, the child's condition deteriorated and Gosai again took the baby to Magura Sadar Hospital where it died at around 10:30pm, sources said.

Father of the ill-fated child Gosai Kumar Biswas of village Sagda-Laxmipur in Magura Sadar upazila yesterday morning filed a murder case with Sadar Police Station.

Talking to this correspondent at Magura Sadar Police Station, clinic owner Jamir Hossain admitted that he himself operated upon the baby.

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tion to conduct the operation, he said he had operated upon such type of patients earlier on several occasions at his clinic and the case was an accident, he said.

Following the incident, Magura Civil Surgeon's (CS) Office issued a written order to the clinic authorities to immediately close the clinic, officials said.

The CS office also formed a three-member committee headed by Shafur Rahman, surgery consultant of Magura Sadar Hospital, for proper investigation into the case.

After primary investigation, we have already ordered closure of the clinic and stern action will be taken against the clinic authorities after thorough probe into the incident," acting CS Dr Kazi Rezaul Huq told The Daily Star.

Jasim confessed to killing his son and he was handed over to police. Later, police recovered the body. Shahin's mother lodged a murder case with Mehendiganj police on April 02.

Jasim gave a confessional statement to a magistrate under section 164 taking sole responsibility of the murder.

Sub-Inspector Abul Hossain, also investigation officer of the case, framed charge against the killer on July 23.

Sub-inspector Abdul Awal of Kotwali Police Station filed it on Sunday night.

Police sent four of the accused - Ashraful, Harun Miah, Baki Ahmed and Zamal Ahmed to jail while another accused Rajon is undergoing treatment at Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital.

A procession was brought out in support of Babul, candidate for councillorship in ward No 4 on Friday night. Rajon sustained stab injuries during the clash that took place at the time of money distribution following the procession, police said. Police caught the four people from the spot and sent Rajon to hospital.

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