

Acid attack on housewife in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Criminals threw acid on a housewife yesterday following a land dispute at Bankai Dakshinpara village in Raiganj upazila.

The victim is Asma Khatun, 25, wife of Lokman Hossain of the village, police and victim's family sources said. Criminals threw acid on her through window of their bedroom where she was asleep with her husband at about 4.00 am, they said.

Hearing a hue and cry, locals rushed to the spot and rescued her in a critical condition. Later, she was sent to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital for treatment. As her condition deteriorated, she was shifted to Dhaka for better treatment yesterday afternoon, doctors said.

Police and doctors suspected the criminals might have collected acid of battery.

Both the assistant superintendent of police of Raiganj circle, Ayub Ali and Raiganj Police Station officer-in-charge visited the spot.

Man gets life for killing wife

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi Additional District and Session Judge Court-2, in a verdict pronounced here yesterday, sentenced a man to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) for killing his wife at Bagha in the district, court sources said.

The convict is Asadul Islam of Natunpara village in Baju Bagha upazila in Rajshahi, they said.

The court also fined him Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer one year more imprisonment.

Prosecution, in brief, is that Asadul had killed his wife Sufia Khatun for dowry on February 11, 2006.

Victim's father Hossain Ali filed a murder case with Bagha Police Station the next day. Police arrested Asadul from his house.

Most Sidr victims in Patuakhali yet to get decent shelter

Only 12,000 of 54,000 damaged houses rebuilt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Most of the people who lost their homes during last year's super cyclone Sidr in southern districts of the country are still passing hard days amid problem of dwelling houses.

Many of them are living in low huts as they have no ability to build new houses.

According to Patuakhali district administration, 54,006 families comprising 2.25 lakh people in the district lost their houses due to the Sidr.

Only 11,590 families got houses under the assistance programme taken by different donor agencies and countries. The rest 42,416 families still shelter less in the district.

"Just after the Sidr last year, I got only Tk 5,000 as help from army men to rebuild our house. With the scanty amount, I made a low hut but where I am living with my family," Ansar Mira of Matibhanga village in Sadar upazila told this correspondent on Tuesday.

Many other families who lost their houses due to the Sidr are still passing their days under huts, he added.

"We heard that the government is giving houses for Sidr victims but we are still deprived," said Atahar Ali of the same village.

"We are passing hard days. During rains, our sorrows know no bounds as rain water easily enters our house," said his wife Sufia Begum standing beside him. The Sidr killed 22 people in the



A Sidr victim woman stands in front of their makeshift shelter at Matibhanga village in Chhoto Bighal under Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

When contacted Shamsul Haque, District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer (DRRO) in Patuakhali said, "We are trying our best to ensure shelter for every victim. Thirteen donor countries and agencies assured us of building 23,206 houses for Sidr victims in seven upazilas in the district."

District administration distributed Tk 40.50 crore and 2,262 bundles of CI sheets among Sidr victims to repair their damaged houses but the allotment was far short of demand, said sources at District Relief and Rehabilitation Office.

Robber beaten to death in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A robber was beaten to death by mob at Barovagi village in Sujaganar upazila yesterday, police and locals said.

The deceased is Mojibar Rahman alias Mojir Sheikh, 28, of Burulia village in the same upazila, they said.

About 15 robbers attacked the house of Md Abdur Jabbar Master at about 2.30 am. As the inmates of the house raised a hue and cry, neighbours rushed to the spot and caught the robber, Mojir. But others fled away. Mob beat him indiscriminately. In a critical condition, the robber was shifted to Sujaganar hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 8 am yesterday.

Police sent the body to Pabna General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Unpacked powder milk still used in sweets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Sweetmeat owners here are still using unpacked powder milk while preparing sweetmeats.

During a visit to the city markets, this correspondent saw the bad practice in most of the areas.

Meanwhile, price of fresh cow milk increased from Tk 25 per litre to Tk 55 per litre within a fortnight with rise in its demand recently. Its supply is also too meagre to meet the increasing demand of consumers. At present, the demand for 'Milk Vita' increased among the consumers.

Ajit Saha, a milk powder wholeseller at Barisal Puratan Baras said sale of milk came down to Tk 2,000 per day from Tk 10,000.

Ranjit Dutta, district coordinator of Consumer Association of Bangladesh said they did not conduct any drive for lack of instruction.

Safe food for infants of six-month-old is cereals prepared with rice and vegetables, said Dr Zahid Hasan, a child specialist at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College.



Shushashoner Janney Nagarik forms a human chain in front of Ashwini Kumar Hall in Barisal city yesterday as part of their campaign for honest and competent candidates in the upcoming national elections.

26 Gaibandha lawyers to show cause for 'contempt of court'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

District and Sessions Judge's Court has issued show cause notice to 26 lawyers including convener of Gaibandha Bar Association for 'contempt of court', as they brought allegation against the district and sessions judge at a press conference in connection with their boycotting court programmes.

The notice issued on November 9 from District and Sessions Judge's Court asked the lawyers to explain appearing before the court in person within three days of receipt of the notice why they will not be brought

under charge of contempt of court and other laws.

"On October 22, the accused lawyers conducted unfair dealings during proceedings of a case on bail prayer and boycotted the court. Later at a press conference, the lawyers gave false, baseless and blundering statement against the sessions judge. The statement was published in different dailies that tarnished the image of justice to plaintiffs as well as general people," says the notice issued by District and Sessions Judge Taj Mohammed Shiekh.

Lawyers of Gaibandha Bar Association started boycotting the court on October 23 for uncertain period alleging district and ses-

sions judge's 'unfair dealings' with a professional lawyer during proceedings of a case.

The lawyers took the decision at an emergency meeting of Gaibandha Bar Association held at its conference room with advocate Siddique Hossain Salim, convener of Gaibandha Bar Association, in the chair on October 22.

Later the lawyers held a press conference at Gaibandha Press Club on October 30 alleging misbehaviour, irregularities and injustice of the district and sessions judge and announced programme to continue boycotting the court till removal of the judge.

RU Shibir enforces strike against cultural activists

RU CORRESPONDENT

Islami Chhatra Shibir yesterday enforced a daylong strike on Rajshahi University (RU) campus amid alleged inaction by police.

Earlier on Tuesday, Shibir activists under the banner of 'Sacheton Chhatra Samaj' of RU called the student strike on the campus demanding punishment of cultural activists for staging a drama against Prophet Mohammad (SM).

Hundreds of Shibir activists under the banner of 'Sacheton Chhatra Samaj' went to science, arts, commerce faculty buildings, central library, dean offices and administrative building and forcibly closed the main gates in presence of police yesterday morning.

Shibir activists took position at different points including the administrative building and asked officers, employees and students to leave the campus.

Due to the situation, university officials and employees could not enter the administrative building while classes and scheduled examinations could not be held.

Shibir cadres moved around the campus on motorbikes, creating panic among the teachers and students.

Law enforcers taking position at the entrances of faculty buildings and different offices on the campus remained inactive during the strike enforced by Shibir.



Shibir activists take position after locking the gate of Rajshahi University central library during the strike enforced by them yesterday.

At around 2.00pm, the Shibir activists held a meeting on the premises of administrative building amid police presence.

Speakers at the meeting warned of tough agitation programme against the university authorities if cultural activists are not punished.

Teachers, officials and general students strongly criticised university authorities and police administration for not taking any action against the Shibir activists who enforced strike on the campus.

"We had nothing to do, as university authorities did not give us any direction about the students' strike," MKH Zahangir Hossain, assistant commissioner of police in Motihar Zone, told newsmen. When contacted, acting RU Vice Chancellor Prof Mammunul Keramat, told this correspondent, "Now I am staying in Dhaka. After my return to the campus, action will be taken against the responsible students who called strike."

58 Hajj pilgrims constrained as agency 'breaches' contract

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Hajj pilgrimage of 58 people of Sidr-hit Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat district and flood affected Sathkoria district has become quite uncertain although they have made all necessary payments for that purpose.

In press statement sent to different local dailies, the pilgrims said as per contract with a travel agency named 'Dhali' they made necessary payments after fulfilling all terms and conditions with the travel agency authorities in Khulna City. The travel agency demanded more money saying that it was needed for different reasons including rise in house rent in Makkah, they said.

"This demand was made at a time when we completed all necessary formalities including medical check-

up," said Noorjahan Begum of Sharankhola upazila and Abul Bashar of Tootpara under Khulna Sadar.

They alleged that authorities of the travel agency had seized their passports.

They have sought intervention of the concerned ministry to arrange their pilgrimage and take stern action against the travel agency for cheating them on the eve of Hajj.

When asked, Chairman of the travel agency Mujahidul Islam Selim said house rent in Makkah has doubled compared to last year and so, pilgrims have to pay additional money for that purpose before going for pilgrimage.

Authorities of other travel agencies in Khulna City, however, said they had not demanded any extra money from any pilgrims due to rise in house rent in Makkah.

Bagerhat polls campaign dull as 2 leaders convicted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Election campaign in Bagerhat district is yet to get any noticeable progress as Awami League leader Sheikh Helaluddin, former lawmaker elected from Bagerhat-1 and district BNP President MAH Selim, former lawmaker elected from Bagerhat-2 are convicted in corruption cases.

Sheikh Rehana, sister of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, or barrister Fazle Noor Taposh, son of late Fazlul Huq Moni, founder of Jubo League, may be fielded as candidate in Bagerhat-1 (Mollahat-Fakirhat-Chitalmari) constituency, party sources said. Tuku, former additional GIP

Abdur Rahim Khan and former VP of Rajshahi University Students Union advocate Mir Shawkat Ali are also seeking nomination from Awami League-led 14-party alliance from Bagerhat-2.

District BNP Senior Vice President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Bagerhat District Bar Association President Wahiduzzaman Dipuare are vying for nomination from Bagerhat-2 (Sadar upazila-Kachua) constituency in absence of former BNP lawmaker Selim who is now in jail.

Ruby Mostafiz, wife of former foreign minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, is also an aspirant for four-party alliance ticket from Bagerhat-2.

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