

Fancy takes her life fearing mockery of justice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Thakurgaon*

A rape victim teenaged orphan girl of Chandanchahat village under Ranishankoil upazila in Thakurgaon committed suicide on Wednesday as she was prevented from taking shelter of law in the name of so-called village arbitration.

The victim, Fancy, 19, lost her parents a few years ago and she started staying with her stepbrother Jamshed Ali.

The girl was alone at their home on March 29 night when Chakha of the same village entered her room and raped her, police and locals said.

Hearing her scream, neighbours rushed to the spot and caught fleeing Chakha.

The next day, Fancy along with Jamshed prepared to go to Ranishankoil Police Station to file a case.

As the rapist's family members sought help of the village leaders, Nekmorad Union Parishad member Abdus Salam and Shamsul Huda assured Fancy and Jamshed of justice through arbitration.

On March 31 evening, village leaders arranged arbitration at Fancy's house where Mizanur Rahman, Vice-Chairman of Ranishankoil upazila parishad, also upazila

Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, and UP members Abdus Salam and Banu Begum were present among over a hundred villagers.

After a long discussion, the village leaders said they will give judgment a few days later, said UP member Banu Begum.

Humiliated and suspicious of the so-called justice from the village leaders, Fancy burst into tears and she took poison after a few minutes, said Jamshed.

Fancy was rushed to village doctor Hamid who referred her to Ranishankoil Health Complex but she died on the way at about 1:00am on Wednesday.

Jamshed filed a case accusing 11 people including Chakha.

Ranishankoil upazila parishad Vice-Chairman of Mizanur Rahman said, "We tried to settle the matter but two rival groups did not cooperate. Then we fixed April 6 for sitting again. But the girl took poison after we left the arbitration meeting."

"Crimes like rape cannot be compromised through arbitration. If such so-called arbitration is allowed, crimes including torture on women and children will increase," said a police officer seeking anonymity.



A house and a school destroyed by Friday night's nor-wester that battered Kalpur upazila in Sirajganj district.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

24 deported from India sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

Twenty-four people, deported by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) through two border points in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts on Friday, were sent to jail yesterday.

The judicial magistrate's courts in the districts sent them to jail after police produced them before the courts in connection with the cases filed under Bangladesh Control of Entry Act 1952.

Police said these people hail from various districts across the country and suffered one month's jail term in India as they entered the country illegally to seek fortune or for treatment.

"By entering India illegally, they committed crime even under the law of Bangladesh," said Sub-inspector Saidur Rahman of Godagari Police Station.

Of the 24 deported people, 12 were captured by BDR personnel at Saheb nagar frontier under Godagari upazila of Rajshahi while the rest in Shibrampur area of Bangabari border, under Gomastapur upazila of Chapainawabganj.

BDR members handed over the captured people to police in Godagari and Gomastapur accusing them in two separate cases filed under Bangladesh Control of Entry Act 1952 with respective police stations.

Those captured at

RALLY IN SATKHIRA 'Punish killers of shrimp cultivator'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Over 2,500 people including women and children yesterday brought out a procession, formed a human chain and held a rally at Gazirhat, an important business centre in Debhata upazila, demanding arrest and punishment to the killers of a shrimp cultivator.

Abdul Wahid, 28, son of Alhaj Ansar Ali of village Shimulbaria in Debhata upazila was killed by miscreants while he was asleep at his house at Khankarchar at dead of night on March 23.

The next day Wahid's elder brother Abdul Mazid filed a case against 13 including 10 unnamed accused.

The accused are Liton, 27, and Sanu Sardar, 45, of village Jagannathpur and former Noapara UP member Ebadul Islam, 45, of village Kalabaria in Debhata upazila.

The speakers at the rally alleged that police are sheltering the accused rather than arresting them for 'mysterious' reason.

They demanded immediate arrest of the culprits and exemplary punishment to the killers and their 'godfathers'.

AL activist killed in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

Unidentified criminals killed an Awami League (AL) activist at Sonapur village under Ataikula upazila of Pabna district early yesterday.

The dead, Shafiqul Islam, 36, was the secretary of Sonapur village unit of AL.

Police quoted family as saying that a gang of criminals entered the house of Shafiq at around 3:00am, hit him with sharp weapons and left the scene. He succumbed to his injuries on way to Pabna General Hospital.

On information, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Pabna General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Poverty, the murderer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Chauabganj*

A housewife and mother of six killed herself by taking poison on Friday night as her family was unable to feed the hungry mouths.

Duty officer of Shibganj police station SI Iqbal Hossain said Ajenur Begum, 45, wife of Mofijul of Sujapur village under Binodpur union of Shibganj upazila in Chapainawabganj took poison on Friday afternoon and died at Sadar hospital at around 8pm.

An unnatural death case has been filed in this regard.

Victim's daughter Rehena said their parents often had hot exchanges over every day needs because of poverty.

"My father is a day labourer. He could not earn enough to bear family expenses. So there was no peace due to poverty. At last my mother killed herself by taking poison," she said. Delwar Hossain, Chairman of Binodpur union parishad said Ajenur committed suicide for poverty. Her husband rarely had regular work. They own no land and live in a khas land.

Khulna madrasas under watch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Activities of over a thousand quami, ebtedayee, nurani and alia madrasas in all nine upazilas in Khulna district are under surveillance of police and intelligence agencies.

Sources said the Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order last week in this regard after the Bhola incident in which police recovered huge arms and ammunition from a militant camp there.

Khulna Police Superintendent YM Belal Rahman told this correspondent that a list is being prepared to ascertain the exact number of the aforesaid categories of madrasas in the district.

This is being done as arms and ammunition were seized from Green Crescent madrasa at Ram Keshabpur village under Borhanuddin upazila of Bhola, he said.

Police and intelligence agencies in all upazilas have been directed to increase their watch on madrasas

particularly on the Quami and on other suspected places, he added.

Sources said there are over 5,000 students in the three categories of madrasas and police and intelligence agencies are working to ascertain sources of their income and heads of expenditure.

Besides, background of teachers and guardians of students are also being looked into by the agencies.

"We are also trying to get an idea about the curriculum of quami madrasa and identify persons who finance these madrasas," said a senior Khulna police official.

Police and intelligence agencies detected militant activities in some madrasas of Khulna city and district after the serial bomb blasts across the country in 2005.

Over two dozens of operatives of JMB and other Islamist militant organisations were arrested during crackdown on different madrasas and houses.

Footpath for pedestrians or shop owners?

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, *Bogra*

A large number of shop owners as well as floating traders beside the roads in the centre of Bogra town have kept the footpaths occupied for long, making them virtually unusable for passer-by.

Most of the footpaths from Sattamtha to Khander area and other busy roads like Borogola to Foteali Bazar and Sattamtha to Borogola traffic point have been occupied for a long time allegedly with the help of employees of Bogra Burasava and law enforcement agencies, locals said.

Traders and vendors have occupied footpaths of a few busy roads in the town for long and the authorities have now decided to evict them soon with the help of local people and administration, Bogra Pourashava Mayor AKM Mahabubur Rahman said.

A committee headed by Bogra Additional District Magistrate Md Anwar Hossain was formed on March 12 to take necessary steps to evict illegal traders from the footpaths and streets, Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohammad Basir Uddin said.

"We cannot get benefit of the footpaths as those are partially or fully occupied. Traders have occupied both of the footpaths from Borogola Traffic Police Post to Foteali Bazar," said Md Abdul Mazid of Khander area in Bogra town.

"I started shoe business on the footpath of Kabi Nazrul



PHOTO: STAR

The cooker of a restaurant is set on the footpath at Baragola in Bogra town, top, items of a variety store kept on the walkway near Sadar Police Station.

Islam Sarak near Bogra Sadar Police Station about six years ago. Some employees of Bogra Pourasava advised me to vacate the footpath five or six months back," Jahidul Islam,

36, said.

Another trader Aftab Ali, 50, said he started his business 15 years ago on the same footpath but nobody asked him to leave the place.

Ensure Hirua's land right, protect his family

Demand indigenous people in Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

Around a hundred indigenous people under the banner of 'Jatiya Adivashi Parishad' yesterday formed a human chain at Shaheb Bazer zero point protesting a bid to evict indigenous people from their land and harassment by influential settlers.

Later, speakers at a protest meeting at the same venue alleged that a local influential at Jandaha village under Godagari upazila of Rajshahi tried to evict adivashi Hirua Sardar from his land.

They said recently the aforesaid person applied to the government for lease of khas land now enjoyed by Hirua.

As he failed to get lease, the person along with 15 other settlers Sunday attacked Hirua Sardar's house, beat his wife and looted and damaged properties, they alleged.

They also threatened Hirua and asked him

to leave the khas land and village immediately, they said.

The next day, Hirua filed a case with Godagari police station and police arrested one person in this connection.

The arrestee's hired goons are now threatening Hirua Sardar. They asked him to withdraw the case or face death, they said.

The indigenous people yesterday urged the government to protect Hirua and his rights on khas land and ensure security of his family members.

They also demanded exemplary punishment to the land grabbers who tried to evict Hirua from his land.

Jatiya Adivashi Parishad central president Anil Maradi, secretary Rabindra Nath Saran, Rajshahi unit president Bimon Chandra Rajwar, secretary Susen Kumar, indigenous leader Rajkumar Shaw and Harendra Nath Singh addressed the meeting.

family members.

Matin said he has also submitted written complaints to the university proctor and higher authorities.

Contacted, RU proctor Prof Zakaria confirmed the incident and said police have been asked to take necessary steps in this regard.

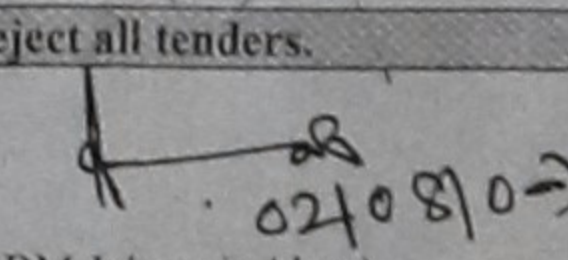
Habibur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mother police station told newsmen that police have received Prof Matin's complaint and started investigation.

RU teacher gets PBCP death threat

RU CORRESPONDENT

A teacher of Rajshahi University (RU) received death threat from outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) yesterday.

Prof Abdul Matin Talukder of drama department, also provost of Mother Bux Hall filed a general diary (GD) with Mother Police Station saying that a man identifying himself as a top leader of PBCP phoned him and demanded Tk 5 lakh. As he refused to pay the money, the PBCP leader threatened to kill him and his

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate General of Health Services EPI & Surveillance, EPI HQ., Mohakhali, Dhaka.						
INVITATION RE-TENDER						
Memo no. DGHS/EPI/ADMIN-161/2008/639			Dated: 02/04/2009			
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As per PPR-2008 Terms and conditions are as follows:						
KEY INFORMATION						
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare				
2	Agency	Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)				
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director, PHC & Line Director, ESD, DGHS EPI HQ, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.				
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5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
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10	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB (Dev.)				
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a)	Selling Tender Documents	a) Program Manager, Child Health & LCC, EPI HQ, Mohakhali, Dhaka. b) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.				
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c)	Opening Tender Documents	Assistant Director, EPI & Surveillance, EPI HQ, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. (Room no. 408, 3 rd floor). In presence of Tenderer if any.				
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Place: Conference room (2 nd floor) EPI HQ, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Date: 16/04/2009, Time at 11:00 A.M.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
22	Eligibility of Tenderers	All Tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer & as per qualification mentioned in the tender documents.				
23	Brief Description of Goods	Printing of EPI Materials				
24	Brief Description of Related Services	Not Applicable				
24	Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Price of Tender Document in Taka	Tender Security Amount in Taka	Time for Completion in weeks
	01	Printing of TT (Women) Card with Plastic Jacket	EPI HQ	Lot no. 01 Tk= 2,500/- (Two thousand five hundred) only	Lot no. 01 Tk= 3,50,000/- (Three lac fifty thousand) only	05 Weeks from signing of contract
	04	-EPI Child Monthly Report Book - Monthly EPI Report Book for Women - District Indent Book - Upazila Indent Book - Logistic Distribution Register - Daily Vaccine Distribution Register - District & Upazila Stock Register	EPI HQ	Lot no. 04 Tk= 1,500/- (One thousand five hundred) only	Lot no. 04 Tk= 1,10,000/- (One lac ten thousand) only	
N.B: For lot 01 & 04	One bidder can submit tender for one lot only		By Treasury Chela with CTR Code No- 1-2711-0000-2366 in Sonali Bank or Bangladesh Bank (Non-refundable)		Bank draft or Bank guarantee or Pay order in favour of Line Director, ESD, DGHS.	
25	Name of Official Inviting Tenders		Dr. ABM Jahangir Alam			
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tenders		Director, PHC & Line Director, ESD			
27	Address of Official Inviting Tenders		Room no-405 (3 rd floor), EPI HQ, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212			
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