

Outlaws, gangsters back to crime spree in SW dists

99 killings in less than 5 months; rape, robbery, extortion on rise

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

Law and order is deteriorating fast in the 10 south-western districts as outlawed parties and criminal gangs have resumed their activities in the last six months.

At least 99 people were killed in the region from January 1 to June 16 this year, while other crimes including rape, robbery, extortion and violence marked a steady rise in Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Jhenidah, Magura, Jessore, Narail, Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat districts.

Of the murders, 14 took place in January, 13 in February, 19 in March, 21 in April, 18 in May and 14 in the first 16 days of June.

Outlawed party cadres and gangs committed most of the murders and other crimes, police said.

In the latest incident on Wednesday, two suspected cadres of an outlawed party were brutally murdered by rival party men inside a female dormitory of Islamic University (IU) in Kushtia.

The deceased were cadres of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz. Police suspect they were murdered by activists of rival Jasod Gono Bahini.

A week ago on June 10, six people including three women were murdered in Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Jessore.

Of them, a housewife was slaughtered by her

husband in Kushtia, outlaws murdered three rivals in Chuadanga and Meherpur and two women were killed after rape in Jessore.

In previous five months from August to December last year the number of murders was 21.

According to law enforcement agencies and newspaper reports, at least 56 bomb attacks, 42 robberies, 33 rapes and around 150 incidents of extortion took place during the period while 20 bomb attacks, 22 robberies, 6 rapes were recorded in the aforesaid five months of 2008.

Those killed in the last five months included 15 businessmen most for refusing to pay toll to the extortionists. The others are 12 political party men—four from ruling Awami League (AL) and eight from BNP.

At least 22 outlaws were killed by their rivals during the period while the rest were ordinary people like students and farmers.

Locals and police said, several outlawed parties and gangs have resumed their criminal activities in the region after regrouping under about 50 kingpins who returned to their old dens and areas remaining at large for a long time.

A group of ruling party leaders allegedly are harbouring the outlawed party leaders and cadres who move with them as 'party men'.

"A number of top criminals who were on the run have returned to their areas. They are trying to regain their lost 'empire' taking advantage of the recent

political changeover," said a high police official seeking anonymity.

He alleged these criminals evade arrest as a section of political leaders and local influential shelter them.

"It is again the same old tale that the ruling party men use these criminals for establishing supremacy in their respective areas," he said.

A number of anti-crime crackdowns were launched in last few years but downside of law and order could not be arrested. Even deaths in 'crossfire' with law enforcers failed to improve the situation, he lamented.

Police said at least 522 listed criminals including some 'founders' of outlawed outfits and top gangsters were killed in 'crossfire' incidents since August 2004 to date.

Sources said, at least a dozen outlawed parties are active in the region and an unspecified number of illegal firearms are under their possession. These outfits have around 5,000 cadres who belong to the following factions of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML): Janajuddho, PBCP-red flag, PBCP-Communist war, Biplobi Communist Party (BCP), New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP), Gono Bahini (GB), Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF), Banglar Communist Party, Socialist Party (SP), Biplobi Anuragi, Chinnamul Communist Party (CCP) and Sharbahara People's Manch.



PHOTO: STAR

A procession brought out by indigenous people of Boroitali village in Guimara upazila parade the main streets of Khagrachhari town yesterday.

Stop settlers' bid to grab indigenous people's land

Boroitali villagers submit memo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Speakers at a protest meeting yesterday urged the government to take stern action against those who wanted to grab indigenous people's land at Boroitali under Guimara upazila in Khagrachhari hill district.

In the meeting organised by the Boroitali villagers on the premises of Khagrachhari Deputy Commissioner's Office, they urged the government to conduct a proper investigation into Sunday's clash at Boroitali.

They said as part of a blueprint to make CHT restful, a section of security men are patronising the settlers in their initiative to occupy 300 acres of indigenous people's land at Boroitali.

Monhghai Aungya Marma, Neeang Marma, Neujai Marma and Uchinue Marma

spoke on behalf of Boroitali villagers.

Later, the indigenous people from Boroitali village handed over a memorandum to Khagrachhari Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Abdullah, urging him to meet their three-point demand.

The demands include stopping move to grab indigenous people's 300 acres of land at Boroitali, end the settlers' movement under the shelter of law enforcers, and ensure security, peaceful living and traditional land rights of indigenous people.

Earlier the indigenous people brought out a protest procession that paraded the main roads of Khagrachhari hill town.

A tense situation is still prevailing at Boroitali village in Guimara upazila where as at least 17 settlers were seriously injured in a clash with indigenous people over disputed land last Sunday.

SNIPPETS

UP chairman arrested

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Shibchar police on Tuesday arrested BNP leader and Banskandi Union Parishad (UP) chairman Shahidul Islam on charges of desecrating the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and ransacking Banskandi UP office in 2003. Shahidul is the younger brother of Madaripur district Jamaat-e-Islami secretary Hemayet Hossain Mridha. Police arrested Shahidul from his house at Banskandi. He was later sent to jail custody. Banskandi union Awami League general secretary Hamidul Islam earlier filed a case against Shahidul in connection with the incident.

Missing boy found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A schoolboy who went missing Monday morning was found dead in a jute field the next day at village Garibpur Madarpara under Chitalmari upazila of Bagerhat district. Sujon Biswas, 15, was only son of shrimp trader Shushil Biswas and a student of class ten at Chardakatia High School. Locals said, the body was located at the jute field when the pet dog of the shrimp trader started unusual barking at the spot. Reason for Sujon's death could not be known.

Acid attack on mother, child

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A housewife and her son received burn injury as criminals threw acid on them Tuesday night. Amena Begum, 20, wife of Abul Kalam of village Ibaria and her one-year-old child Rezaul were sleeping when a gang allegedly led by Eusuf Howlader entered her house at about 10 pm and threw acid on them and fled away. Amena was admitted to Patuakhali General Hospital the same night. Family sources said, the attack might be a sequel to a land dispute with their neighbour.

Murder for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A housewife was murdered allegedly for dowry at village Bishnupur under Khaliyari upazila Tuesday night. Khaliyari police recovered the body yesterday from a jungle near the house of the victim. Police said, Salma Begum, 20, wife of Niamat Ullah was daughter of one Karamat Ali of the same village. Fatema Begum, mother of the victim, claimed that although they gave Tk 75,000 and other valuables as dowry at the time of marriage, Niamat and his parents used to torture Salma for Tk 50,000 more. Niamat was arrested after a case was filed with Khaliyari police station in this connection.

Thief beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

One person was beaten to death for theft at a jewelry shop yesterday at village Madandanga under Shaikupa upazila. Police and locals said three thieves broke into the jewelry shop in the early hours. The night guard raised a hue and cry and chased them. Two managed to flee with three tolas gold and 20 tolas silver. The third one was beaten to death by mob. Police recovered the body and sent it to Jhenidah hospital morgue for autopsy.

Traders call for strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Traders at the district town will keep their shutters down for six hours from 6 am today to protest the bid to hold trade fair by the Moulvibazar Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MCCI). The traders under the banner of 'General Businessmen of Moulvibazar' yesterday observed a token hunger strike at Chawmuhana Square. During today's programme announced after the hunger strike, all shops and other business establishments will remain closed. They will also form human chain at Central Road on Saturday. Traders and town dwellers are opposing this trade fair saying it will affect ordinary traders and environment of the town. However, the MCCI told journalists yesterday the move to stop the fair in the name of general businessmen is a conspiracy against the MCCI. They said no unethical events like gambling, lottery draw will take place at the fair.

SI closed for beating one

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Abul Khair, SI of Barisal Kotwali Police Station, was closed to Barisal Metropolitan Police Line yesterday for torturing a rickshaw-van puller. Abdur Rahim, commissioner in charge of BMP told newsmen that the action was taken after the departmental probe found SI Khair guilty. Sources said rickshaw-van puller Abul Kalam, 25, was mercilessly beaten up by Khair on Monday in Munshir Garage area after his van and a police pickup collided there.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Girl students of Purbo Hetalia Government Primary School in Patuakhali being treated at Patuakhali General Hospital after they were attacked by an 'unknown disease' during their classes yesterday.

Unknown disease attacks schoolgirls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

About 50 girl students of a primary school under Patuakhali Sadar upazila were attacked by unknown disease yesterday.

Of them, seven were admitted to Patuakhali General Hospital while the rest given first aid.

Those undergoing treatment at the hospital are Mahfuza, Tamanna, Monira, Mahmuda, Reba, Tanzila and Keya.

Yakub Ali, headmaster of East Hetalia Government Primary School, said 20 students of class three suddenly felt

irritation on their skin around 11:45 and became sick within a few minutes.

The disease soon spread among the students of classes two and four and 30 of them became sick, said the headmaster.

When contacted, Dr Mostafizur Rahman, child specialist of Patuakhali

General Hospital, said the disease is called 'mass phylogenetic' which mainly attacks females.

TEASING, ATTACK BY OUTSIDERS

BM College students foil exams, block road again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Aggrieved students of BM College yesterday foiled second year honours examinations of 18 departments and handed over memorandum to the principal demanding necessary action to check outsider troublemakers on the campus.

On Tuesday noon, Tanvir Hossain, a third year honours student of economics department, was seriously injured as outsider Jasim stabbed him for protesting indecent remarks at the female students by Jasim's companions on the campus.

The incident gave rise to serious grievance among the students.

To probe the incident, the college authorities have formed a three-member committee headed by ASM Alaaddin, associate professor of accounting and asked them to submit report within next three working days, the principal said.

The students who forced the honours second year test examinees of 18 departments to

quit the examination halls also kept the road in front of campus blocked for 20 minutes.

They brought out a procession on the campus and handed over a memorandum to the principal demanding formation of a vigilance committee to check entrance of outsiders and teasing of girls on the campus, installation of close circuit cameras at sensitive points and lodging a case on behalf of the college authorities to ensure punishment of the attackers who stabbed college student Tanvir Hossain.

"Test examinations were postponed due to unavoidable circumstance. I sent a letter to Barisal Metropolitan Police commissioner in connection with Tuesday's incident," said BM College Principal Dr Nani Gopal Das.

As of filing of this report yesterday afternoon, no case was lodged in connection with stabbing the BM College student on Tuesday, BMP Assistant Commissioner Hayatul Islam Khan said.

PCP protests kidnapping bid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP), student front of Parbattya Chattogram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), yesterday took out processions in the town protesting alleged attempt to kidnap one of their leaders from the party office by some armed rivals on Wednesday night.

Later at a rally on the premises of Rangamati Deputy Commissioner's office, they gave the administration a 48-hour ultimatum to arrest the culprits.

The leaders alleged that a group of armed members from Khagrachhari were creating trouble at Rangamati town for the last few days.

They blamed a leader of PCJSS for leading the rival faction.

NEW CONVENING BODY AT FENI

Removal of Sayeed Eskander demanded

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A faction of Feni BNP yesterday demanded removal of major (ret'd) Syeed Eskander, the newly appointed convenor of the party's district unit.

The demand was made at a press conference organised apparently by district BNP's Mosharraf-VP Joyal backed faction. BNP central committee recently made Eskander convenor of the district committee.

The leaders and activists of the faction also brought out a procession in the town protesting

the appointment of major (ret'd) Eskander as convenor.

District BNP Vice-President and Sadar upazila President Shamsul Haque read out a written statement at the press conference at the rest house of the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in the afternoon.

In the statement, they alleged that after 1/11 change-over Syeed Iskander tried to send Khaleda Zia abroad with the help of intelligence agencies to weaken BNP leadership.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর ০১/২০০৯-২০১০

দিপিকা/০৬ তদবর্তী প্রদত্ত লিপিকা/০৮ মোতাবেক ২০০৯-২০১০ অর্থ সনের ১ম কোয়ার্টারের জন্য নরসিংদী জেলা পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে উপাদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/স্বত্বাধারী বা বাসায়ী নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে।

০১	মুদ্রণালয়/বিকাশ	১	স্বত্ব মুদ্রণালয়
০২	এজেন্সি	২	পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা
০৩	সহকারী সত্তার নাম	৩	পুলিশ সুপার, নরসিংদী
০৪	ক্রয়ের কোড	৪	০-২২১১-০০০৫ রোয়াই হাউস বাদা সামগ্রী ৪৮৭০ বাদদেবী সাজহ
০৫	সহকারী জেলা	৫	নরসিংদী জেলা পুলিশ
০৬	কি জন্য আহ্বান	৬	২০০৯-২০১০ অর্থ সনের ১ম কোয়ার্টারের রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয়
০৭	আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	৭	তারিখ নং ২৩৭৩/৪ তাং ১৪/৬/০৯
০৮	সহকারী পদ্ধতি	৮	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি
০৯	বাজেট এবং সোর্স অব ফান্ড	৯	সরকারী (জিওবি)
১০	প্রকল্প/প্রোগ্রামের নাম (যদি প্রযোজ্য হয়)	১০	প্রযোজ্য নহে
১১	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নং	১১	০০ (ডি) ডি
১২	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	১২	রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয়
১৩	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	১৩	১৫/০৬/০৯ইং
১৪	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	১৪	৬/০৭/০৯ইং
১৫	দরপত্র হাঙ্গের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৫	০৭/০৭/০৯ইং ১২:০০ ঘটিকায়
১৬	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৬	০৭/০৭/০৯ইং ১২:৩০ ঘটিকায়
১৭	দরপত্রের মেয়াদ	১৭	৩০/০৬/০৯ইং
১৮	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা (প্রধান)	১৮	ভারপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তা, পুলিশ রেশন স্টোর, পুলিশ লাইন্স, নরসিংদী
১৯	দরপত্র দলিল হাঙ্গের স্থান	১৯	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, নরসিংদী
২০	দরপত্র দলিল খোলার স্থান	২০	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, নরসিংদী
২১	দরপত্র দলিলের (সিডিউল) মূল্য	২১	দরপত্র সিডিউল হাঙ্গের সময় হাদানাসান নব্যকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, থাকে সলভেবিল সার্টিফিকেট, মূল্য সংযোজন কর (ভ্যাট) নিবন্ধন এবং আয়ের পরিবেশের প্রত্যয়নপত্র ও জাতীয়তা সনদ এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দাখিল করিতে হবে।
২২	লট নং	২২	সম্মানিত ঠিকানা = ৭৫০/- (অফিসের মূল্য) মতর ভাল = ৭৫০/- (অফিসের মূল্য) ক্যালকুলেটর = ৪০০/- (অফিসের মূল্য)
২৩	আইটেমসমূহ	২৩	দরপত্রের জামানতের টাকা (ফেরতযোগ্য) আদানার বামে দাখিল করতে হবে।
২৪	১	সম্মানিত ঠিকানা (যদি প্রযোজ্য হয়) কনটেন্টসহ (বিসেসটিআই অনুমোদিত) ডার মার্কা/কলকাতা।	২৪,৫০০ পিটার = ৩৫,০০০/- টাকা।
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২৬	৩	ক্যালকুলেটর (ফেনা আম কাঠ)	২৬,৫০০/- টাকা।
২৭	৪	চাঁদা মোতাবেক	২৭,৫০০/- টাকা।
২৮	৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী অফিসের নাম	২৮,৫০০/- টাকা।
২৯	৬	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	২৯,৫০০/- টাকা।
৩০	৭	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	৩০,৫০০/- টাকা।
৩১	৮	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	৩১,৫০০/- টাকা।
৩২	৯	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার মোবাইল নাম্বার	৩২,৫০০/- টাকা।
৩৩	১০	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	৩৩,৫০০/- টাকা।
৩৪	১১	ক) লিপিকা/২০০৮ এর সকল বিধি বিধান দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী হিসাবে গণ্য হবে। খ) দরপত্র সিডিউল অনুযায়ী শর্তাবলী বর্ণিত রয়েছে।	৩৪,৫০০/- টাকা।
৩৫	১২	ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাণিজ্য করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	৩৫,৫০০/- টাকা।

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