

## Maid tortured to death for Tk 10

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police have arrested Cox's Bazar Forest Department Sadar Beat Officer Sirajul Islam and his wife Shirin Sultana on charge of torturing to death their teenage maid for stealing Tk 10.

The victim, Sufia, 13, took a soft drink from a nearby shop with Tk 10 that she stole from her master Sirajul Islam's pocket Friday noon, police and witnesses said.

Sufia, who later admitted to taking the money, received severe beating from Sirajul Islam and his wife Shirin Sultana and was left without any food for the whole day, they said.

As she started crying for food at night, Shirin Sultana uprooted nails of her hand with a sharp weapon and hit her body with hot spatula.

When she wanted to drink water at around 12:30am, she was again tortured. After she fell unconscious at around 2:00am, she was taken to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital where she died at around 2:30am.

Informed by on-duty officer of the hospital, Cox's Bazar Sadar Police Station Sub-inspector (SI) Quader Siddiqui went to the spot and sent the body to hospital for autopsy.

"There are marks of hitting on Sufia's body. An autopsy would reveal details," said Dr Saiful Islam, resident physician of the hospital.

"Sirajul Islam and his wife Shirin Sultana have been sent to jail under Section 54 after their arrest on charge of involvement in the killing. Sufia's parents have been informed," SI Quader Siddiqui said on Saturday afternoon.

Sufia, daughter of Azizur Rahman of Kanainagar in Banchharpur upazila in Brahmanbaria, had been working for one year as domestic help in Sirajul Islam's rented house at Tekpara in Cox's Bazar town, police said.

Asked about torture on Sufia and her death, a crying Sirajul Islam said in the police station that he did not know anything about it.

## SOUTHWESTERN BORDER BSF kills 33 Bangladeshis since January

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Kushtha

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) killed at least 33 Bangladeshis and injured over 50 others on Jessor, Kushtia, Meherpur, Chittagong, Jhenidah and Satkhira borders in the last six and a half months.

Of them, three were killed in January, four in February, five in March, two in April, four in May, six in June and nine others were killed until July 16, according to newspaper reports and BDR and police sources.

The BSF also abducted at least 40 Bangladeshis during the period. Thirty of them are now in Indian jails while and the rest were handed over to Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) following flag meetings between the border guards of the two countries.

At least 20 incidents of 'unprovoked' firing by BSF

took place on southwestern borders during the period.

On July 9, four cattle traders were shot dead at Agrohul frontier under Jessor district. The victims are Sobuj, 16, Ahmed Ali, 21, Saddam, 25 and Ariful 28. They all hailed from Pachhulot village in the district.

The latest incident took place on Baradi border in Chuadanga on July 12 in which cattle trader Bodruzzaman was shot dead by BSF personnel.

According to information gathered from newspaper reports and BDR, police sources, the Indian border guards killed 54 Bangladeshis on southwestern borders in 2008. Of them, 32 were killed from January 1 to July 13.

However, the BSF chief in a recent border conference in the capital assured BDR of putting an end to the killing of innocent Bangladeshis on the borders.

## 14 sued on charge of war crimes

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Fourteen alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces have been sued for killing, looting and arson in Magura and Patuakhali districts in 1971.

In Magura, Chiarunnesa Khatun of Kadiarpura village under Shalikha upazila, filed a petition case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, on Sunday, accusing 13 'rajakars' of killing five freedom fighters, including her son, during the Liberation War, according to our correspondent.

The complainant identified three of the accused. They are Ibrahim Molla of Kadiarpura village, Mohammad Abdul Latif of Harishpur village, and Mohammad Sohrab Hossain of Boyra village in Shalikha upazila. She could not identify the remaining ten.

In the case, she stated that

## CU English dept in sorry state

CU CORRESPONDENT

Sixty-five out of a total 125 students failed in the first year English (Honours) examinations in 2007-2008 session of Chittagong University (CU).

Students blamed irregular classes, holding examinations before completion of syllabus, lack of proper knowledge about grading system and negligence of duties by some teachers for the result debacle.

They said a few teachers took only one or two classes to 'complete' their curriculum.

The students yesterday approached the department chairman with appeal for cancellation of the results and

holding the examinations again but the chairman did not accept, sources said.

When contacted, the departmental Chairman Prof Chowdhury Mohammad Ali said, "The allegations are baseless. The examinations were held after completion of the required classes."

"I did not receive the students' application for holding special examination for them as it would go against the university rules. The failed student can attend the examinations with the next batch," he said.

The first year final examinations were completed on January 25 this year and results were published on June 27 last.



Rajshahi divisional unit of Bangladesh Upazila Vice Chairmen Coordination Council forms a human chain at Shaheb Bazaar in Rajshahi yesterday to press home their demands including status fixing and job specification. Similar programmes were also held in several other districts.

PHOTO: STAR

## ATTACK ON HASINA'S MOTORCADE AT GOURNADI IN 2004

## Ex-MP Zahiruddin Swapan, 109 other BNP men sued

*I was not in the area on the day: Swapan*

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Barisal

A case was filed with the Judicial Magistrate's Court, Barisal, yesterday against 110 BNP men, including former lawmaker Zahiruddin Swapan, for attacking Hasina's motorcade at Gournadi in 2004.

Golam Hafiz Mridha, joint convener of Gournadi upazila Jubo League, lodged the case in the afternoon.

Accepting the case, Magistrate Md Ali Ahsan ordered the officer-in-charge (OC) of Gournadi

Police Station to investigate the case and submit a report to the court by August 19.

The other accused include Sarwar Alam Biplob, BNP Gournadi upazila unit secretary, Mukul Khan, municipal unit president, Hannan Sharif, municipal unit secretary, Badiuzzaman Mintu, president of upazila Jubo Dal and Zaki Hossain Raja, former VP of Gournadi College Students Union.

Nurul Islam, officer-in-charge of Gournadi Police Station, told The Daily Star that he would take legal steps after receiving the court order.

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Advocate Talukdar Md Yunus, Sweekchasebok League President Baudhuddin Nasim, former BCL president Liakat Shikdar, and some local AL leaders have been made witnesses of the case.

Former BNP lawmaker Zahiruddin Swapan, one of the accused in the case, told this correspondent that he was not in the area during the incident.

Jubo League President and State Minister for LGRD Jahangir Kabir Nanak, AL

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