

Death of young domestic help raises question

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Police recovered the body of a domestic help from Sonari Uttar Musrutpur village under Sadar upazila in Nilphamari while it was being buried 'secretly' on Tuesday.

Police and locals said Selina, 11, daughter of Salimullah, a day labourer, was working as a domestic help at the residence of Alamgir Hossain, assistant director (AD) of Rural Electrification Board (Reb), at its head office in Dhaka for about one year. His wife Delwara Begum is public relations officer of the same office.

Delwara Begum took Selina's body to her village home on December 29 and told her parents and relatives that Selina died of injuries that she sustained after slipping and falling on the floor of their bathroom on December 27. But locals said the body bore injury marks.

They alleged that soon after Delwara's arrival at the deceased's village home Tuesday morning, General Manager (GM) of Reb Nilphamari Zone Rezaullah Khan reached there.

Delwara settled the matter with Selina's parents and agreed to give them Tk 2.5

lakh, locals said, adding that she left for Dhaka, taking a written undertaking from Selina's parents that they would not file any case against her.

When Selina's family was making preparations for her burial at a local graveyard, locals informed the police of the matter. Police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Sadar Hospital for autopsy. An unnatural case was filed with Sadar Police Station.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station told newsmen that autopsy was done at the hospital yesterday and they would get the report soon.

Contacted, Reb Nilphamari Zone GM Rezaullah Khan said he went to the spot at the request of Alamgir Hossain and Delwara Begum.

"Delwara told me that Selina slipped and fell on the floor of their bathroom and then succumbed to her injuries," Khan said.

He further said Delwara Begum, in presence of the present and former chairmen of the union parishad concerned, wanted to help the poor parents of their deceased domestic help on humanitarian ground.

Over 12 kg heroin seized in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

BDR members recovered 12.01 kilograms of heroin in three separate drives on Saturday and Sunday in the district town, Chouddagram and Burichang upazilas.

BDR sources said acting on secret information, a BDR patrol team led by Havildar Abu Taher raided Rajganj area of the town on Sunday and recovered a bag containing 4.4kg heroin in abandoned condition.

Another BDR team led by Havildar Auranga raided Krishna Nagar border area in Chouddagram upazila on Saturday evening and recovered a bag containing 4kg heroin and in another raid in Haribhanga border of Burichang upazila on the same day the border guards seized 3.07 kg heroin in abandoned condition.

None was arrested in connection with recovery of the heroin.

Another report from Bogra adds: Police arrested an ex-army man along with 18 bottles of phensidyl syrup from his house at Bihigram in Shahjanpur upazila on Saturday.

The arrestee was identified as Shariful Islam Sharif, son of Motahar Ali of the village.

Police said on secret information they raided his house and arrested Sharif along with the contraband syrup.

Locals said Sharif started drug peddling after he was terminated from the army.



Cox's Bazar sea beach buzzes with tourists as the tranquil sea in winter offers a soothing respite from hustle and bustle of busy life. The photo was taken from Laboni Point on Tuesday.

Seven brickfield owners fined in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A mobile court yesterday fined seven brickfield owners in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail for setting up brickfields on government lands without permission and using firewood for burning bricks.

The court comprising Magistrate Rabiul Islam, Major Mohammad Nasir Uddin, commander of Crime Prevention Unit-3 of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-12, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Abdul Jalil, and Assistant Conservator of Forest Mohammad Golam

Kabir raided the brickfields in Beltoil, Syedpur, Panchgaon and Gorai Khamarpara areas in the morning and fined the owners.

It realised Tk 30,000 from Mohammad Ali, owner of Kalimuddin Brickfield at Syedpur, and Tk 30,000 from Mohammad Shah Alam, owner of Disha Asha Bricks at Gorai Khamarpara, for using firewood.

Alamgir Hossain, owner of New HBB Bricks at Syedpur, was fined Tk 30,000 while Abdul Gani, owner of MBC Brickfield at Panchgaon, Tk 25,000 and Ashrafur Alam Arzu, owner of AB Enterprise

at Beltoil, Tk 30,000 for running their business without licences.

The court realised Tk 30,000 from Mujibur Rahman Mollah, owner of Nasrin Bricks at Beltoil, and Tk 30,000 from Mokter Ali, owner of Haji Bricks at Beltoil, for setting up brickfields by grabbing government land.

The mobile court also seized firewood from the brickfields during the daylong drive.

The Daily Star recently ran a story on Mirzapur brickfields that were set up on government lands.

5 alleged razakars sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A case was filed against five people on Tuesday on charge of killing 14 freedom fighters at Naruli in Sadar upazila during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Sajeda Khatun, wife of martyred freedom fighter Ismail Hossain alias Bulu, filed the case with the district judicial magistrate's court.

In her complaint, Sajeda said, the 'razakars', led by Abdul Majid, 70, and Nizam Sheikh, 65, caught the 14 freedom fighters including her husband from the area on April 14, 1971. Later, they shot them dead near Naruli rail crossing.

The court directed the officer-in-charge of Sadar police station to record the case and take legal action after necessary investigation.

5 Rohingyaas pushed back, 7 sent to jail

BSS, Rangamati

Allikadam police in Bandarban hill district early Tuesday arrested 15 Myanmar nationals during raids in Panbazaar Bus Stand and Burnapara areas under the upazila.

Of them, Abul Kalam, 18, Fakir Mohammad, 70, Abdul Mazid, 25, Mohamamad Hamid, 22 and Jalil Ahmed, 60 were pushed back through a border point at the Chakdhala frontier in Naikhyongchhari upazila in the same evening, said officer-in-charge of Allikadam police station Niaz Mohammad.

A case was filed under Section 14 of Foreigners Control Act, 1965 against Abdur Rahim, 22, Abdur Rashid, 21, Ziaur Rahman, 20, Hamid Hussein, 21, Abdur Rahim, 20, Peran Ali, 30 and Sabbir Ahmed, 30 and they were sent to Bandarban jail custody to take further legal measures, the OC said.

The rest three Rohingyas were set free as they produced identity cards, added the OC.

Housewife murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

A housewife was murdered at village Char Balitha in Debhata upazila on Tuesday night.

The victim was identified as Jahanaara Khatun, 30, wife of Harun-or-Rashid.

Police quoted locals as saying that Neighbour Kamal's wife picked up a quarrel with Jahanaara over missing of her hen in the afternoon. At around 11:30pm, neighbours found Jahanaara hanging from a beam at her house. They informed the police who rushed to spot, recovered the body and sent it to Sathkira Sadar Hospital for autopsy. The body bore injury marks.

A case was filed with Debhata Police Station.

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SNAPS AND SNIPPETS Kidnapped journo freed UNB, Khagrachhari. A sub-editor of a journal, kidnapped by a gang on Saturday, secured his release on Monday on payment of ransom.

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Human chain at KU UNB, Khulna. Students of Khulna University (KU) on Tuesday formed a human chain on the campus to press home their four-point demand.

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