



Traders of Shahzadpur upazila in Sirajganj yesterday bring out a procession at the upazila headquarters, left, and besiege the local police station protesting deterioration of law and order in the upazila and demanding security of life and property.



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RISING CRIME IN SIRAJGANJ

Traders observe hartal, lay siege to police station

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Hundreds of traders of Shahzadpur upazila in Sirajganj yesterday observed a half-day hartal and laid a siege to local police station protesting deterioration of law and order in the upazila.

They also took out a procession at the upazila headquarters and held a rally demanding security of life and property.

Addressing the rally, the traders blamed the law enforcers for deteriorating the law

and order situation in the upazila. Criticising the performance of policemen, they said anti-social activities like robbery, extortion, snatching, kidnapping and harassment of schoolgirls by delinquents are on the rise in the upazila.

Referring to March 23 incident at Dariapur market, the traders said criminals looted seven shops at the market, but police are yet to act against the criminals.

They alleged that criminals ransacked three shops at manirampur Bazar on March 28 due to poor vigilance of the

lawenforcers. Besides, gambling and obscene dances have been arranged at jatra at Chithulia Bazar, but police are indifferent to the anti-social activities, the traders alleged.

They urged the local administration to take punitive actions against the delinquents who tease their girls on their way to schools.

The traders also gave a seven-day ultimatum to improve law and order in the upazila. Otherwise, they threatened to launch a tougher agitation.

Another CU student murdered, body found beside rail tracks

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Body of another student of Chittagong University (CU) was found beside railway tracks at Borodighir Par under Hathazari upazila of the district on Monday.

With this, two students of the university were murdered by unidentified criminals within a period of 46 days. Monday's victim was identified as Harunur Rashid alias Kawser, a third year student of Marketing Department and resident of Shahjalal Hall.

On February 11 this year, AAM Mohiuddin Masum, a final year student of political science department of the university, was hacked to death by unknown criminals at Sholoshohar railway Station.

Police said criminals stabbed Kawser and then slit his throat on Sunday night and left the body beside the railway tracks at Borodighir Par. They recovered the body Monday morning and sent it to Chittagong Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Family members identified the body of Kawser, son of Didarul Haque of village Raghobpur under Mirersarai upazila of the district, at CMCH yesterday morning.

Officer in-Charge Shahidullah of Chittagong Government Railway Police (GRP) Station said the body also bore mark of stab injuries. A case was filed with Chittagong GRP Station.

After autopsy, Kawser's body was sent to his village home in Mirersarai for burial. An assistant proctor and provost of Shahjalal Hall went with the body.

CU BCL General Secretary Mohammad Ershad Hossain said Kawser was a resident student of Shahjalal Hall. "We knew him as our supporter and Shibir cadres might have killed him," Ershad said, demanding proper investigation into the murder and exemplary punishment to the killers.

On the other hand, Usami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) CU unit President Mohammad Shamsuddin at a press conference in the city yesterday

claimed that Kawser was a Shibir activist and also publicity and publication secretary of their commerce faculty unit.

He demanded exemplary punishment to the killers and said that Kawser was killed only for his involvement with the Shibir politics.

At the conference, the ICS leaders distributed a personal report card of Kawser, notebook containing his handwriting, a diary and a receipt of subscription for the organisation among the journalists.

From the personal report card it was evident that Kawser started maintaining it since January 01, 2008. But, the admission test for his enrolling in 2007-2008 session began on January 06, 2008, university sources said.

When his attention was drawn to the contradicting dates, Shibir CU unit President Mohammad Shamsuddin claimed that Kawser became a Shibir activist before the admission test.

Shamsuddin read out the

written statement at the conference and announced a three-day protest programme including submission of a memorandum to the CU vice chancellor, human chain and Qarankhawani and doa mahfil for Kawser.

Kawser uncle Shamsuzzaman, who is a sub-inspector of police at Kotwali Police Station, said Kawser had no political involvement.

ASP Babul Akhter of Hathazari Circle said additional two platoons of police with the regular five platoons have been deployed on the university campus to avert any untoward incident.

Meanwhile, Chittagong University authorities yesterday formed a three-member committee headed by Prof Mohammad Mohiuddin of the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Science to investigate the murder. The members of the committee are Prof Ali Ashraf of economics department and Assistant Proctor Manzur Morshed. The committee has been asked to submit its report within seven days.

Bogra Jubo League, BCL men sued by AL leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Bogra Chief Judicial Magistrate yesterday ordered police to record a case against 30 people including three leaders and workers of Chhatra League and Jubo League on criminal charges.

The order came as the Sadar police on March 23 did not record a case by district Awami League leader Md Shafiqul Islam Nayan.

The charges against the accused included firing shots from illegal arms while attempting to grab land of Nayan's wife Rabeya Khatun.

The accused include Chhatra League Bogra town unit general secretary Rabiul Islam Liton and Jubo League leader Munna.

In the case the plaintiff alleged that he suffered a loss of at least Tk 67,000 due to criminal activities by the accused.

Indigenous woman killed allegedly by settlers

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An indigenous woman was chopped to death allegedly by some Bangalee settlers over land dispute at Ghilachhari Talukder para under Kawkhali upazila on Monday.

Victim Jharna Dewan, 32, was wife of Alo Jyoti Dewan of village Talukder Para in Ghagra union under the upazila.

Kawkhali police recovered the body of the mother of three children from deep forest at night. The body bore several marks of injuries.

On Monday morning Jharna went to the nearby jungle to collect firewood. As she did not return home her relatives looked for Jharna at all possible places but in vain.

They informed Kawkhali police in the evening and police recovered her body from the deep forest at about 9:00 pm.

The husband of the victim yesterday filed a murder case with Kawkhali police station accusing two settlers - Idris Ali and Kashem. The suspected killers went into hiding soon after the filing of the case.

"So far we could gather, she was killed by some neighbours over ownership of a piece of disputed land," Shayamol Barua, officer in-charge (OC) of Kawkhali police station told this correspondent yesterday.

Hill Women's Federation (HWF), a body in Chittagong Hill Tracts fighting against injustice to women, yesterday condemned the gruesome killing.



PHOTO: STAR

Guardians, teachers and students join a procession in Chapainawabganj town yesterday demanding stern actions against delinquents who tease college and schoolgirls on their way to their respective institutions.

Advertisement for Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh (EGCB) featuring an 'INVITATION OF RETENDER' table with columns for Ministry/Division, Agency, Procuring Entity Name, etc., and a 'PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS' section at the bottom.

Advertisement for the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Directorate General of Food, Ministry of Food & Disaster Management, featuring an 'International Tender Notice for Import of Wheat (Package-X)' with detailed specifications and contact information.

Advertisement for 'ব্যাকস রিক্রুটমেন্ট কমিটি' (Backs Recruitment Committee) with a list of names and details, including contact information and a signature at the bottom.