

Two to die for killing wives for dowry

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Two people were sentenced to death in Jhenidah and Narsingdi yesterday for killing wives for dowry.

Our Correspondent in Jhenidah reports: The judge of Jhenidah District Judge Court yesterday sentenced to death a dowry-hungry man for killing his wife.

Convict Mosharrif Hossain is son of Lutfur Rahman of Harishpur village under Shalikhapuzila in Magura.

According to the prosecution, Mosharrif married Hasina Khatun, daughter of Kesmot Ali of Chapri village in Sadar upazila in 2005.

Mosharrif lived in his in-laws' house but he on and often pressed and tortured his wife for dowry.

On December 13 in 2007, Mosharrif smothered his wife while she was in sleep and fled the scene.

On December 14, victim's brother Harunur Rashid filed a case with Jhenidah Sadar police station.

The court examined 10 witnesses before pronouncing the verdict yesterday.

In Narsingdi, another man to die also for killing his wife. Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal judge Sadikul Islam Talukder yesterday sentenced Joyal Abedin to death by hanging for killing Fatema Begum.

According to case proceedings, Joyal, son of Fazlul Haque of Tatapara village under Narsingdi Sadar upazila at one stage of altercation over dowry strangled his wife to death on November 25, 2007.

Fatema's father Shahjahan Mridha of Brahmandi village under Shibpur upazila filed a murder case with Narsingdi Sadar police station against seven persons.

After long investigation, the investigation officer (IO) of the case SI Abu Raihan submitted charge sheet against Joyal Abedin.

The court sentenced the accused to death and Tk one lakh fine. The other accused in the case have been acquitted.

Ilyas Ali's men foiled rally, allege rivals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Leaders of Sylhet BNP faction yesterday alleged that armed cadres belonging to former lawmaker Ilyas Ali vandalised the podium raised for a party rally in the city's Court Point area on Thursday last and attacked the party men.

The leaders, known as followers of late finance minister M Saifur Rahman, brought the allegations at a press conference at local press club in the afternoon.

City BNP Convener Dr Shahriar Hossain Chowdhury read out a written statement at the conference while former lawmaker Abdul Kaher Chowdhury, central committee member Abul Kaher Shamim and city ward councillor Rezaul Hasan Lodi alias Koyes Lodi, also joint convener of the city BNP, spoke.

They also demanded immediate arrest of those who appeared at the meeting venue and in Zindabazar area, brandishing firearms.

Dr Shahriar claimed that the armed group at the instruction of Ilyas Ali ransacked the podium and foiled the rally. "We have already informed the central committee of the incident and are waiting for its (central body) decision," he said.



A large number of patients wait on the veranda of Pabna Mental Hospital during yesterday's one-hour-long strike by doctors, nurses and other staff protesting outsiders' violent attack on a hospital officer on Sunday night.

Wildcat strike by Pabna Mental Hospital staff

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The staff of Pabna Mental Hospital observed strike for one hour and wore black badges yesterday protesting outsiders' attack on an officer of the hospital on Sunday night.

Outsiders led allegedly by Harun and Faruk attacked Md Mojahar Ali, social psychiatric officer of the hospital, when he was going to his hospital campus residence at about 7:30pm on Sunday, hospital sources said.

The alleged criminals attacked him over entering the hospital campus, sources said. Seriously injured Mojahar Ali was taken to Pabna General Hospital but doctors referred him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated the same night.

Protesting Sunday night's incident, doctors, nurses and other staff of Pabna Mental Hospital started demonstration yesterday morning.

At an urgent meeting at noon, the agitators decided to observe strike from 12:00pm to 1:00pm yesterday and wore black badges as symbol of protest.

"Outsiders often misbehave, even assault doctors and staffs of the mental hospital on various pretexts. The criminals attacked Mojahar as he took steps to prevent entrance of the brokers and frauds to the hospital," said Dr Nikhil Kumar of Pabna Mental Hospital.

Yesterday's agitation programme caused immense sufferings to patients, especially those coming from distant places.

Pabna Superintendent of Police Jamil Ahmed said the police will take tough action against the alleged culprits and beef up security in Pabna Mental Hospital.

SNIPPETS

Farmer murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A farmer was stabbed to death at his residence at Binyangani village in Singair upazila early yesterday. Locals said a gang of 10/12 criminals entered Amez Uddin's residence by cutting window grills at about 2:00am and held the family members hostage. The assailants stabbed Amez and his youngest son Jahangir Alam indiscriminately, leaving Amez dead on the spot and left the house. On information, police recovered the body of Amez and sent it to Manikganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy. Injured Jahangir Alam was admitted to the hospital in critical condition.

Labour leader killed

UNB, Narayanganj

A labour leader of a brickfield was beaten and stabbed to death by extortionists at Volail village under Fatulla police station on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Sanaullah, 45, leader of labourers of Sanji brickfield of Baktabali area and a resident of Kashipur village. Locals said, a gang of extortionists were demanding illegal toll from Sanaullah since long which he refused. On Sunday morning while Sanaullah was going to his workplace the extortionists intercepted him on the way and looted 1000 taka in cash from him after beating him up mercilessly. At one stage the muggers cut tendons of his leg and stabbed him indiscriminately. Locals rescued him and sent him to Narayanganj 200-bed hospital. Later, he was shifted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital where he died at about 9:30am.

Girl rescued, two held

UNB, Madaripur

Locals caught two alleged traffickers and rescued a girl child from their clutches at Tekerhat port bus stand in Rajoir upazila on Saturday afternoon. The arrestees are Monowara, 35, of Daudkandi upazila of Comilla and Kawsar, 62, of Noakhali district. The rescued girl was identified as Suraiya, 6, daughter of Mohammad Hawladar of Ghosalkandi village in Rajoir upazila. Police said while four child traffickers were getting on to a microbus along with the child the driver on suspicion informed the matter to local people. Later, locals rushed to the spot and caught two of the traffickers while two others managed to flee the scene.

Editor, publisher sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Editor, publisher and local correspondent of Dainik Kaler Kantha have been sued in Chapainawabganj. One Mahfujur Rahman Benju of Pathanpara in the town yesterday filed a defamation case against editor Abed Khan, publisher Mostofa Kamal Mohiuddin and correspondent Shahidul Huda Alok with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on charge of publishing a 'false report' regarding him in the newspaper on February 26. The court ordered the accused to appear before the court on July 15, 2010. Earlier, the plaintiff of the case gave a rejoinder note on March 15 to the newspaper concerned but it was not published. Later, on April 28 a legal notice was issued but the accused gave no reply to it.

Driver's body found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police yesterday recovered body of a CNG autorickshaw driver in Delduar upazila. Victim Lal Miah, 25, was son of Naru Mondol of Kagmari village in Sadar upazila. Being informed, police recovered his body from a jute field in Goljani area beside the Tangail-Nagarpur road. Police suspect that the CNG driver might have been murdered any time at night and his body was left on the spot after snatching his autorickshaw. Victim's mother Gul Banu has filed a case with Delduar police station in this regard.

University of Dhaka Department of Women and Gender Studies

Formation of Alumnae Association and Gender Studies

Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, has taken initiative to form its Alumnae Association. The requirements for registration as member of the Association are as follows:

- 1. Those who have successfully completed BSS and or MSS Programs of the Department are eligible for registration as members of Alumnae Association.
2. Application must be made on prescribed application form and submitted along with two passport size photographs and registration fee (non refundable) of Tk. 500/- (Taka Five Hundred) only.
3. Prescribed forms may be obtained from the Department office or electronically from the following address: rita\_wdsu@yahoo.com
4. The last date for submission of duly filled in form is 30 June 2010.

The Department is planning to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its formation and has chalked out an elaborate programme in early December 2010. The Department would like to see that the Alumnae Association is fully formed by then and would welcome the full participation of the Association in the celebrations. The cut of date for registration is June 30, 2010 so that the Association members can participate in the preparatory process.

Convener Dr. Nazma Choudhury, Emirate Professor, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka

6 Indians held for intrusion in Jaintapur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Senior Judicial Magistrate-III Masum Ahmed yesterday afternoon granted three days' remand for seven people including 5 Indians arrested from Jaintapur border area Sunday afternoon.

Police produced eight people in the court seeking 10 days' remand but the magistrate did not allow remand for a boy, court sources said.

BDR arrested Indrajit Sinha, 40, Lakhpati Sinha, 26, Ranjita Devi, 22, her husband Robin Sinha, 35, Ranjita's sister Aruna Devi, 35, and her son Matri Sinha, 12, while entering Bangladesh territory through Sripur border point.

All of them hailed from Imphal in the Indian state of Manipur. Jitendra Sinha, 22, of Jafflong and Sirajuddin of Komolganj upazila in Moulvibazar were also taken to custody as they helped the group to cross the border, BDR sources informed.

The border guards also recovered 22,000 Indian Rupees, 6 mobile phones and 12 SIM cards and two bags containing 10 combat dresses from their possession.

The group was handed over to Jaintapur police station Sunday night and filed a case on charge of intrusion and for carrying the combat uniforms, police said.

Superintendent of Police of Sylhet Shakhawat Hossain told this correspondent yesterday afternoon that the arrestees were quizzed for about two hours till 3:00pm at the district police office yesterday. Officials from other agencies including NSI were also present, he added.

During the interrogation the Indians claimed some of their neighbours in Imphal gave them the combat dresses to hand them over to some people in Bangladesh. They are family members and relatives, an official said quoting the Indians.

It could not be ascertained whether the arrestees have link with any insurgent groups in India, the official said. "We need to interrogate them further," he said.

Jamaat-Shibir men baton charged: 9 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday charged baton on a human chain formed by Jamaat-e-Islami and Chhatra Shibir and arrested nine activists from Seroil bus stand area in the city.

Police arrested the nine for creating obstacle to vehicular traffic, said Tarikul Islam, an assistant commissioner of RMP.

Witnesses and police said, over 50 Jamaat-Shibir activists formed the human chain holding a banner that demanded release of city Jamaat ameer Ataur Rahman.

Police dispersed the Jamaat-Shibir men in 15 minutes. City Jamaat acting general secretary Abu Bakar Siddik said more than 10 of their men were injured as police charged batons. However, he could not name anyone.

Ataur Rahman is in jail custody as he is accused in the police assault case filed for the February 9 attacks by Jamaat and Shibir men on the dormitories of Rajshahi University.

Wheat, timber recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Mongla and Sharankhola coastguards in separate drives on Sunday seized 165 sacks of wheat meant for Open Market Sale (OMS) and 210 cubic feet Sundari timber.

They also seized a trawler from which the goods were recovered. Mongla Coastguard West Zone Operations Officer Lt Lokman Hakim said, acting on a tip off, they raided Mongla Pashur river and seized the trawler carrying the OMS wheat.

The smugglers jumped off the trawler and fled. Coastguard Sharankhola Contingent commander Jahangir Alam said, its members recovered 210 cubic feet Sundari timber from the bank of a pond adjacent to Balir Gola at Puratan Steamer Ghat in Morelganj upazila of Bagerhat.

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