

2 outlaws held in Khulna UP chairman killing case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A case was lodged with Phultala Police Station on Tuesday night in connection with the murder of Demodar Union Parishad chairman Sarder Abu Saeed Badal.

The case was recorded under Section 302 of Bangladesh Penal Code. Sub-Inspector (SI) Monirul Islam of Phultala Police Station has

been made investigation officer (IO) of the case.

No one has so far been arrested in connection with the murder although combing operations are going on, Officer-in-charge of the police station said.

Sarder Abu Saeed Badal was shot dead by two unidentified people near his residence at Demodar under Phultala upazila of Khulna district at around 11:00am on Monday.

The complainant in his FIR stated that the murder of his elder brother was committed in pre-planned way by his rivals in local politics.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum (BUPF) Khulna divisional unit yesterday gave an ultimatum to the government to provide adequate security for the chairman of outlaw-infested unions in the south-western region and arrest the killers of Abu Saeed Badal within the next 72 hours. Otherwise, they threatened to launch a tougher movement to realise their demands.

The parishad leaders said it is obligatory for the government to provide security for the elected representatives who work at grassroots level. The upazila parishad and

Union Parishad Chairmen want guarantee of normal death, they added.. Contacted, Chairman of Terokheda Upazila Parishad Sharfuddin Biswas Bachchu and Chairman of Batiaghata Upazila Parishad Ashraf Alam Khan said they have also urged the government to provide gunmen for them. Outlaws give us death threats over cellphone off and on for supporting the ongoing drive by Rab and police against them, said the two upazila chairmen, also the organising secretaries of Khulna district Awami League.



Abdul Mannan (in white), released from jail along with 1,000 long-term convicts under government amnesty, sitting with his relatives and neighbours on the premises of his house at Khalisa Pancha village in Nilphamari Sadar upazila on Saturday.

TALE OF A FREED CONVICT

A moment's 'mistake' costs Mannan 17 precious years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Abdul Mannan, 55, released from Nilphamari district jail on Friday noon, is one of a thousand long-term convicts who recently got the government's amnesty.

As his octogenarian father Abdus Samad of Khalisa Pancha village in Nilphamari Sadar upazila came forward to embrace him at the jail gate, an emotion-choked Mannan asked about his child Minara Aktar, received as an adopted daughter by a childless couple 18 years ago.

The sad tale began when Mannan brought an end of his wife's life following a heated exchange over a trivial matter, said neighbours of the ill-fated man.

Mannan's only daughter Minara was six months' old when he was sentenced to life

term imprisonment on September 28, 1993 on charge of killing her mother.

Her foster parents, a childless couple of a neighbouring village, brought her up with great care and arranged her schooling. Now she reads in class ten.

Since childhood, Minara has been used to hearing from friends and neighbours that she is daughter of a life term convict who had killed her mother.

So, a sense of stigma coupled with an unpleasant conception about her father developed in her mind.

After release of her father on Friday afternoon, at the advice of her foster parents, she came to her grandfather's house to see him. Seeing her father, she smiled, then burst into tears and became senseless afterwards.

When she got back sense,

she stared at him and finally addressed, "Father, how are you?"

Abdul Mannan put hands on her head, remaining speechless. Perhaps he had forgotten the words to express sweet feelings.

Shortly afterwards, Minara went back to the house of her foster parents who brought her up with love and affection, like real father and mother. She wants to reside there.

Mannan became reluctant, realising how lonely he is.

Yet, he has started thinking of arranging a good marriage for his daughter, to see her live happily. But he is a pauper now. His father earlier sold all their landed property to bear expenses of his case.

"A mistake has ruined my life," murmurs Mannan, now a sadder and wiser man.

3 sued for inciting people to jihad

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

Three people, including the principal and a teacher of Sathkira Law College, were sued yesterday on charge of distributing leaflets in the town on Saturday night, urging people to join 'jihad' against those who reject Islamic rule in the country.

The accused are Sathkira Law College Principal Rabiul Islam Khan, teacher advocate Sheikh Alamgir, Hossain, and Chitra Press owner Yunus Ali. MA Ahmed, son of Kamor Uddin of Palashpool area of Sathkira town filed the case with Sadar Police Station.

Of the accused, police arrested advocate Sheikh Alamgir, Hossain and Yunus Ali while Rabiul Islam Khan is still at large.

Local people challenged Sathkira Law College Principal Rabiul Islam Khan and teacher advocate Sheikh Alamgir while they were distributing leaflets in puccapool area of the town at around 10:30pm on Saturday.

They chase the two and caught advocate Sheikh Alamgir Hossain at Khan Market while Rabiul Islam Khan managed to escape. Being informed, police rushed to the spot and arrested Alamgir. They also recovered some leaflets from his possession.

Police also arrested Yunus Ali, owner of Chitra Press, yesterday morning on charge of printing the leaflets.



People of Khandar area of Bogra town join a human chain at Satmatha yesterday demanding arrest of local BNP leader Delwar Hossain Hiro, prime accused in Shaheen murder case. Shaheen, also a local leader of the party, was killed in Khandar area on August 12.

'Murder for dowry' triggers agitation in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Residents of Rajarampur in the town yesterday formed a human chain, brought out a procession, held a rally and submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner demanding arrest and punishment to the killers of housewife Afsana Akhtar Biplobi.

Around 500 people, including women and children brought out the procession from Shaheed Satu Hall premises. The processionists paraded different roads of the town and later formed a human chain in front of the civil surgeon office.

After the programme, they submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner. They also submitted the copy of the memo to Superintendent of Police (SP) and Civil Surgeon (CS).

During agitation, they chanted slogans against Biplobi's father-in-law, mother-in-law and husband demanding their trial. They alleged that police are not arresting the killers while the civil surgeon is not releasing the autopsy report 'mysteriously' eight days into the murder.

Abdus Samad Bakul, advocate Mizanur Rahman and Mirza Monirul Islam spoke at the rally.

Housewife Afsana Akhtar Biplobi, 22, was killed allegedly by

husband and in-laws for dowry at Majhpara in Chapainawabganj town on August 14.

Victim's family members alleged that Biplobi's husband Atikur Rahman Rana and in-laws used to torture her. On August 14 they killed her and hung the body from a ceiling fan in their house. Later they took her to Sadar hospital where the on-duty doctor declared her dead.

They further said, Ashikur Rahman, daughter, son of Azizur Uddin Mia of Rajarampur in Chapainawabganj municipal area three years ago. At the time of marriage, they gave Rana refrigerator, colour television, gold ornaments and furniture as dowry. But still Rana, his father and mother used to torture Biplobi regularly demanding Tk 2 lakh.

Victim's brother Abdur Razzaq lodged a murder case on August 15 with Sadar police station accusing Azizur Rahman, his wife Tanjila Begum and Rana of killing Biplobi.

Ahsanul Haque, officer-in-charge of Sadar police station said, Rana, his father and other members of the family went into hiding since the incident.

Muktara Begum, civil surgeon of Chapainawabganj said, the allegation brought against her is false and baseless.

"We have already sent the autopsy report," she added.



Residents of Rajarampur area of Chapainawabganj town form a human chain in front of the civil surgeon office yesterday protesting alleged delay in submission of the autopsy report on housewife Afsana Akhtar Biplobi who was allegedly killed by her husband and in-laws at Majhpara in the town for dowry on August 14 and demanding arrest of the killers.

SNIPPETS

3 arms pedlars held

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) held three arms pedlars along with arms and ammunition in Puskuni area of Gomostapur upazila town on Friday night. The arrestees were identified as Hasan, 26, of Ajmatpur area of Shibganj upazila, Rony, 27, of Kansat area and Farooq Hossain, 26, of Kajla area of Nachole upazila. Major Nazrul Islam, Commander of 39 Rifles Battalion of the district said being tipped off a BDR team conducted a drive in the area and arrested the three arms pedlars while they were going to Kansat riding a motorcycle. Later, the border guards recovered a foreign made pistol, four rounds of bullet and a magazine from their possession.

Farmer murdered

UNB, Kushtia

Police recovered the body of a farmer, abducted by criminals on Saturday night, at Laxmidharpur village in Mirpur upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Sujit Roy, 42, younger brother of JRM leader and general secretary of district unit Ghatak Dalal Nirdul Committee Ashit Singh Roy, hailed from Kazipur village in Daulatpur upzila. Police quoting family sources said a gang numbering 8-10 abducted Sujit on Saturday night at gunpoint from his house. They later took him to a field in nearby Laxmidharpur village and slaughtered him with a sharp weapon. Local people found the body early in the morning and informed the police. Later, police sent the body to Kushtia General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Five frauds arrested

UNB, Joyprhat

Police arrested five frauds of an inter-district gang along with 13 fake gold bars from Natunhat area of the town on Saturday. The arrestees are Babu, 26, Selim, 25, Masud, 28, Asad, 24, and Sumon, 27, hailed from Kashiadanga Adorsha Gram village in Rajpara police station area of Rajshahi. Police said local people caught red handed rickshaw-puller Sumon when he was cheating an old woman giving her a fake gold bar in CO Colony area. He was handed over to police after a mob beating. Later, on the basis of his confessional statement police arrested four others of the gang from a rented house in the Natunha area and recovered the fake gold bars.

Prices of essentials rise in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Prices of essential commodities have been rising in the kitchen markets of the district since the beginning of Ramadan, a check of sale shows.

Consumers blamed traders' greed for the price hike, not the shortfall of supply.

Traders said wholesalers have raised prices of a number of essentials by 25 to 35 per cent since last week.

Haren and Saiful, retailers of Kaliganj upazila, said they have to buy vegetables at a higher price from wholesale markets in Natore, Bogra, and Dinajpur.

Farmer Akkas Ali, also a seller at a Jhenidah Sadar market, said a decrease in production of eggplant, chilli, and jhinga due to less rainfall has caused their prices to rise.

"Most of the plants are growing yellow as I could not sufficiently irrigate them," said farmer Rajab Ali of the same area.

Prices have also increased by 25 to 50 per cent in the fruit markets.

Selim, a fruit seller in a Kaliganj market, said wholesalers have raised the prices, thus forcing them to charge consumers higher price.

Commodity prices, however, vary in different markets of the district's Sadar and other upazilas.

Price Differences

Table with 3 columns: Commodities and Fruits, Price (now) Tk per kg, Price (one week ago) Tk per kg. Rows include Ginger, Green Chilli, Garlic, Bitter Gourd, Eggplant, Jhinga, Pumpkin, Mangoes (chusi), Mangoes (aswina), Apples.

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