

# 'Bring killers of Mizan, Chanpa Rani to book'

## Rallies, processions, human chains continue in districts

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Wave of protest against the killings of college teacher Mizanur Rashid and housewife Chanpa Rani Bhowmik continues in different districts across the country.

The protesters are venting their anger on the stalkers by holding rallies, processions and human chain programmes and demanding exemplary punishment to the killers.

Stalkers killed Mizanur Rashid by ramming him with a motorbike as he had protested stalking of his female students in Bagatipara upazila of Natore district while Chanpa Rani in Modhukhali upazila of Faridpur district met the same fate as she had complained to local authorities against a stalker of her daughters.

In Natore, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Mohila forum yesterday held a press conference at local press club and formed a human in front of the club demanding exemplary punishment to the killers of Mizanur and Chanpa Rani, reports our correspondent.

At the press conference, leaders of the forum announced that they would bring out a procession in the capital tomorrow demanding punishment to the killers.

They urged the government to take immediate actions against the killers of Mizanur and Chanpa Rani and also stressed the need for creating social awareness against the menace of stalking.

After the conference, the forum arranged a human chain programme in front of Natore Press Club for an hour from 11:00am and then submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner

demanding exemplary punishment to the killers of Mizanur.

In Barisal, teachers, students, guardians, political and cultural activists and representatives from different professional bodies yesterday joined human chain programmes on the campuses of 38 educational institution in the city and on the outskirts demanding immediate steps to stop eve-teasing and punishment to the killers of Mizanur and Chanpa Rani, according to a correspondent.

Organised by the Committee for Prevention of eve teasing, the programme was observed simultaneously at all the 38 institutions in the morning. Addressing the rallies on the campuses of the educational institutions, speakers demanded enactment of a law against stalking.

They also demanded immediate measures to stop eve teasing and stressed on vigorous campaign against the menace of stalking.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reported that Thakurgaon NGO Cell, an organisation of local non-governmental bodies, district unit of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote and district unit of Bangladesh Teachers' Association jointly organised a human chain programme in the town yesterday to press their demand for punishment to the killers of Mizanur and Chanpa Rani Bhowmik.

Addressing a rally at the venue at Thakurgaon intersection, the speakers urged the government to try the killers of Mizanur and Chanpa Rani under the Speedy Trial Act.

They urged all to resist the stalkers and build social awareness against the menace of stalking. The rally was

addressed, among others, by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote district unit General Secretary Masud Ahamed, Director of CDS, a local NGO, Nurul Islam and Vice-Chairman of Thakurgaon Sadar Upazila Parishad Tahmina Molla.

Similar programme was held in Gaibandha town yesterday. Thousands of school and college students took part in a human chain programme at DB Road at noon demanding capital punishment to the killers of Mizanur and Chanpa Rani.

They also vowed to build resistance to the stalkers and urged the government to take necessary steps to stop eve teasing and enact a stringent law to punish the delinquents, says our correspondent

Students of Ahmeduddin Shah Shishu Niketon and college brought out a procession against eve teasing in the town. Around 1,000 students of the institution joined the procession and paraded main streets. Later, they held protest meeting on Gaibandha Shaheed Miner premise that was presided over by Mozharul Mannan, vice-principal of institute.

Our Patuakhali correspondent adds: A human chain was formed in front of the local Press Club yesterday. Teachers, students, guardians and representatives from different professional bodies joined the human chain demanding punishment to the killers of Mizanur and Chanpa Rani.

Coastal NGO Forum, an organisation of local NGOs, organised the programme for an hour from 10:00am. Addressing a rally at the venue, the speakers urged the government to take immediate actions against the killers of Mizan and Chanpa Rani.

## WAVE OF PROTEST ACROSS COUNTRY



Thakurgaon NGO Cell, Sammilita Sanskritik Jote and Bangladesh Shikshak Samity jointly form a human chain in Thakurgaon town yesterday, 2) teachers and students bring out a procession in Gaibandha town, 3) Bangladesh Samajtantrik Mohila Dal forms a human chain in Natore, 4) Coastal NGO Forum forms a human chain in front of Patuakhali Press Club, 5) a large number of people join human chains in Barisal city the same day, and 6) locals including students join an oath taking ceremony on the field of Nawabganj Upazila Degree College in Dinajpur district on Saturday afternoon demanding punishment of the killers of college teacher Mizanur Rahman in Bagatipara upazila of Natore district and Chanpa Rani in Modhukhali upazila of Faridpur district as well as action against stalkers.



Stabbed by stalkers for protesting their evil act at Khas Naogaon Mohalla in Naogaon town yesterday, Abdul Mannan and his son Fasiur are undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. (Story on Page 1).

### Jhenidah grocer, decorator murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Criminals killed a decorator in the district on Saturday while body of a grocer, kidnapped a few days ago, was found in Jessore yesterday.

Criminals on Saturday night hacked a decorator to death at Abaipur village under Shailkupa upazila of the district.

The deceased was identified as Hashem Ali, 50, son of late Abdul Hakim Mia of Lakhanda village under the upazila.

Daughter of the victim, Razani Khatun, said, her father left for Sreepur bazaar in Magura district on Saturday for work there. The next morning Hashem's body was found lying behind the community clinic of Abaipur village in Shailkupa.

SI Ashraf Hossain of Shailkupa police station said, Hashem Ali worked at a decorator shop in Sreepur bazaar and stayed there. He might have been killed in family feud, he said.

Body of another middle-aged man, kidnapped by criminals on October 7, was found in Jessore yesterday.

Nabin Mondol, 42, a grocer at Gazipur village in Harinakundu upazila, was abducted by criminals when he went to Jhenidah Sadar upazila on business purpose.

Later, the abductors demanded Tk 3 lakh as ransom from his family.

Being informed, police arrested outlaw Anisur Rahman and his wife Nasrin from Harinakundu.

Following their confessional statement, police yesterday morning recovered the body of Nabin from the house of Puti Mollah at Shatiantala village of Jessore Sadar upazila.

Police arrested two others Rashed and Shahin from Jessore -- for their suspected involvement in the killing.

### BDR MUTINY IN C'NAWABGANJ

# Hearing on charge framing against 21 on Mar 15

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

The special court-12, set up at 39 Rifles Battalion Headquarters in Chapainawabganj, yesterday fixed March 15 next for hearing on charge framing against 21 mutineers of the battalion.

Prosecutor Lt Col Zayed Hossain, commanding officer of the battalion, read out the allegations against the rebels. After hearing, the court headed by Rajshahi Sector Commander Col Ehia Azam Khan fixed the date for hearing on charge framing and sent the accused to jail.

Lt Col Zayed told the court that the accused revolted against their officers, expressing solidarity with the mutineers of BDR headquarters at Pilkhana in the

capital on February 26-27 last year. They looted arms from the battalion armoury and fired blank shots, he added.

The accused are Subedar Md Mostofa Mia, Havildar Benoar Rahman, Havildar Ruhul Amin, Nayek Eskendar Ali, Nayek Rohmat Ali, Lance Nayek Shafiqur Rahman, Lance Nayek Mohammad Tous Mia, sepoy Mojibur Rahman, Jahangir Alam, Abdul Wazed Pramanik, Abdur Rahim, Monirul Islam, Abul Bashar, Roni Ahmed, Zahidul Islam, Nazrul Islam, driver Abdul Mannan, Nayek Subedar Jamal Mia, Havildar Panchanon Das, driver Moshfiqur Rahman and sepoy Mohammad Ruhul Amin Shikdar.

Two others members of the special court are Lt Col Gazi Mohammad Khalid Hossain and Lt Commander Muhammad Touhidul Islam. Assistant Attorney

General Shasanko Shekhar Sarkar and advocates Manjur Alam and Rezaul Karim Reza were present during the trial.

Earlier, the same court issued arrest warrant against four BDR jawans for their involvement in the mutiny. Following court order, police arrested them from battalion headquarter on Saturday noon.

They are Nayek Subedar Jamal Mia, Habildar Panchanon Das, driver Moshfequr Rahman and sepoy Muhammad Ruhul Amin Shikdar. On May 18 last year, Ahsanul Haque, officer-in-charge(OC) of Sadar Police Station, filed a seditious case against 30 mutineers of 39 Rifles Battalion with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court. They were produced in the court that sent them to jail. Of the 30 accused, 21 were later sued on mutiny charge.

# Youth assaults girl as she protests teasing

## 3 arrested in another incident

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A college girl was physically assaulted by a stalker in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila on Saturday while three youths were yesterday arrested on charge of teasing a schoolgirl in Kachua upazila of Chandpur district.

In Thakurgaon, locals said Shohag, 22, son of Reazul Islam of Salonder village under the upazila, teased Khadiza Begum and her daughter Shima, a student of Salonder Degree College, while they were sitting on the college ground at around 2:30pm.

As Shima protested, Shohag physically assaulted her. Fellows took Shima to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital

where she was given first aid.

Admitting to the incident, acting principal of the college Ibrahim Ali said both sides settled the matter through negotiation.

Police yesterday arrested three youths on charges of teasing a schoolgirl and then attacking her family members at Kachua upazila headquarters under Chandpur district on October 26, according to a correspondent.

The arrestees--Arif, Momin and Tanzil--are students of Chandpur Polytechnic Institute.

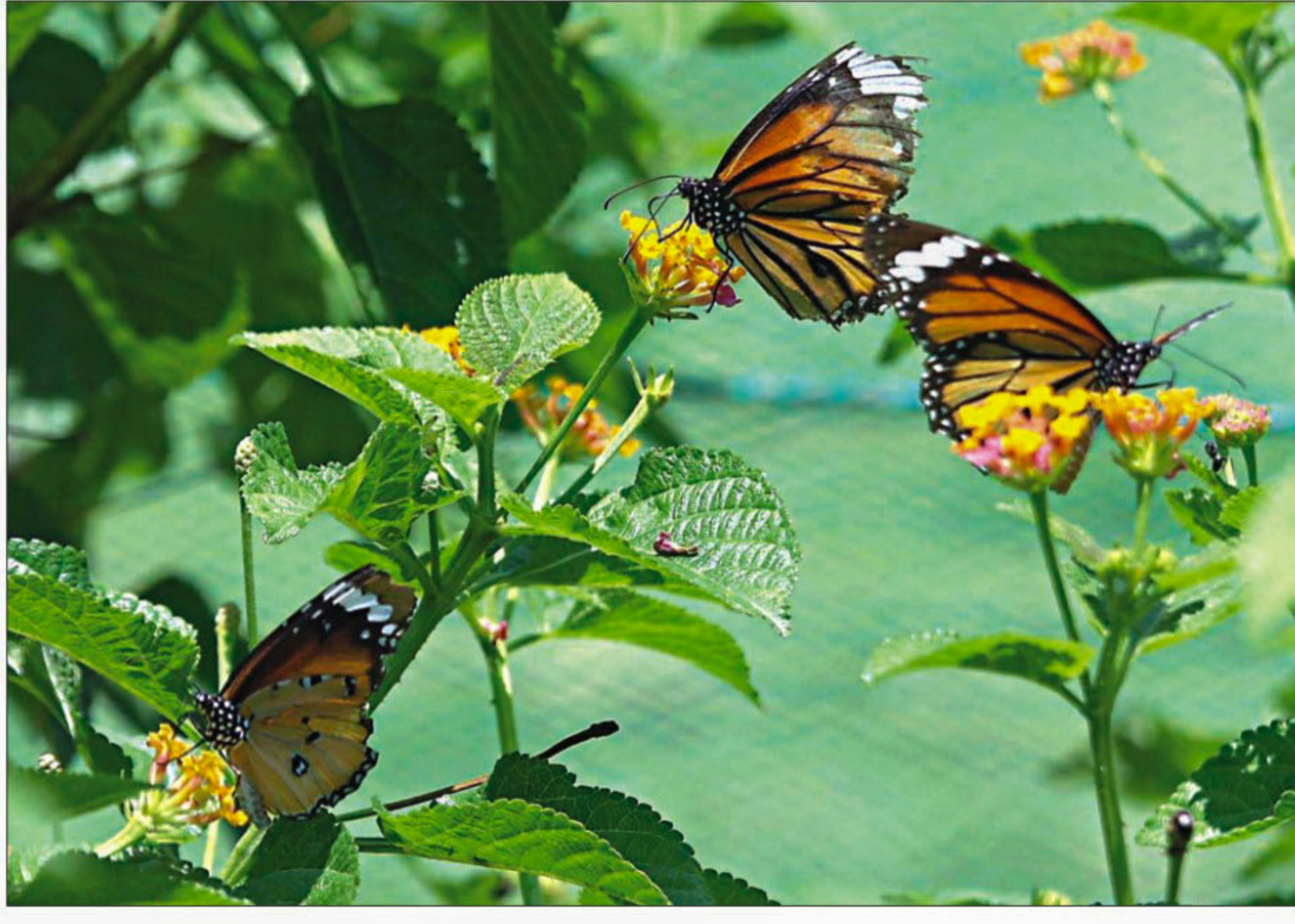
Kachua police said the three teased Mousumi Akhter, a student of Kachua Government Girls High

School, on way to school on October 26.

Hearing the news, Mousumi's father Rafiqul Islam Gazi, uncles Mofizul Islam Gazi and Kamal Gazi told Arif and his classmates not to harass Mousumi. Both sides locked in an altercation over the issue and at one stage, Arif, Momin and Tanzil assaulted Mousumi's family members.

Mousumi's father Rafiqul Islam filed a case against Arif, Momin and Tanzil with Kachua Police Station the same day.

Contacted, office-in-charge Humayun Kabir of Kachua Police Station said they arrested the three in connection with the case.



Butterflies flutter at this park adorned with a variety of flowers near Patenga Airport in Chittagong city. First of its kind in the country, the 'butterfly park' developed by the Chittagong Development Authority is set to be open for visitors shortly.