

NATORE UPAZILA CHAIRMAN MURDER CASE

Bail prayers of 7 BCL activists turned down

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A Natore court yesterday rejected bail prayers of seven BCL activists accused in Boraigram upazila chairman murder case, and sent them to prison on surrender.

Upazila Chairman Sanauallah Noor Babu, also president of Bonpara unit BNP, was killed on 8 October in an attack on a BNP procession by local Awami League activists at

Bonpara Bazar in Natore. Victim's wife Mahua Noor Kachi filed a murder case with Boraigram Police Station the next day, accusing 27 Awami League leaders, including KM Zakir Hossain, and activists.

Seven accused BCL, Jubo League and Sramik League activists surrendered before the Senior Judicial Magistrate's court in Natore yesterday and sought bails.

They are Rezaul Karim Rikon, 22, younger brother of

detained co-accused Russell Hossain, Hashem Mridha, 27, Gautam Ghosh, 30, Abdul Malek, 30, Habib, 32, Babu Mollah, 21, and Babul Molla, nephew of Khokan Molla, one of the main accused in the case.

On October 10, Detective Branch of police arrested BCL activist Russell at his house at Mohisdanga village while police arrested ruling party activists Ashrafal Islam Mithu, 32, Mohammad Badsha, 35, and Lutfor Rahman, 35, on

November 8.

The slain BNP leader's wife Kachi alleged that police were unwilling to arrest the other accused including the main suspects KM Zakir and Khokan Molla.

"I feel very insecure as the other accused are still at large," she said.

Abdul Hannan, sub-inspector of DB police in Natore and investigation officer of the case, said they were trying their best to arrest the other suspects.

Ex-UP member murdered

Meanwhile, a former union parishad (UP) member was hacked to death by unknown criminals at Badurgacha village in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah Tuesday night, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Gurupada Biswas, 45, son of Shusanta Biswas of the village.

Gurupada was involved with an outlawed party before being elected as a member of Barobazar union in the upazila in 1996, police said, adding he got involved with local Awami League recently.

Faruk Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kaliganj police station, said a group of criminals intercepted Gurupada near Bamunkhali bridge at about 10:00pm on his way home.

They hacked him to death taking him to a nearby field.

Police said Gurupada might have been killed due to a previous enmity.



PHOTO: STAR

Accused in the case for killing Boraigram upazila chairman BNP leader Sanauallah Noor Babu, seven activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League being taken to the jail after a Natore court rejected their bail prayers yesterday.



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This brick kiln at Char Koshakhali village in Pabna Sadar upazila is one of the four such establishments that were fined yesterday for illegally using firewood for baking bricks.

Brick kilns fined, wood seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A mobile court yesterday fined Tk 4 lakh to four brick kilns at Char Koshakhali village of Pabna Sadar upazila on charge of illegally burning wood and seized four thousand maunds of wood from their fields.

During a raid to MSK brick field, RSK brick field, A & A brick field and NSB brick field at Char Koshakhali at about 2:00pm yesterday, the mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Md Sarwar Alam of Pabna district administration found huge pile of woods in the brick fields.

"Following information, we have raided the four kilns near the district

headquarters. During the drive we found huge piles of wood in the kilns. We have seized over 4 thousand maunds of wood and fined Tk 50 thousand to each kiln," Magistrate Sarwar Alam said.

"The authorities have warned the brick kilns to avoid wood burning for the sake of environment but some brick kiln owners have continued the act, defying the government rule. Tougher legal steps will be taken against them if they violate the order again," he said.

The mobile court accompanied by Rapid Action Battalion will continue the drive, officials said.

When contacted, the president of district brick kilns association Md Abul

Kashem said, "Although wood burning in brick kilns is illegal, most of the owners prefer it to coal to burn the bricks properly."

Sixty-five brick kilns in the district are burning bricks this year legally while some 15 to 20 kilns are running illegally, he added.

"Wood burning in different brick kilns posing threat to the forest resources. There are 70 brick fields are running this year threatens several lakh maunds of wood. The forest department will continue the drive and cases will be filed against the brick kiln owners who are harming environment by burning wood," said Azit Kumar Rudra, district forest officer.

Concerted efforts needed for full implementation of CHT deal

US ambassador Moriarty says in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

US Ambassador James F Moriarty has said all political and civil society leaders along with the people of three hill districts will have to work together for full implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord.

"Certainly, all friends of Bangladesh want full execution of the deal to ensure peace in CHT," the envoy said while addressing the opening ceremony of Smiling Sun Clinics in three hill districts, one in each district, as special guest at Suvalong Restaurant at Tabalchhari here yesterday. Dipankar Talukder, state minister for CHT affairs, addressed the function as chief guest.

Chaired by Denis Rollins, country director of USAID, Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council Nikhil Kumar Chakma, Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Md Humayun Kabir, Secretary of the Ministry of CHT Affairs Masud Ahmad and Deputy Commissioner S o u r e n d r a n a t h Chakraborty, also spoke.

Later, Talukder and Moriarty jointly inaugurated US Government-sponsored Smiling Sun clinics by releasing colourful balloons.

The clinics, funded by the US government through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), mark the first major health project between the US and Bangladesh government in the hill tracts.

Moriarty said the United

States is keen to expand its partnership with underprivileged communities to promote child and maternal health.

"Today's event deepens our 40-year partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and marks the presence of the first major bilateral project between the United States and the Government of Bangladesh in the hill tracts," he said.

"With increased attention and support for the hill tracts, we are on track to help

Bangladesh achieve its Millennium Development Goals by 2015," the envoy added.

Lauding the initiative taken by the US government, state minister Dipankar Talukder said hill people will get better healthcare facilities through the project.

Denis Rollins in her speech said the US government through USAID has been working very closely with the government of Bangladesh to address the health care challenges in Bangladesh.

She thanked the guests, staff and participants for extending their helping hands and cooperation for successful launching of the project and requested all to continue it.

Smiling Sun Clinics will help 2,38,000 people in Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari receive essential maternal and child health service, family planning service and basic health service. The government will support the clinics by providing contraceptives and vaccines.



PHOTO: STAR

State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukder and US Ambassador James F Moriarty jointly inaugurate Smiling Sun Clinic at Tabalchhari in Rangamati district yesterday.

Lottery for work suspended after contractors assault engineer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Authorities of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (Minor Irrigation) has suspended lottery for 39 groups of work worth Tk 4.86 crore following assault on an engineer by a group of contractors.

The contractors, allegedly loyal to the ruling Awami League (AL), beat up Sub Assistant Engineer Golam Sarwar of BADC Khulna office at 3:00pm on Monday for not favouring them to get the work orders through dubious means, BADC office sources said.

Monirul, younger brother of AL leader Sheikh Akram Hossain, also former chairman of Phultala upazila parishad, allegedly had a hand in the attack.

Akram Hossain, however, denied the allegation and said it was concocted to tarnish his political reputation.

According to Executive Engineer Md Kamruzzaman of BADC Khulna office, following tenders for 39 groups of works worth Tk 4 crore and 86 lakh for construction of embankments, box culverts and re-excavation of canals in Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira districts, as many as 2,900 tender schedules were purchased by over 1,200 contractors.

October 25 of this year was the last date for dropping tenders.

Authorities of BADC decided to appoint contractors through lottery system due to unavoidable reasons but a group of contractors pressed the BADC Khulna office authorities not to go for

lottery for distribution of 39 groups of works, Kamruzzaman said.

Following an altercation over introduction of lottery system for distributing three groups of works among the deserving contractors, a few contractors attacked engineer Golam Sarwar.

Khulna office of BADC issued a notice at 4:00pm on Monday suspending the lottery.

At 8:00pm the same day, Golam Sarwar filed a general diary with Khanjahan Ali police station seeking security of his life, said Khanjahan Ali police station Officer in Charge Altaf Hossain.

However, none was mentioned as accused for the attack.

The incident of assaulting a colleague has created sharp reaction among the officials and employees of BADC Khulna office.

12 sued on charge of war crimes in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Four alleged rajakars and eight unidentified others have been sued on charge of committing murders during Liberation War in 1971.

Mohammad Anowar Akand of Uttar Rajapur village under Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat filed the petition case against 12 people on Tuesday afternoon with the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate of Bagerhat Md. Rakhibul Islam.

The court ordered the OC of Sharankhola police station to record allegation of the complainant as a regular case and take legal action after proper investigation.

The four identified as Rajakars and accused are Nazir Ahmed Howlader, Saleh Ahmad Gazi, Sultan Khan and Abdul Aziz Talukder.

The complainant stated in his allegation that the accused had kidnapped his father Abul Hashem Akand and elder brother Abdul Huq Akand at gun point on the night of November 25 in 1971 with the victims' eyes and hands tied up.

The accused gunned down my father and elder brother after physical torture in the early morning of November 26 on the bank of Passur river at Banishanta village under Mongla upazila of Bagerhat district, reads the complaint.

They killed my father and elder brother as they actively helped freedom fighters during liberation war in 1971, the complainant further said in his petition.

OC Azizul Huq said that he would record the case soon after receiving the petition from the court.

2 fishermen drown

UNB, Chandpur

Two fishermen drowned after their fishing boat was hit by a fuel tanker in Meghna river in Matlab north upazila Monday night.

Two fishermen, still missing, were identified as Habibullah, 35, and Ali Ahammad, 36, who hailed from Shatnol in same upazila.

Police said three fishermen -- Habib, Ali and Abu Mia, 33 -- were catching fish when a fuel carrier ship hit their boat at Shatnol, leaving the boat into pieces at 11pm.

Abu Mia managed to swim ashore with the help of a nearby boat while two others went missing.

Hard rock miners continue strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The miners of Madhyapara Granite Mining Company Ltd (MGMCL) continued strike for the fifth consecutive day yesterday to press for their seven-point demand including reinstatement of five fellows and withdrawal of the case filed against them by the authorities.

Meanwhile, the Rajshahi regional office of the Registrar of Trade Union yesterday issued a letter to MGMCL Miners and Workers Union, asking it to explain why their strike should not be declared

illegal.

The agitating miners yesterday held a rally at the entrance of MGMCL. Addressing the rally, Md Mostafizur Rahman, general secretary of MGMCL Miners and Workers Union, said they will launch a tougher agitation programme, including rail and road blockade, today. He said the miners will continue their strike until the demands are met.

All the 292 miners and workers of MGMCL began an indefinite strike on November 27 protesting termination of their five fellows including the president and the general

secretary of Miners and Workers' Union of the company and withdrawal of the case against them.

Addressing a press conference at Dinajpur Press Club the following day, the miners alleged that the MGMCL authorities terminated five miners on November 25 without serving any show cause notice on them.

Miners have been demanding regularisation of their job with MGMCL for long. Against this backdrop, they protested appointments of nine officials and held demonstration when the officials went to the site for joining on November 23.

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