

Expatriate girl kidnapped in Sylhet yet to be rescued 5 victims of trafficking back home

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An expatriate girl, allegedly kidnapped from Baluchar area of Sylhet city on January 13, could not be rescued till last night, nearly one month into the incident.

Pori Bibi, victim's mother, on Tuesday night filed a case with Kotwali police station accusing three people in connection with abduction of her daughter Ripa Begum, 19, reports UNB.

The accused were identified as Sadikur Rahman, his brother Saidur Rahman and father Oliur Rahman of Syedpur village in Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj.

According to the complaint, Pori Bibi along with family members came recently from London in the United Kingdom. One of her distant relatives took Ripa out of Baluchar residence in the afternoon of January 13 in the name of shopping. Since then, she remained untraced.

Contacted, Khandaker Nawroz Ahmed, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotwali PS, said drive is on to rescue the victim and arrest her kidnappers.

Meanwhile, five woman victims of trafficking returned home from India on Wednesday, reports our RU correspondent.

Sources said, human traffickers took them to India around five to six years ago through various border points. Later, they were sold to brothels in Mumbai.

Acting on a tip-off, International Justice Mission rescued the girls and sent them to a shelter home, Advait Foundation, in Mumbai.

Advait Foundation informed the matter to Association for Community Development (ACD), a human rights body in Rajshahi recently.

Later the five were handed over to the ACD officials on Wednesday afternoon at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital in presence of law enforcers.

All the women hail from Satkhira and Narail districts of the country.

ACD official said that they are processing the papers to hand over the women to their families. The ACD authorities will also extend necessary support for their rehabilitation, the officials said.



Hindu devotees take a holy dip at Tartipur Smashan Ghat (cremation ground) point of Pagla River in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj district on the occasion of Ganga Snan festival yesterday.

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Four youths commit 'suicide' in Chuadanga, Kushtia

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Three young women and a man allegedly committed suicide in Kushtia and Chuadanga on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Of the four cases, three took place in Chuadanga, while the other in Kushtia.

Sumona Khatun, 16, daughter of Nizam Uddin of Shankardia in Sadar upazila in Kushtia allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself on Wednesday morning. Sumona was an SSC examinee this year.

According to family sources and police, Sumona was married to one Rafiqul Islam of Abdulpur in the

same upazila four months ago. She was unhappy in conjugal life.

Sumona was staying at her father's house after one month of the marriage snapping relation with husband. On Wednesday morning, Sumona was found hanging in her room.

Police from Islamic University PS rushed to the spot and recovered the body. Later, the body was buried without any autopsy.

In Chuadanga, Santana Khatun, 16, daughter of Bablur Rahman of Eidgahpara area in the town allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself on Tuesday afternoon.

Santona was appearing in the on-going SSC examination.

Police said Santana had a feud with her family members due to her 'secret' marriage with a man in the area.

Family members often abused Santana over the issue. Recently Santana announced that she would go with her husband after the end of SSC examination.

At this, her father abused her and beat her up.

In the afternoon, Santana went to neighbour Khokon's house and committed suicide by hanging from the ceiling.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

In another incident, Shapla Khatun, 24, wife of Siddikur Rahman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself at Hatkaluganj

village in Sadar upazila on Wednesday noon.

Police said Siddikur often beat up Shapla over various family matters.

On the day, the couple locked in altercation and at one stage Siddikur mercilessly beat up Shapla.

After a while, Shapla killed herself by hanging from the ceiling of the room.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Besides, police recovered the body of Suruj Ali, 22, from behind the local Roads and Highway office on Tuesday evening.

Police said Suruj, son of Akubbar Hossain of the same area of the town took poison.

Family feud was the cause behind the suicide, police said.



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Bagha Aier, a rare species of fish, weighing about 57kg was brought to traditional Poradah Mela in Gabtoli upazila of Bogra on Wednesday. Akhtarul Islam Akhter, headmaster of Bogra Cambridge pre-Cadet School, purchased this delicious fish for Tk 30,800 to feed the students of his school.

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