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TUMPA ABDUCTION, MURDER

Same gang killed her brother last May

KAILASH SARKAR and SHAHEEN MOLLAH



Tumpa

Babla

The same gang that allegedly killed schoolgirl Tumpa after kidnapping her from the capital on February 14, had also killed the victim's brother eight months ago, police are now suspecting.

The gang had been stalking Tumpa for three years, said the victims' mother Khairunnahar Shikha.

Tumpa's brother Al Kawsar Masud alias Babla once slapped a guy of the gang for stalking his sister in Segunbagicha of the capital, and 15 days later on May 31 last year Babla's body was found floating in the Kakon River of Narsinghdi.

Ayesha Akhter Tumpa, 15, a student of class-X of Begum Rahima Adarsha High

School in Segunbagicha, was found dead similarly floating in a canal at Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) dam on February 16.

Police are saying Tumpa had been abducted by a local gang of five to six stalkers of Segunbagicha, led by a local young man named Asaduzzaman alias Hridoy, and she was raped before being murdered.

She was abducted around 9:00pm when she was returning home by a rickshaw from Dhaka University campus after celebrating the Valentine's Day with her boyfriend Sayeedur Rahman Sayeed, 18, a student of Sheikh Borhan Uddin Post Graduate College.

Investigation officer of the Tumpa

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Australia paceman Mitchell Johnson is in his final delivery stride during the ICC World Cup match against Zimbabwe at the Sardar Patel Gujarat Stadium in Ahmedabad yesterday. Johnson took 4 wickets for 19 runs.

PHOTO: AFP

KILLED AT CONSTRUCTION SITE Double blow for victim's family

M RAHMAN

The parents of four-year-old Tawhid Hossain, who died in an accident at a construction site, are passing miserable days hiding from the influential owner of the building.

As Tawhid's father fish vendor Israfil Hawlader filed a case, owner of the building advocate Lutfur Rahman Babu Bhuiyan sought an anticipatory bail from the High Court and evicted the family from the slum adjacent to the construction site.

"Babu has not only driven us out but also kept all our belongings in the slum. I am now passing very hard times moving from door to door," said Israfil.

He added Babu is also demanding Tk 15,000 he had given him for the funeral of his child. Babu also promised to compensate the family with Tk 1 lakh on an understanding that they would not go for legal action.

The owner later allegedly told Israfil that he has managed the police and secured bail from the court. He would settle the issue in the court

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Khaleda moves to new house next month

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is shifting her furniture and valuables to a house at the capital's Gulshan, said party insiders.

The leader of the opposition, who is now staying at her younger brother's Gulshan house, may move into the new house within the second week of next month, they said.

"I hope preparations will be completed by the first week of March and then madam [Khaleda] will move there," one of her personal aides told The Daily Star yesterday asking not to be named.

Sources said her personal staff and domestic helps are looking after the

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killed in road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Sylhet

Five people were killed in a road accident in Sylhet yesterday.

The deceased are

Hamud Miah, 47,

Akaddas Ali, 35,

Maulana Ekhlasur

Rahman, 40, Abdul

Aziz, 30 and auto-

rickshaw driver Suruk

Miah, 35.

Police said a

Sherpur-bound truck

from Sylhet rammed

into a three-wheeler

auto-rickshaw at

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