

FOUR INCIDENTS IN KUSHTIA

Housewives, schoolgirl commit 'suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Three housewives and a schoolgirl 'committed suicide' in Kushtia on Friday and Saturday.

Zonaki Khatun, 18, wife of Saiful Islam of Gobindagunia village in Mirpur upazila 'committed suicide' Friday afternoon. Saiful married Zonaki, daughter of Lutfar Rahman of Sultanpur in the upazila, a year ago, keeping secret his first marriage.

Zonaki came to know the matter after marriage and had often picked up quarrel with her husband, her family sources said, adding that following an altercation over the issue on Friday, Saiful tortured her to death. Saiful family denied the allegation, saying that Zonaki committed suicide.

Mirpur police recovered the body and sent it to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy. Police said they will take necessary steps after getting autopsy report.

Shapla Khatun, 16, wife of Akram Hossain in Bottail area of Kushtia town committed suicide following torture by her husband for dowry on Saturday. Akram married Shapla, daughter of Mofiz Uddin of Roydanga village in Kumarkhali upazila, four months ago.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy.

Fulza, 25, wife of Ziarul, took poison at her husband's house at Elangipara village in Kumarkhali upazila on Thursday and died at Khoksa Upazila Health Complex on Saturday.

Police said Ziarul married Fulza, daughter of Mofiz Uddin of Kamlapur village in Khoksa upazila, four years ago. Family members said Fulza took poison after husband misbehaved with her Thursday afternoon. Her body was sent to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy.

Schoolgirl Sabina Khatun, 14, daughter of Altaf Hossain of Ambaria village in Khoksa upazila, committed suicide by hanging herself from a beam in a room of their house Saturday noon. Family sources said mother scolded Sabina, a class VII student of Abbaria High School, as she went on a picnic with her friends on Friday. Khoksa police recovered the body and sent it to the hospital for autopsy.



PHOTO: STAR

Teachers of schools and colleges in Dinajpur parade town yesterday protesting assault of a headmaster by a section of education board staff on February 22.

HEADMASTER ROUGHED UP BY STAFFS

Teachers besiege Dinajpur education board office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Teachers of secondary and higher secondary educational institutes in the district laid a siege to the Dinajpur Education Board office protesting alleged attack on one of their colleagues by a section of staffs of the board on February 22.

Demanding stern punishment against the offenders within 48 hours, Md. Saifuddin Akter, convener of Dinajpur Teachers Community' submitted a memorandum to the chairman of Dinajpur Education Board.

Abdul Mojib, secretary of Dinajpur Education Board received the memorandum on behalf of chairman Taslima Akter Banu.

In the memorandum, the teachers placed a 4-point demand including removal of the master roll staffs involved in the attack.

Parimal Chandra Roy, headmaster of Paschim Mallikpur High School of Kaharol upazila came under attack after he came to the education board for getting an approval of his school's managing committee.

The attack was allegedly launched by Humayun Kabir Polash, Alamgir Ahmed, Montu Ram Roy and Razu Ahmed as the

teacher declined to pay bribes.

"I was dragged down to ground floor through the staircase and forced out of the complex," narrated Porimal with tearful eyes.

"They also threatened to kill me if I come to the board office again", he added.

The incident angered the teacher community of the entire district and they held an emergency meeting on February 26.

About one thousand teachers of different educational institutes of the district gathered at Dinajpur Lok Bhaban Complex yesterday morning and brought out a protest procession in the town.

Later the processionists marched to education board office at Balubari in the town and besieged it for an hour till 2.00 pm.

A rally was also held in front of education board where the speakers alleged that politicisation of the education has become a threat to the teachers community.

Bribery and intimidation are common as most of the staffs were appointed illegally and under political consideration, they said.

The teachers' community also vowed to build strong resistance to protect the education board from 'the evil-doers'.

Three youths jailed for stalking, 3 others held

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Mobile courts in Jamalpur, Sathkira and Panchagarh have jailed three youths for stalking while police in Brahmanbaria arrested three others for teasing a schoolgirl.

A mobile court in Jamalpur on Saturday convicted a young man and awarded him

a six-month imprisonment for sexually harassing a girl at Jamalpur railway station on Friday night.

Convict Md Reza, 22, is son of Nurul Islam Geda of Dewanpara under Jamalpur municipality, reports our correspondent.

Victim's brother-in-law Sarwar, residing at west Nayapara of the town, said his sister-in-law Mursheda Akter, 22, daughter of late Khurshed Alam of village Hazrabari under Melandah upazila of the district went to Jamalpur Railway Station with a domestic help to receive her elder sister Khurshida Parvin on Friday night.

They were waiting for Jamuna Express train.

At about 11:30 pm, a drunken Reza sat beside Mursheda at the waiting room and allegedly harassed her sexually. At one stage the victim cried out for help. The on-duty GRP police caught Reza and took him to Jamalpur Railway (GRP) police station.

Next morning, a mobile court led by magistrate Liakat Ali handed down the punishment to Reza and fined him Tk5000, in default, to suffer more 15 days in jail.

In Sathkira, a mobile court sentenced a young man to three months' simple imprisonment for stalking a class nine student at village Dhuliarpur in Kaliganj upazila on Thursday.

Kaliganj upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Toufique-e-Elahi Chowdhury, also the executive magistrate, pronounced the judgment after hearing both sides.

Convict Afsar Hossain Milon, 20, is son of Md Ruhul Amin Gazi of village Probajpur in the upazila.

Mobile court sources said Milon used to stalk Maria Sultana Mousumi, 13, daughter of Babul Chumuri of village Probajpur, also a

student of Dhuliarpur High School on her way to school off and on.

The convict sexually harassed her while going to school. Hearing a hue and cry, local people rushed to the spot and rescued the girl.

The victim's father filed an allegation with Kaliganj PS and police arrested him.

In Panchagarh, a youth was sentenced to 15 days imprisonment by a mobile court for teasing a girl on Tuesday night.

Stalker Nasiruddin Rony, 20, is son of late Shamsheer Ali of Masjid Para area in the town.

Mobile court sources said a group of youths teased a girl, Meher Sabiha, 13, and also hit her near Collectorate Mosque on Tuesday night.

A police constable rescued the girl and managed to catch one of the stalkers, Rony, while others fled away.

Following allegation by the victim, a mobile court, led by executive magistrate Hamidul Islam, handed down the verdict.

UNB from Brahmanbaria reports: Police arrested three stalkers on charge of teasing a schoolgirl in Mirpur village of Nabinagar upazila early Friday.

The arrestees were identified as Ibrahim, 18, Saidul, 19, and Sumon, 22, of Mirpur village.

Nabinagar police said Ibrahim, Saidul and Sumon used to tease Sharmin Akhter, a student of class IX of Mirpur High School.

Last Thursday afternoon they again started teasing her and threw a cricket ball at her while she was returning home from the school. Seriously injured, she was admitted to Nabinagar Sadar Hospital.

Sharmin's father Forkan Mia filed a case with Nabinagar PS. The stalkers were sent to District Court.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Wild elephants kill youth

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A villager was trampled to death by wild elephants at Rangipara in Gulsakhali union under Longudu upazila yesterday. Victim Monir Hossain, 25, was son of Suruj Ali of the village. Locals said Monir was killed by wild elephants when he was collecting firewood in a jungle adjacent to Rangipara village at about 3.30pm. Longudu police yesterday recovered the body with the help of locals. They later sent it to Rangamati General Hospital for postmortem.

Cattle trader injured by BSF

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A Bangladeshi cattle trader was seriously stabbed by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at their Anrail camp opposite Puthkhal border early yesterday. BGB Puthkhal camp commander Emdadul Haque said Anwar Ali, 30, son of Shamsheer Ali of Dighirpara village was returning home from India through the border along with cattle late at night. BSF men at Anrail camp caught him after a hot chase and took him to their camp and stabbed him indiscriminately. They later left him in the border area presuming him dead. Later villagers rescued and admitted him to a local hospital where his condition was stated to be critical.

Three get life for murder

UNB, Kishoreganj

A court here on Sunday convicted three men and sentenced them to life term imprisonment in a murder case. The court also fined them Tk 20,000 each, in default, to suffer one year more RI. The convicts are Rafiqul Islam, 28, Shafiqul Islam, 30, and Billal Miah, 34, of Kamaliarchar village in Sadar upazila. According to prosecution, the three called co-villager Isra'il Miah, 20, out of his house on February 4, 2005. The next day, police recovered Isra'il's body from local BSCIC industrial area. Later, the victim's elder brother filed a murder case in this connection.



PHOTO: STAR

Patuakhali University of Science and Technology (PUST) on Sunday held its first convocation. Photo shows the first batch of degree holders parading the town to mark the occasion.

OMS dealer jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A mobile court here sentenced a dealer to one-month imprisonment for irregularities in distributing OMS (open market sale) rice on Sunday. The court led by executive magistrate Sheheli Laila during a drive in Mati Shaheber Ghat area of the town found dealer Mahbubur Rahman of Dhanbandi guilty of preparing a fake distribution list and handed down the punishment. With this, two OMS dealers in the district so far have been jailed for similar offence.

1 killed, 10 hurt in clash

UNB, Habiganj

A man was killed and 10 others were injured in a clash between two rival groups over a piece of disputed land at Semergaon village in Sadar upazila Sunday. The deceased was identified as Abdul Kaiyum Dhanai Shah, 50, of the village. Police and locals said there was a longstanding conflict over the ownership of a piece of land between Kaiyum and Darbesh Ali of the village. They said in the morning when Kaiyum went to work in the disputed land Darbesh Ali resisted him. Later, at noon both the groups equipped with lethal weapons and sticks attacked each other leaving Kaiyum dead on the spot and 10 others from both sides injured. The injured were admitted to Sadar Adhunik Hospital. A case was filed.

Robbers kill one in Pabna

UNB, Pabna

A man was hacked to death allegedly by a gang of robbers at Bharenga village in Bera upazila early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Abdul Baten, 50, of the village. Police said a gang of 10/15 armed robbers stormed into the house of Baten and looted valuables, including gold ornaments and three cell phone sets worth Tk 15,000 keeping the members of the house hostage at gunpoint. The bandits indiscriminately stabbed Baten with sharp weapons as he tried to resist them, leaving him critically injured. Baten was rushed to Pabna General Hospital and later shifted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. He was again referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) as his condition deteriorated. But he died on the way.



COURTESY: APOLLO HOSPITALS

A seminar on 'Updates on Advanced Patient Care Management at Apollo Hospitals in Dhaka' was held at Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) yesterday. Around 300 doctors from MMCH and its surrounding areas attended the seminar followed by an interactive question-answer session.

Advertisement for Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB) featuring a table with 9 items and their prices, and a list of services.

Advertisement for Chittagong Engineering College and University (CECU) featuring a list of 11 job openings with details on qualifications and application procedures.