

Shima stops going to madrasa for stalking

Family's appeal for justice unheeded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Shima has stopped going to madrasa for fear of a local stalker.

She is a student of class eight at village Taraf Fazil in Sadullapur upazila.

A boy of an influential family has also threatened her family of dire consequences if they take legal shelter.

Locals said, Shima Khatun, 13, daughter of late Golzar Hossain was going to attend classes at Taraf Fazil Dakhil Madrasa on Saturday with some of her class mates.

On the way, stalker Khokon Mia, 16, son of Abdul Khaleque of same village waylaid and teased her using filthy language.

Despite raising protest by

her mates Lima, Tahamina and Joba, Khokon forcibly took Shima to his house allegedly to violate her.

Hearing the hue and cry, local people came to the aid of the girl and rescued her from the house of stalker.

Parul Begum, mother of Shima complained on Saturday to madrasa superintendent Md. Ayub Ali and local union parishad member Ashraf Ali seeking justice.

They all assured her of taking measures in this regard.

Meanwhile, Khokon and his accomplices threatened Parul Begum of dire consequences if she goes for any legal steps.

Admitting the incident, Ayub Ali said, a negotiation between the two parties is in

progress for amicable settlement of the matter.

"I have already told them that an appropriate measure will be taken against the stalker after investigation," said Rabiul Islam Dula, chairman of Rasoolpur union.

Family sources said, as the matter spread locally, the girl now refuses to come out of her home for fear of public disgrace.

Shima has also stopped going to madrasa fearing any further grave incident, as the stalker is still threatening, said her mother Parul Begum.

"I am yet to get any response to my appeal for justice. On the other hand I could not take any legal step due to pressure from influential quarters," she added.



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This fishing cat, caught after being hit with a cleaver by locals at Uttar Medinimondal village in Louhajang upazila of Munshiganj district yesterday, later died while livestock officials are trying to keep alive its three litters.

13 mutineers in Dinajpur jailed

Verdict in case against 105 today in Satkhira

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Thirteen jawans of Dinajpur Sector of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) were yesterday sentenced to jail terms ranging from four months to four years for their involvement in the mutiny at the sector headquarters on February 26 in 2009.

The Special Court-13 headed by Dinajpur Sector Commander Col Md Saleh Ahmad also fined the convicts Tk 100 each.

The convicts are Md Abdul Motaleb, Md Mamunur Rashid, Md Monirul Islam, Humayun Kabir, Md Asadul Islam, Nipun Kanti Bagchi, Md Shahidul Islam, Rubel Rana, Shamser Alam, Abdul Wahab, Mahbub Alam, Md Aminul Islam and Islam Uddin, reports our correspondent.

All the mutineers were produced in the court. Eleven of them were brought to the court from Dinajpur jail by a prison van while the rest two in an ambulance as they were sick.

Motaleb was jailed for four months, Rashid for one year, Monirul for one and a half years, Humayun and Asadul were jailed for two years, Nipun, Shahidul and Rana for three years, and Shamser, Wahab, Mahbub, Aminul and Islam for four years.

The trial of the mutiny case started on November 27, 2010. Junior Commanding Officer (JCO) Enamul Haque of Dinajpur BGB Sector brought mutiny

charges against the 13 jawans of the sector.

During hearing of the case, all the 13 confessed to their involvement in the mutiny and begged for mercy.

Two other members of the court were Lt Col Md Mahfuz Alam and Major Muhammad Masud Ul Islam. Deputy Attorney General Biswajit Roy was present.

Our Satkhira correspondent reported that the special court -1 will deliver judgement in the mutiny case against 105 members 41 Battalion today.

After completion of arguments on February 9, the court, headed by Rajshahi BGB Sector Commander Lt Col Yahya Azam Khan, fixed the date for pronouncement of the verdict. Two other members are Lt Col. Khalid Hossain and Major Touhidul Islam.

As many as 47 prosecution witnesses gave their statements before the court.

According to our Khagrachhari correspondent, on completion of arguments between the mutineers of 11 Battalion under BGB Khagrachhari Sector and the prosecution witnesses, the special court-15 yesterday adjourned the trial proceedings until 9:30am today.

The three-member court, headed by Khagrachhari BGB Sector Commander Lt Col Abu Wahab Mohammad Hafizul Haque, asked the authorities concerned to produce all the 69 accused in the court.

ARIFA'S KILLER STILL AT LARGE

Minister vows to punish culprit as protest on

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Teachers formed a long human chain on Abdul Hamid Road in the town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminal who hacked to death Arifa Khatun, a teacher of Bhainapara Government Primary School in Santhia upazila, inside her classroom on Sunday noon.

As part of three-day demonstration demanding the same, primary school teachers in nine upazilas of Pabna district also held separate programmes yesterday, said Md Abdul Kader, secretary of Pabna district unit committee of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association.

The association also

submitted a memorandum to the prime minister through the deputy commissioner in this regard.

Follow-up

Primary teachers across the country will start countrywide demonstration if Arifa's killer is not arrested within 10 days, said BM Asadullah, central committee Secretary of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association.

In a condolence meeting at Bhainapara Government Primary School in Santhia upazila, Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr Afsarul Amin assured punishment of the killer.

He urged the people to build social security measure to ensure security of

different classes of people.

Later the minister visited Arifa's paternal residence in Sirajganj district to condole the bereaved family.

Ataikula police on Sunday night arrested van driver Rabiul Islam, who had brought the killer to the school premises on Sunday noon, from Chowbaria village.

He was given a five-day remand when police produced him before a court on Monday.

"We have found some clues to the incident. We are trying to find out more information from the arrested van puller. We have collected five mobile SIMS from the victim's vanity bag and we are searching those," Pabna Superintendent of Police Md Jahangir Hossain Motobar said.



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Rapid Action Battalion rescues Mizanur Rahman (hand on belly), who had been forced to work under captivity at MRB brickfield in Baligram of Kalkini upazila under Madaripur district, and arrests brick kiln workers' leader Yasin Mia (chain in hand), and manager Gouranga Biswas (not in picture). Law enforcers recently rescued quite a few victims of such forced labour from two brickfields in Savar and Patuakhali.

Bangla Bhai's aide held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police arrested an aide to Jama'atul Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB) kingpin Siddikul Islam Bangla Bhai from Sadhanpur in Natore Sadar upazila Monday night.

"Arrestee Sahadat Hossain, 50, was one of the main associates of Bangla Bhai," officer-in-charge Abdus Sattar of Naldanga police station said.

Bangla Bhai along with JMB supremo Shaikh Abdur Rahman and four other top militant leaders were executed in 2007 for killing two judges in Jhalakathi.

Shahadat is also an accused in a murder case filed with Bagmara police station of Rajshahi in 2004, the OC added.

On a tip-off, police arrested Sahadat, a resident of Jagdishpur village in Sadar upazila, from Sadhanpur under Naldanga police station at about 8:30pm.

In Chittagong, a team of police led by Inspector Mizanur Rahman yesterday seized a few jihadi books and arms from a Shibir-controlled room at Chittagong University (CU).

On secret information, police raided privately-run dormitory 'Nijhum Nishi' in front of Shahjalal Hall at around 2:00pm, reports our CU correspondent.

During the raid, they seized eight jihadi books, seven locally made arms and a few forms and leaflets of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) kept in two sacks.



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Teachers form a human chain in Pabna town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the killer of Arifa Khatun, a teacher of Bhainapara Government Primary School in Santhia upazila of the district.



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