

TUESDAY'S INCIDENT AT UKIARA OF MANIKGANJ Police arrest 11 for attack on temple, Hindu family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Manikganj*

Police in a drive at Ukiara village on Wednesday night arrested 11 people in connection with the attack on journalists, damage of a temple and houses of a Hindu family there.

The arrestees are Ramzan Ali, Shahin Mia, Gaffar Mia, Habib, Mithu Mia, Amin, Suruzzaman Sentu, Shukur Ali, Chan Mia, Nawsher and Abdul Kuddus of Ukiara and adjacent areas.

Manikganj Police superintendent Md. Masud Karim said the aforesaid 11 were held in connection with Tuesday's incident.

Local AL men evicted a Hindu family by vandalising their houses and temple on Tuesday morning.

They also beat up Biplob

Chakrabarty, district correspondent of Bangla daily Shamokal, on that day when he went to the spot to cover the incident.

The ruling party men also assaulted the ATN news team comprising its crime reporter Imran Hossain, camera crew Habibur Rahman Habib and local correspondent Abul Kalam Azad the next day when they went to the spot to collect story.

Villagers said, Gosai Chandra Mandal, a relative of Shyamacharan, and his brother Sharat Mandal have been living in the house for the last 80 years.

The temple was also constructed on their property.

"After the death of Shyamacharan, the house was recorded as vested property. So, Sharat and I submitted an appli-

cation to the deputy commissioner of Manikganj seeking ownership of the land," Gosai told this correspondent.

Being rejected by the deputy commissioner's office, the duo filed a writ on January 20 this year with the Manikganj district and sessions judges' court asking for temporary stay order.

Following the writ, the court passed an order asking the deputy commissioner, assistant deputy commissioner (revenue), upazila nirbahi officer, assistant commissioner (land) and union land officer to explain the reasons behind the eviction of Gosai and Sharat.

Local AL men led by district AL religious affairs secretary Israfil Hossain wanted to grab the property in the name of building a hospital, villagers alleged.

Abducted girl freed by villagers

3 others rescued

STAR NATIONAL DESK

An abducted girl was freed by villagers in Lalmonirhat while three others were rescued in Jessor while being trafficked to India yesterday.

An eight-year-old girl was rescued and her abductor was held at Kalishan border village of Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat yesterday morning.

Local people later handed over the alleged abductor to police.

He was identified as Ibrahim Ali, 45, son of late Motaleb Ali of Sarpukur village of Aditmari upazila.

The rescued child, Hasina Akhter, is daughter of Nur Hossain at Velabari village in the same upazila.

Police said, Ibrahim abduc-

ted Hasina from near her resi-

dence and took her to border

area for trafficking to India.

Local people caught the abductor and rescued the victim at Kalishan border village and then informed Aditmari police.

Police rushed in, arrested Ibrahim and handed over the girl to her parents.

In Jessore, Benapole immi-

gration police yesterday

rescued three young girls

while being trafficked to

India.

The arrestees were identi-

fied as Mahmuda Khatun, 20, daughter of Mahtab of Mohammadpur, Dhaka and her younger sister Chameli

Khatun, 16, and Sathi Aktar, 15, daughter of Anwar Ali of Bakerganj upazila of Barisal.

Officer-in-charge Ali Azam of Benapole immi-

gration said at around 10:00am

yesterday police observed

suspicious movement of the

three girls.

On-duty officer interro-

gated them and found that a

gang of traffickers brought

them to Benapole promising

good jobs in India.

Babu Ghosh, one of the

alleged traffickers, man-

aged to flee the spot sens-

ing police intervention, he

said.

Later, the three girls were

taken to port police station.

Teenage boy found dead

UNB, *Satkhira*

A teenage boy was found dead at the residence of president of the District Bar Association here on Wednesday.

On information, police recovered the body of Shamsuzzaman, 19, son of Shawkat Ali of Fatehpur village in Keshabpur upazila of Jessor, at noon.

Police said, Shamsuzzaman came to

visit the residence of his

cousin advocate Abul Hossain, president of local Bar Association.

They suspected that he committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of the under construction first floor of the building sometime on Tuesday night.

Abul Hossain, however, said the youth was a drug addict.

20 kids food poisoned

They had tamarind pickles from a street vendor at school

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, X
Rajshahi

At least 20 students of Kuthipara Government Primary School in Godagari upazila of Rajshahi district fell sick after having tamarind pickles from a street vendor on the school premises yesterday morning.

Sixteen of them were admitted to Godagari 31-bed Hospital while four others were given first aid at the school.

"We rushed them to hos-

pit as some students fainted and some others started suffering from stom-

ach ache. They had eaten

tamarind pickle after buying

it from Lusi," said Irene

Parveen, headmistress of the

school.

"The students fell sick as

they took rotten and unhy-

gienic food. They were suf-

fering with dizziness, palpita-

tion, stomach ache and

nausea. All of them are out

of danger as they were given

timely treatment," Dr Ishaq

Ali, medical officer of the

hospital, said in the after-

noon.



PHOTO: STAR

Two kids, food poisoned yesterday, being treated at Godagari upazila health complex in Rajshahi district.

Police arrested the pickle

seller, Lusi Khatun, 18, of

class II, three are of class

IV, three are of class V.

Later when Godagari

Upazila Nirbahi Officer

(UNO) Julia Moyeen visited

the sick children at the hos-

pit, the guardians com-

plained to her about health

risks of children due to open

sale of food items at schools

and village shops. The UNO

assured them of action in

this regard.

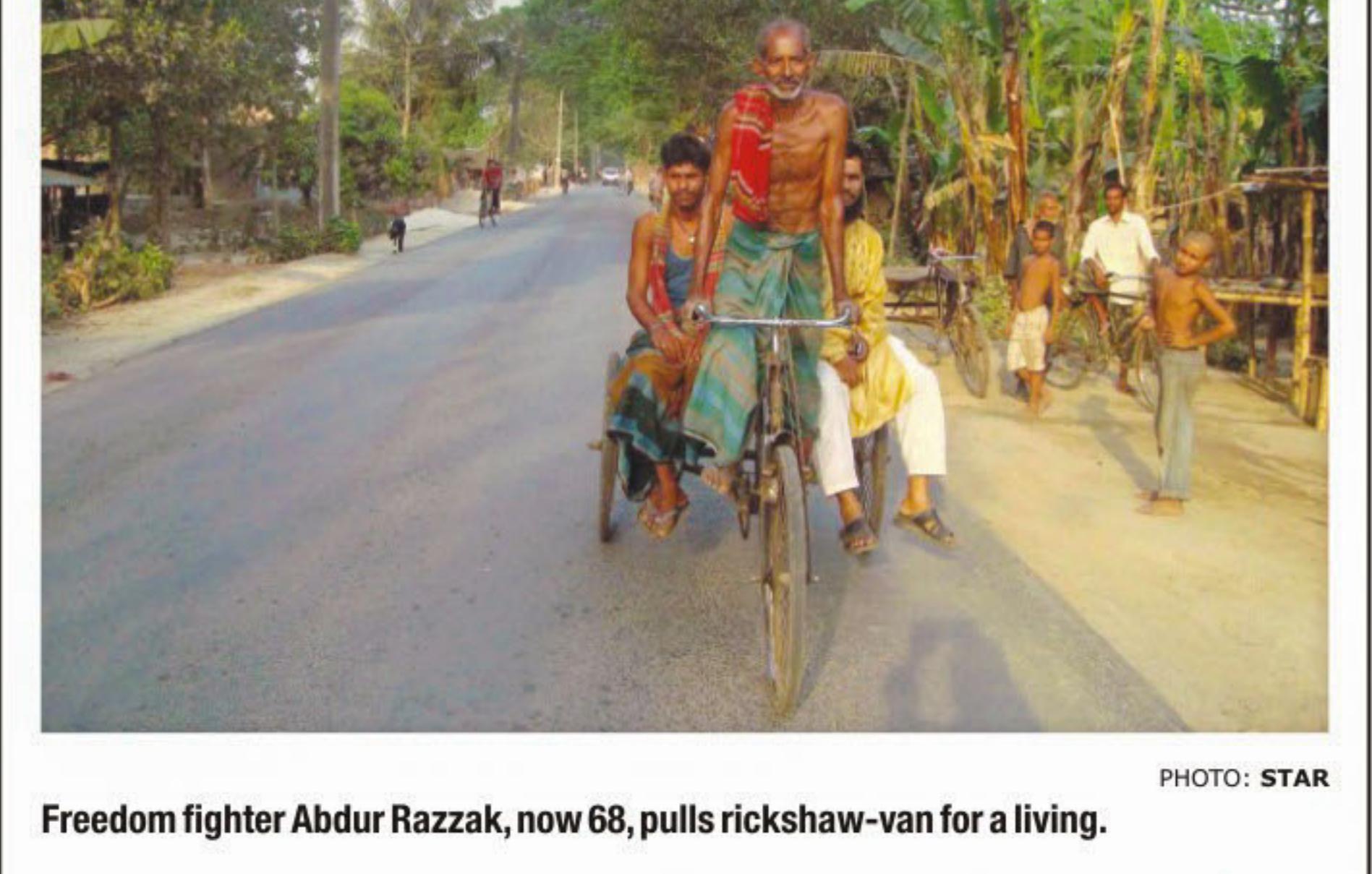


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Freedom fighter Abdur Razzak, now 68, pulls rickshaw-van for a living.

Days in the life of a freedom fighter

AZIBOR RAHMAN, *Jhenidah*

Valiant freedom fighter Abdul Razzak, now 68, finds it hard to get both ends meet with his scanty income as a rickshaw-van puller.

He with his wife lives in a shabby hut on a land beside Kaliganj-Kotchandpur road at Kashipur village under Kaliganj municipality in Jhenidah district.

Abdur Razzak, then serving East Bengal Regiment, joined the Liberation War in 1971, and participated in first frontal fight with Pakistani occupation forces at Charsa-Palbari in Jessor, said the freedom fighter.

They suspected that he committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of the under construction first floor of the building sometime on Tuesday night.

Abul Hossain, however, said the youth was a drug addict.

and often pass days without meal," said his wife Rizia Khatun who earns a little by sewing kantha for others.

They have two sons and two daughters. The two daughters are living with their husbands while the two sons are too heartless to look after their elderly parents, said Razzak.

Razzak and his wife have to borrow added sufferings when they become sick or cannot work for any reason, said their neighbour Khodeza Khatun.

Contacted, Kaliganj upazila unit Muktijoddha Sangsad commander Sekendar Ali said, "We will try to manage a plot of land for Abdur Razzak. We will make recommendations to the upazila chairman and the nirbahi officer in this regard."

Divorced, attacked with acid Hapless Amiron now groans in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Natore*

Victim of acid attack by fellow-wife and stepson, a housewife is groaning in pain at One-stop Crisis Centre at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

Acid-burnt Amiran Begum, 27, wife

of Majibur Rahman of Darikusha

village in Boraigram upazila in

Natore district, was rushed to

Natore Sadar Hospital

yesterday morning.

"My husband and fellow-wife often tortured me for Tk 80 thousand as dowry. About two months ago I had an abortion due to their torture," she said.

Shakilur Rahman, medical officer of Natore Sadar Hospital, said they decided to shift her to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for better treatment as the victim had serious burn injuries.

Anwar Hossain, officer in charge of

Boraigram police station, said, "Hearing the news police rushed to the spot. No case has been filed yet as the family members are busy for her treatment."



and threatening the complainant and the family members of Rupali to withdraw the kidnapping case.

The investigation officer, SI Ayub Ali said,

'a vigorous drive' is on to arrest the accused.

He also blamed victim's family for 'not

extending cooperation' to police.

Meanwhile, at a press conference at

Narail Zila Press Club the parents of the girl

yesterday accused the police of 'dilly-dally

and indifference' to the case.

They demanded immediate steps for

rescue of Rupali Roy.

The press conference was attended by the

parents of the victim and some leaders of

local social organisations.