

## 8 commit 'suicide' in two districts

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Eight people allegedly committed suicide in Satkhira and Khagrachhari districts yesterday, the day before and on Friday.

Seven people including a teenage girl allegedly have committed suicide in Satkhira, reports our correspondent.

The victims were identified as Biplob Kumar Mondal, 20, son of Bonoy Kumar Mondal of Rautara village and Lila Rani Sarkar, 35, wife of Basudeb Chandra Sardar of Assasuni village in Assasuni upazila, Rashida Khatun, 35, wife of Ala Uddin Gazi of Narayanganj village in Kaliganj upazila and Masura Khatun, 14, daughter of Moslem Gazi of Kadamtala village in Shyamnagar upazila.

Quoting local people police said, Biplob, a student of Assasuni College and Masura, a class nine student of Banashree High school in Shyamnagar upazila took poison failing to marry their lovers and died at their residences yesterday and the day before.

Rashida Khatun committed 'suicide' by hanging herself in the ceiling of her house at about 9:30 pm on Saturday following a family feud.

In the other incident, Lila Rani Sarkar took poison at about 9:45 pm on Saturday. Local people took her to Assasuni upazila health complex where the on-duty doctor declared her dead at about 10:45 pm.

Besides, retired police constable Abdur Rashid Gazi, 55, son of Zobed Ali of Bathudanga village in Kaliganj upazila, Ganesh Thakur, 48, son of Haren Thakur of Kamta village in Dehbaupur and Indrajit Ghosh, 22, son of Shub Pada Ghosh of Dleara village in Kalaroa upazila committed

suicide.

Quoting locals police said, following a family feud Abdur Rashid Gazi took poison at about 5:00 pm on Friday. He was taken to a local clinic in a critical condition.

He was shifted to Kalaroa upazila health complex as his condition deteriorated and the on-duty doctor declared him dead at about 9:00 pm on the same day.

In the other incident, Ganesh Thakur took poison at about 12:30 pm on Friday.

Local people took him to a local clinic where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Indrajit Ghosh took poison in his bedroom at about 8:00 am on Thursday. Hearing his screams, relatives of the victim took him to Kalaroa upazila health complex in a critical condition where he died at about 8:30 pm.

In Khagrachhari, a housewife committed suicide allegedly after a family feud at Shalda village of Ramgarh upazila in Khagrachhari early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Rani Mandal, 28, wife of Omar Mandal of the village, reports our correspondent.

Police and family sources said, Rani took poison and also fed poison to her two years child Avijit Mondal at about 2:00 am following a quarrel with her husband.

Locals rushed them to Manikchhari upazila health complex where the doctors declared Rani dead and referred Avijit to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

Police sent the body to Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital for autopsy and a case was filed with Ramgarh police station in this regard.



PHOTO: STAR

A colourful boat procession was held on the Dakatia River in Chandpur yesterday on the occasion of jatka (hilsa fry) protection week.

## 'Assault on bauls threat to country's culture'

### Punishment to culprits demanded

RU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers, students and socio-cultural activists of Rajshahi University (RU) formed a human chain and held a rally yesterday demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the culprits who assaulted bauls (mystic singer) at Char Ramnagar village in Pangsha upazila including Kushtia, Rajbari and Pabna.

Prof Selim Reza Newton of mass communication and journalism department, Prof Abul Hasan and Susmita Chakrabarti of folklore department, Dr Shahriar Hossain, Kazi Susmin Afsana, Ataur Rahman and Abdul Halim Pramanik of theatre and music department of RU addressed the programme, among others.

Earlier, around 500 people including teachers, students and socio-cultural activists of the university brought out a procession on the campus to press for the demand.

They also formed a human chain in front of

Ismail Hossain Siraji building at around 12:30pm.

On April 5, Sadhu Sanga, an organisation of bauls, arranged a two-day annual cultural programme at Char Ramnagar village in Pangsha upazila where followers of baul mystic Lalon Shah came from different places including Kushtia, Rajbari and Pabna.

But a group of villagers foiled the programme, assaulted 28 bauls and cut their hair and moustaches following instruction from the imam of a local mosque. The imam aided by a local influential person termed the bauls' programme as 'anti-Islamic' and had the devotees to touba (repentance) under duress.

Mohammad Fakir, 60, a Lalon devotee of the village, yesterday filed a case with Pangsha police station accusing 50 people including 13 named ones in this connection.

## Rangpur sportsmen demand action against DSA secy

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Rangpur

Sportsmen and a number of Rangpur Divisional Sports Association members demonstrated yesterday demanding withdrawal of the deputy commissioner and suspension of the District Sports Association (DSA) secretary Abdul Gafur for their alleged corruption.

The agitated sportsmen and DSA leaders also gave a memorandum to the divisional commissioner Jasim Uddin Ahmad for action against the DC and DSA secretary.

They alleged that Gafur misappropriated about Tk 50 lakh at the government fund sanctioned for the purpose of sports in the district in the last 12 years.

They also said the DSA secretary in association with

deputy commissioner rented out Rangpur Gymnasium to TCB illegally for use as its depot.

Members of the

Divisional Sports Association, Rangpur led by Biplob Prasad, Shuvo Ranjan Deb Bablu led the demonstration.

Director of National Sport Council Sheikh Atahar Hossain a few months ago made an investigation into the alleged corruption by MA Gafur. He detected that Gafur misappropriated about Tk 50 lakh and forged the signature of the former deputy commissioner.

The director placed the probe report before the divisional commissioner and proposed a thorough investigation.

He also recommended suspension of Gafur from

the committee.

The aggrieved sportsmen and DSA leaders alleged that the divisional commissioner sent the investigation report to the DC but to no effect.

Contacted, deputy commissioner BM Enamul Haque told this correspondent that he got the investigation report three days back. "How can I take action against Gafur when I got the report on Thursday," he posed.

Talking to this correspondent MA Gafur refuted the allegation of misappropriation of government fund.

He said, "I have been the DSA secretary for the last 12 years. I won in the DSA election in 2008 last. Since then my opponents have been spreading this propaganda against me."



PHOTO: STAR  
Sportsmen and members of Rangpur Divisional Sports Association bring out a procession in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of the deputy commissioner and suspension of the District Sports Association Secretary Abdul Gafur for their alleged corruption.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Office of the Project Director  
Skills Development Project  
Directorate of Technical Education  
Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry	Ministry of Education	
2. Agency	Directorate of Technical Education	
3. Procuring Entity name	Project Director, Skills Development Project	
4. Procuring Entity Code	2551-5020	
5. Invitation for	Procurement of office stationeries	
6. Invitation Ref. No. & Date	DTE/SDP/PIU/TENDER-17/2009/1100 Date 06/04/2011	
7. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (National Competitive Bidding)	
8. Budget & Source of Fund	GOB & SDC	
9. Development Partners	Asian Development Bank (ADB) & Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC)	
10. Project / Program code & name	Code. 5020 Skills Development Project	
Tender Package Number & name		
11. Package No.	Description of Lots	
	Lot-1: Procurement of stationeries	
12. GDS-01	BD TK. 25,000.00	
	Lot-2: Procurement of Different Types of Toner	
	BD TK. 15,000.00	
	Lot-3: Procurement of Lock, Cookeries & other office accessories	
	BD TK. 5,000.00	
13. Tender Publication Date	09 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	
14. Tender Last Selling Date & Time	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2011, 04:00 PM	
15. Tender Closing Date & Time	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2011, 01:00 PM.	
16. Tender Opening Date & Time	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2011, 01:30 PM	
Name & Address of the Office		
16.	Selling & Receiving Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the Project Director Skills Development Project Shikha Bhaban (Ground Floor), 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.
	Opening Tender Document	Office of the Project Director Skills Development Project Shikha Bhaban (Ground Floor), 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.

17. Eligibility of Tenderer	As mentioned in the Tender Document.	
18. Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of office stationeries	
19. Price of Tender Document	Tk.: 500/- (Five Hundred Only). Through Treasury Challan, Code No. 1-2551-0000-2681	
20. Place of delivery	Office of the Project Director Skills Development Project Shikha Bhaban (Ground Floor), 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.	
21. Completion Time	10 days from the date of contract signing.	

22. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Babar Ali.
23. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director Skills Development Project
24. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Office of the Project Director Skills Development Project Shikha Bhaban (Ground Floor), 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.
25. Contact Number & Website Address	Telephone No. 02-9513812, Fax No. 9513813 email: <a href="mailto:bpip.accc@yahoo.com">bpip.accc@yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.sdp.gov.bd">www.sdp.gov.bd</a>
26. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any Tender(s).	

## Killers' men threaten victim's family

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Latmonirhat

Pallab's body was recovered from the shop the following morning and his father filed a murder case with Patgram Police Station the same day.

Tracking Pallab's mobile phone, police arrested Rezaul Karim, 22, of Anandapur village of the same upazila and then arrested four other accused - Yusuf Rahman Liton, 21, Shahin Islam, 22, Habibul Islam, 21, and Sumon Miah alias Babu, 27, of the village.

"We informed the police about the threats yesterday and the day before, but no actions have been taken yet," they alleged.

Pallab Chandro Shil, 23, son of Monoranjan Shil of Saheb Danga village under Patgram upazila, was strangled by a gang at his salon in Patgram town on the night of April 1. The gang took away Tk 20,000 and his mobile set.

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