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Stepfather kills boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A five-year-old boy was killed by his step-father on Friday at Dhalpur polli slum in Dhaka.

Police recovered the body from a pond near the victim's house and arrested Monju Mia, the step-father, yesterday around 6:15pm.

Monju has confessed to killing Bijoy by smashing the boy's head with a block of brick, said police.

Bijoy was the first born of Shilpi Begum, 27. About one and a half years ago,

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'Safe home' worries Jamaat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami has expressed concern over the lives of its leaders Motiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, who will be quizzed at a "safe home" in Dhanmondi instead of Dhaka Central Jail for links to war crimes.

Terming the "safe home" a torture cell, Jamaat acting secretary general ATM Azharul Islam said, "We are deeply concerned about the

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Sports out, fair in

HC order ignored, Dhanmondi playground used for business

TAWFIQUE ALI

Makeshift structures were set up on Thursday on Dhanmondi Road-8 playground to organise Baishakhi Mela (fair) in violation of a High Court order that termed illegal any structures other than those related to sports on playgrounds and parks.

The HC on March 15 ordered Dhaka City Corporation to remove all illegal structures on playgrounds and parks to preserve those.

With unauthorised structures, Dhanmondi Club Limited has been occupying the playground for decades. In 2009, the club was renamed after prime minister's slain brother Sheikh Jamal.

Mubasshar Hussein, president of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), who earlier filed a petition with the HC for saving the Dhanmondi playground, said Lieutenant Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club Limited is using the name of Sheikh Hasina's brother to run its business forbidden by the court.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (Bela), one of the petitioners seeking conservation of playgrounds, said, "Such use of the playground is illegal as it is not related to sports."

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This photo taken on April 13 shows structures being built on Dhanmondi playground on Road-8 violating a court order that instructed everything not related to sports or park be removed.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQUE

Gaddafi force using 'cluster bombs'

Rebels push to east of Libya with Nato's help

AFP, Misrata

Loud explosions yesterday rocked the besieged rebel-held western Libyan city of Misrata, where the death toll mounted, as a rights watchdog said Muammar Gaddafi's forces were using cluster bombs.

In the east, heavy fighting was reported as rebel fighters, bolstered by Nato air strikes, pushed on from the crossroads town of Ajdabiya towards the strategic oil town of Brega.

And even further west, Nato air strikes targeted Gaddafi's hometown of Sirte, state news agency JANA reported, without giving details.

The blasts in Misrata were accompanied by bursts of gunfire heard coming

from the city centre, an AFP correspondent said.

Officials at Misrata's main Hikma hospital said overnight it had received five dead bodies and 31 wounded.

US-based Human Rights Watch (HRW) said its researchers reported the use of internationally banned cluster munitions against rebels in Misrata, the rebels' last major bastion in western Libya.

Cluster bombs explode in the air and scatter deadly, armour-piercing submunitions over a wide area.

"Last night it was like rain," said Hazam Abu Zaid, a local resident who has taken up arms to defend his neighbourhood, describing the cluster bombings.

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1 held for disgracing Lalon devotees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A madrasa principal was arrested early yesterday in Pangsha upazila of Rajbari five days after a case was filed against him for disgracing 28 devotees of mystic poet Lalon Fakir.

Police arrested Mufti Reazul Islam, principal of a Qaumi madrasa located at Chowbaria in the upazila at about 2:00am, said Munshi Mofazzal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Pangsha Police Station.

Mohammad Fakir, 60, a

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RESTIVE ARAB WORLD, MIGRANT WORKERS

Asian nations to talk crisis

Dhaka moves to hold April 19-21 ministerial meeting


PORIMOL PALMA

Impact of political unrest in the Arab world on migrant workers will be high on the agenda at the upcoming ministerial meeting of the "Colombo Process", a regional forum for Asian labour supplying nations.

"We're holding the meeting at a time when thousands of Asian migrants are in trouble due to the Arab world unrest. This is going to take place in such an important period," Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Secretary Zafar Ahmed Khan said.

For the first time, Bangladesh is going to host the Colombo Process on April 19-21 that aims at better protecting the rights of the migrant workers.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think former army chief general Moeen U Ahmed's written explanation to parliamentary sub-committee probing the campus violence during last caretaker government's tenure is satisfactory?

Yes

No

No Comments

40.6%

53.8%

5.6%

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TODAY'S POLL

What do you think of BNP leader Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir's blaming the government for kidnapping younger son of Fazlul Haque Amini, chairman of a faction of Islami Oikya Jote?

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Asr	4:45	5:00
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