

11 jailed for life for rape of Sirajganj schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Sirajganj

A court here yesterday sentenced 11 people to life-term imprisonment for violating schoolgirl Purnima Rani Shil in 2001.

District Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal judge Osman Haidar pronounced the verdict in the afternoon.

The court also fined Tk 1 lakh each for compensation to the victim's family.

Six accused were present at the court during the verdict while the other five remained absconding since filing of the case.

The convicts who were present are Abdul Jalil, Altaf Hossain (1), Hossain Ali, Abdur Rauf, Yeasin Ali and Liton Sheikh, all hailing from East Delua village.

According to the prosecution, the convicts took Purnima Rani Shil, a schoolgirl of the same village, forcibly to a lonely place and gangraped her on October 8, 2001.

The criminals also beat up the family members of Purnima as they protested



PHOTO: STAR

These six criminals along with five absconding others get life term yesterday for gang raping schoolgirl Purnima Rani Shil in Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj district on October 8, 2001.

the incident.

Later, Anil Chandra Shil, father of the victim, filed a case accusing 17 people with Ullapara police station in this connection.

In Kurigram, police on Monday arrested Hafizul Islam Hapu, 24, son of Abdul Wahed of Kuti Payaradanga village under Nageswari

municipality on charge of raping a teen-age girl.

Police said, Hazera Begum, 19, daughter of Abdus Sattar was living in his house at Kuti Payaradanga for the last few months due to a quarrel with her in-laws at Pateswari.

One Sunday while she was going to purchase kero-

sene oil from a shop about 300 metres far from her father's house, Hapu took her to a lonely place by force and raped her.

On Monday night, she along with her mother came to Nageswari police station and filed a case against Hapu and police arrested him the same night.

Woman, her daughter rescued, one held

UNB, Pabna

Aman, who allegedly abducted a housewife and her daughter on Sunday from Santhia upazila, was arrested from Raksha Bazaar area in Bera upazila Monday night.

The arrestee was identified Nazmul Haque, 38, son of late Jainuddin of Kashinathpur Natunpara village in Santhia upazila.

Police said, acting on secret information, they conducted a drive in the area and arrested Nazmul with the help of local people.

Later, according to his confession, police rescued Mita Khatun, 28, wife of Anisur Rahman and their 4-year-old daughter Odhora from near Mondira cinema hall in Bera upazila.

13 shops, 7 houses gutted in Patuakhali

UNB, Patuakhali

A devastating fire gutted at least 13 shops and seven houses at a market in the district town early yesterday.

Local people said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a cotton shop of Abdul Jalil at the market at around 1:30am and soon engulfed the adjacent shops and houses.

On information, fire brigade from Sadar station rushed to the spot and doused the flame with the help of local people after two hours of frantic efforts.

Affected shop and house owners claimed that cash and valuables worth Tk 70 lakh were gutted in the blaze.

In Pabna, a fierce fire gutted four shops at Notabaria bazaar in Chatmohor upazila on Monday.

Fire service sources said the fire originated from explosion of IPS at a tea stall of the bazaar at around 1:00pm and soon engulfed the adjoining shops.

On information, fire service personnel from the district headquarters rushed to the spot and extinguished the flame with the help of local people.

Affected shop owners claimed that the extent of loss from the fire could go up to Tk 10 lakh.

More union parishad election schedules

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Elections to 38 union parishads in eight upazilas of Khagrachhari districts will be held from June 1 to July 2.

As per schedules, voting will take place in three unions of Lakshmichhari upazila on June 1, five unions of Mohalchhari upazila on June 5, four unions of Manikchhari upazila on June 11, three unions of Ramgarh upazila on June 15, five unions of Dighinala upazila on June 19, five unions of Khagrachhari Sadar upazila on June 23, five unions of Panchhari upazila on June 27, and eight unions of Matiranga upazila on July 2, reports our correspondent.

The authorities concerned fixed May 5 and May 15 for submission and withdrawal of nomination papers for Lakshmichhari

upazila, May 9 and May 19 for Mohalchhari upazila, May 14 and May 24 for Manikchhari upazila, May 17 and May 28 for Ramgarh upazila, May 21 and May 31 for Dighinala upazila, May 25 and June 4 for Khagrachhari Sadar upazila, May 29 and June 8 for Panchhari upazila, and June 7 and June 17 for Matiranga upazila.

District Election Officer Mohammad Nurul Hassan said as many as

2, 96,000 voters in eight upazilas of the district are expected to cast their votes on the scheduled dates to elect chairmen and councilors of their respective union parishads.

He further said necessary measures will be taken to hold free, fair and peaceful elections to 38 union parishads.

Our Noakhali correspondent reported that pre-poll violence in Batoiya Union under Kabirhat upazila of the district left at least five people injured on Tuesday night.

The injured are BNP activists Md Hanif Shah, 35, Mitu, 28, Faisal, 29, Mahbabul Alam, 30, and Faruk, 28. Of them, Md Hanif Shah was admitted to Noakhali General Hospital in a critical condition while the rest given first aid.

BNP backed chairman candidate for Batoiya Union Parishad Golam Hayat alleged that Jubo League activists led by Mizan, Rahim, Imam Uddin, Yousuf and Azam attacked his supporters near Boalgopal in the union while they were returning home after electioneering at around 11:30pm.

Storm kills teenage boy, lightning four others

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A teenage boy was killed during storm in Jhenidah while four others were killed by lightning in Kishoreganj, Chuadanga, Jhenidah and Sathkira districts yesterday and the day before.

A violent storm in Jhenidah killed Md Hamid, 15, son of Jafar Mollik of Choto Dhalharpur under Shaikupa upazila. Hamid had appeared at the Dhakhil examination this year from Panch Pakhia Madrasa in the upazila, reports our correspondent.

Locals said at around 8:30 pm on Tuesday Hamid was returning home on his bicycle from Shaikupa bazar. When he reached Paikpara bridge point, a gusty wind blew over the area. At this, he lost control over his bicycle,

skidded off the bridge to a ditch and died on the spot.

Meanwhile, lightning killed a youth while he was working at a paddy field at Badpukuria village under Sadar upazila.

Victim Saidul Islam, 25, was son of Dulal Mia of the village.

Locals said, Saidul was struck by lightning yesterday noon while he was working at his paddy field during rain.

In Kishoreganj, a farmer was killed by lightning in Katiadi upazila yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Ismail Hossain, 30, son of Sonam Uddin of Dakkin Purbachar village.

Locals said Ismail was struck by lightning while he was working at his paddy field near his house in the morning.

In Chuadanga, one person was killed and two others were injured by lightning yesterday at Chitla village in Damurhuda upazila.

Locals said Shahadat Hossain and two other farmers were injured as a thunderbolt struck them while they were harvesting paddy at a field at about 11:00 am.

They were rushed to Sadar hospital, but Shahadat, 30, died on the way.

In Sathkira, a man was killed by lightning at Balitha village in Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

Victim Abdul Jabbar, 47, was son of Mohammad Ahammad Ali of the village of the village.

Quoting local people, police said, lightning struck Jabbar near his house killing him on the spot at about 4:30pm.

Paddy laden hijacked trucks seized, 8 held

UNB, Bogra

Detective Branch of police seized a paddy laden hijacked truck from a house in Gabtali upazila and arrested six people in this connection early Tuesday.

Police said, a gang hijacked the Dhaka bound truck laden with 110 sacks of paddy from Nandigram upazila on Friday night.

Truck owner Moktar Hossain later filed a case with the police in this connection.

Police said acting on secret information they raided Hotel Century in the town and arrested Moarak Hossain, 30, Sagor Hossain

Jony, 22, Shahabuddin, 28, and Tareq Mondol, 45.

Later, on the basis of their statement, police recovered the truck from the house of one Tareq at Chamurpara village in Gabtali at about 5am.

Police then arrested Mukbul Bepari, 35, and Matiar Rahman Pilu, 28, in connection with the hijacking.

In another incident in Natore, a gang hijacked two paddy laden trucks from Dakatgari area on Bamihaltoly highway under Singra upazila on Friday night, reports our correspondent.

Police said, the trucks were going to Kushtia from Bamihaltoly area in the upazila.

When the trucks reached Dakatgari area, an armed gang waylaid them by putting up road barricade with felled trees. Later they took away the trucks on gun point.

Sibnath Saha and Biswanath Saha are the owners of the paddy, said police adding a case was filed with Singra PS in this connection.

Pirganj police in Rangpur later found the trucks on Saturday and arrested two people for their alleged involvement.

Man jailed for 17 years in arms case

UNB, Rajbari

A tribunal here on Tuesday sentenced a criminal to 17 years imprisonment in an arms case.

The convict is Abdus Salam, son of Kosimuddin Sarder of Motiagachhi village in Sadar upazila.

According to the prosecution, Salam was holding a meeting with his accomplices at his house on October 26, 2007. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house at around 3:00pm.

Sensing the presence of the police men, Salam and his cohorts opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate. Later, police arrested bullet-hit Salam while his accomplices managed to flee. They also recovered a pipe gun and one bullet from his possession.

After examining the records and witnesses, Judge of the Special Tribunal-1 Mohammad Golam Hossain pronounced the verdict.

Robbers loot house of REB engineer in Manikganj

Trader mugged in Sylhet city

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Robbers looted the house of a REB engineer in Manikganj yesterday while muggers took away money from Sylhet trader on Monday.

In Manikganj, robbers looted cash, gold ornaments, and mobile set from the house of an engineer of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (REB) at Uchutia staff quarters early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Wearing mask, the armed gang numbering 10-12 entered the house of the engineer Nanna Mia by breaking open the door at around 2:00am.

The robbers looted five tolas of gold ornaments, cash Tk.12,000, a mobile set and other goods from the house, the engineer said.

The robbers then went to the house of neighbouring Rafiqul Islam, assistant general manager of the office.

But they fled the scene when the neighbouring people woke up following a hue and cry.

In Sylhet, muggers took away Tk 8.5 lakh from a trader in Haowapara area of the city Monday afternoon.

Sources said trader Majharul Islam of Shaheb bazaar in Sadar upazila withdrew Tk 8.5 lakh from Dutch Bangla Bank branch in Barutkhana area of the city at around 4pm.

When Majhar reached Haowapara while going to Ambarkhana by a rickshaw, a gang of six intercepted him and took away the money at gunpoint.

In Panchagarh, five

alleged robbers, while fleeing by a microbus with looted poultry birds, were arrested in Jogdal Charmile area under Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as Aizza, 25, Shahirul, 25, Rubel, 27, Shaju, 30, and Profullo, 28. All of them hailed from Sadar upazila, reports our Thakurgaon Correspondent.

Police said poultry traders Liton and Mithun were coming to the district headquarters from Tentulia upazila with the chickens by two rickshaw-vans late at night.

A gang of robbers numbering 10/12 intercepted them at Jagda Charmile. At one stage, they tied up the hands and legs of the traders and looted the chickens at gunpoint.

Later, hearing the hue and cry of the traders, locals seized the microbus and caught five of the gang members after a hot chase while others managed to flee.

SEQUEL TO POLL RIVALRY

Expat's house set afire in Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Khulna

Criminals set the house of an expatriate afire at KC Chaltibunia village under Morrelganj upazila of Bagerhat district early yesterday.

Asad Howlader, son of Moslem Ali Howlader, came to his village from Dubai along with his wife Soheli Begum and two sons Zia, 7, and Javed, 3, on April 1, on receiving information of his mother's death.

He left Morrelganj for Dubai on April 22, leaving his wife and sons at village home.

Police said the criminals set fire to the house at around 3:30am when Soheli and her two sons were asleep. She woke up hearing noise outside and managed to get out of the house with her two sons.

The incident was a sequel to intra-party rivalry in Awami League Morrelganj unit centring the election to

Khaulia Union Parishad held on April 3, said ASP Sohrab Hossain, also in charge of Morrelganj circle.

He said Gaffar Howlader, younger brother of expatriate Asad Howlader, had campaigned for Abdul Hye Khan in the election.

Abdul Hye Khan, vice president of Morrelganj upazila unit of Awami League, contested the election for the post of chairman of Khaulia Union Parishad. His rival candidate was Abul Khair, president of Khaulia unit of the party. Khair won the election.

Police quoted family sources as saying that valuables worth over Tk 25 lakh and a sum of Tk 1,20,000 (One lakh and twenty thousand) were gutted in the fire.

Locals strongly protested the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits involved.

No case was filed with Morrelganj Police Station in connection with the incident as of 5:00pm yesterday.

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