

Stalkers kill

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alleged stalker yesterday following filing of a case by the deceased's father Fani Misra. Fani said some young men had been stalking and harassing Limon's wife Indu Banerjee, a third-year student of management department, on her way to Dinajpur Government College for the last few days.

As Limon protested the incident, the stalkers beat him up at Jail Mor in the town on Tuesday.

Limon lodged a complaint with the local police station on the same day which angered the stalkers, Fani alleged.

On Wednesday, a gang of eight to 10 picked up Limon from his workplace at Jail Mor around 8:00pm, took him to a secluded place at Lily Mor in the town and stabbed him indiscriminately, witnesses said.

Hearing Limon's cry for help, Nazim, who was passing through the area, at that time, rushed to the spot in his aid and he too was stabbed.

Locals rushed Limon to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 1:30am yesterday.

Injured Nazim was undergoing treatment at the hospital.

"If I had known that my husband would face such serious consequence, I would not have told him about the stalking," Indu told The Daily Star with tears welling up in her eyes.

"I lost my only son who used to earn bread for my family," Limon's father said in a choked voice.

Fani filed a case accusing thirteen people with Kotowali Police Station early yesterday.

Hasan Iqbal Shamim, officer-in-charge of the police station, said "We have arrested Sumon Sarker, an accused in the case. We are also continuing our search to find the other culprits."

Meanwhile, local lawmaker Iqbalur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner of Dinajpur Md Jamal Uddin and Assistant Superintendent of Police (Dinajpur Sadar Circle) Md Faruk Hossain visited the house of Limon yesterday morning.

Locals blamed police inaction for increase in stalking incidents in the town.

Call to include Pritilata's biography in textbooks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a meeting in Chittagong yesterday demanded to include Pritilata Waddedar's biography in children's textbooks so that future generations can learn about her ideology.

They were addressing a meeting at Muslim Institute Hall in observance of Pritilata's hundredth birth anniversary, jointly organised by Samajtantrik Mahila Forum, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front and Charan Sangskritik Kendra, Chittagong.

Speakers said Pritilata would remain an idol of the country's people for her supreme sacrifice in building movement against exploitation, deprivation and injustice.

They demanded building a sculpture of Pritilata in Chittagong and renaming Railway Officers' Club in Pahartali (the then European club) after her.

Forum Chittagong district President Papi Chakma presided over the meeting.

Yunus removal

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but he lost. He also lost in the SC that yesterday rejected his appeal against the HC verdict.

Also yesterday, the apex court rejected an appeal by nine directors of Grameen Bank to keep Yunus at the helm of the micro-lender that currently provides small loans to 83 lakh people, mostly poor rural women, to run small businesses.

In his latest legal bid, Prof Yunus appealed to the high court to withdraw its ruling against his leave-to-appeal petition on April 5.

The court termed "misconceived" the petition filed by Yunus for recalling (withdrawing) its order.

In its brief verdict yesterday, the apex court said it agreed to hear the recall petition as per Article 104 of the constitution for the sake of justice, even though there are no rules for recalling its order.

Barrister Rakanuddin Mahmud, a counsel for Yunus, said there is still scope for seeking a review of the court's decision.

The Nobel laureate will file a petition with the same court for reviewing its order after obtaining the full text, Rakanuddin told journalists soon after the SC passed its verdict.

Dr Kamal Hossain, principal counsel for Dr Yunus, said the HC judgment is "unprecedented as it has totally violated the constitution."

He said Yunus came to the apex court for remedy of

injustice done to him. But he did not get it.

Dr Kamal said they still don't know on which grounds Yunus' petition was rejected.

"Any citizen has the right to move to the independent judiciary for remedy, if his basic rights are violated. But the High Court in its judgment said Prof Muhammad Yunus has no right to come to the court," he said.

The eminent jurist further said Grameen Bank is not a public bank, and 97 percent of its shares are owned by its poor borrowers. Bangladesh Bank cannot interfere in its work.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam welcomed the verdict saying justice has been done. Yunus has now no right to hold the office of Grameen Bank managing director, he said.

Bangladesh Bank removed Dr Yunus as per Section 45 of the Bank Company Act, he added.

Barrister Rakanuddin said the principles of natural justice were violated, as Dr Yunus was refused an opportunity to explain why he held the office of managing director of Grameen Bank.

Barrister Sara Hossain, counsel for the nine Grameen Bank directors, wondered if the country was being run by "the rule of law or the rule of power."

The nine directors said they were disappointed, but urged the government to appoint Yunus as chairman of Grameen Bank to protect the institution.

Make Yunus chairman

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hours after the Supreme Court refused Yunus' petition to overturn an order that dismissed him from the bank.

The employees held a press conference at the bank's headquarters in Mirpur and observed countrywide work abstention from 11:30am to 6:00pm protesting removal of Prof Yunus.

The Supreme Court yesterday dismissed two petitions filed in connection with Yunus' removal from the post of managing director at Grameen Bank.

Meanwhile in a statement, nine board members of

Grameen Bank said they are deeply disappointed by the decision of the apex court and worried about the fate of the bank. They urged the government to protect Grameen Bank by appointing Prof Yunus as its chairman.

Prof Yunus is now awaiting instructions of the Grameen Bank board of directors on his handing over the charges of managing director, added the statement.

Khandoker Abdus Safi Manzur, acting president of the employees' association, read out the written statement at the press conference while the association's

General Secretary Mohsin Reza and its former president Sagirur Rashid Chowdhury, among others, addressed the conference.

Chowdhury gave two weeks' ultimatum to the government for appointing Prof Yunus as chairman of the bank, or else the Grameen employees would go on a tough movement.

"If we see a consensus on the matter (chairmanship) we will not agitate," he said adding that the civil society and Grameen borrowers will join them in launching the movement.

Cop Akram, 11 others

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June 2002 sentenced 13 accused including AC Akram to life-term rigorous imprisonment and Mukuli Begum, a neighbour of Rubel and another accused of the case, to one year in prison.

In yesterday's order, the life imprisonment of then sub-inspector of police Hayatul Islam was also commuted to 10 years.

Shamim Reza Rubel, 24, a student of Independent University, was picked up by a team of detective branch

(DB) of police led by AC Akram near Rubel's Siddheswari residence in the capital on July 23, 1998.

DB police picked him up on charges of addiction and committing nuisance, said Akram's lawyer advocate Anisul Huq.

The same day Rubel was tortured to death in the DB custody.

Abdur Rob Miah, father of Rubel, the following day filed a murder case with Ramna Police Station accusing 14 people including AC

Akram Hossain and Roksana Begum alias Mukuli Begum.

Anisul Huq yesterday said there is no bar to his client's release from jail now.

Akram is in jail for about 13 years in this case. He was arrested immediately after the case was filed, said Anisul. Akram was released on bail for three months in 2002, but he was sent to jail after the Appellate Division cancelled his bail.


The lawyer said all other accused of the case are now on bail.

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Project Co-ordinator, Active Citizens

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Closing date: Thursday 19 May 2011.

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Rejoinders, our reply

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on that day which was May 1, a government holiday.

The other rejoinder, jointly signed by Vatapara Non-government Primary School Headmaster Sirajul Islam and the school's managing committee president Kazi Mohammad Solayman Alam, claimed that the villagers erected an arch to greet the state minister for primary and mass education on May 1 and people of all ages crowded there to have a glimpse of him. Both the signatories also claimed that The Daily Star correspondent prepared that report without talking to them.

OUR REPLY

The ministry's rejoinder states that the state minister had no programme in that area on May 1, as it was a public holiday. We have confirmed information that he had a daylong programme on May 1 in Durgapur union of Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila where he inaugurated new academic buildings of Durgapur Sabera Khatun Girls' High School and Durgapur Shotibari Dwimukhi Uchcha Bidyalaya, and also attended a ceremony to open the work of Durakuti-Durgapur road. So the claim that he had no programme in that area is false.

Then on his way back to Lalmonirhat the state minister had a brief stopover in front of Vatapara Non-government Primary School. We did not claim that it was a fixed programme of the minister. It is possible that the school authorities might have done so on their own.

In the second rejoinder, the school authority claimed that the arch was erected by the villagers and people of all ages thronged there to have a glimpse of the minister. This is false. The photograph we published on May 3 clearly shows only the students were waiting to greet the state minister and the arch was erected by the school authority.

We have both still and video footage in our hands as documentary evidence of the incident that we reported.

Both rejoinders carry false information, and we urge the ministry not to send false rejoinders to newspapers.

We can accept the argument that the minister did not have a fixed programme, or that he did not ask for students to wait in line. All these could have been done by over-enthusiastic school authority. But to claim that the incident did not happen

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All interested agencies may download bidding Documents (RFP) from the Alive and Thrive website. www.aliveandthrive.org/contracts-and-procurement or by applying to the recruitmenticyf@gmail.com

Submission of proposal: RFP should be submitted by email to the AED-ARTS/Bangladesh office to the attention of smbdullah@aed.org and tsanghvi@aed.org no later than **June 8, 2011 at 5 p.m. (Dhaka time)**. Offers received after this date and time will not be accepted for consideration. AED-ARTS will acknowledge receipt of your proposal by email. Proposals must be submitted in electronic format.

Any questions or requests for clarification need to be submitted in writing to the same email addresses by **May 20, 2011 at 5 p.m. Dhaka time**; answers will be shared with all firms. No telephone inquiries will be answered.

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