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A sad and tired Indu Banerjee, with her slain husband's photograph on lap, sighs at a press conference at Dinajpur Press Club yesterday.

LIMON MISHRA MURDER Case goes to DB, most accused still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Follow-up

Limon Mishra murder case, filed by the victim's father with Dinajpur Police Station on May 4, was transferred to the detective branch of police yesterday afternoon. Though one of the eight accused named Sumon Sarker was arrested immediately after filing of the case, the remaining seven are still at large. Earlier on the day, Limon's family and members of Dinajpur Sachetan Nagorik Committee alleged the killers are moving freely under the nose of the law enforcers and putting pressure on the victim's father to withdraw the case. They made the allegations at a press conference at Dinajpur Press Club in the morning. Parimal Chakraborty

Tapan, convener of Dinajpur Sachetan Nagorik Committee, read out a written statement at the conference. Rezaur Rahman Rezu, general secretary of Udichi Dinajpur unit, Azadi Hye and Kaniz Rahman, president and general secretary of the district unit of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad, Limon's father Phani Mishra, wife Indu Banerjee, and father-in-law Jyotinmoy Banerjee also spoke at the press conference. "The killers are moving freely and joining different programmes in the town, but police are mysteriously inactive to arrest them," they alleged. They demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers

and urged the authorities concerned to ensure security of Limon's family. A gang of stalkers stabbed Limon, 28, in front of Lily Square in the town at around 7:00pm on May 4 as he protested teasing of his wife Indu, a third year management student of Dinajpur Government College, on her way to the college earlier on the day. Limon was rushed to Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at around 10:30pm. His father Phani Mishra filed a case with Dinajpur Police Station against eight stalkers the same night. The accused are Rubel Rahman, 26, Ajoy Shil, 24, Tanmoy Goswami, 23, Bakul, 26, Rajan, 24, Sumon Prosad, 22, Sumon Sarker, 23, and Subir, 22.

3 abducted kids rescued, one arrested in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police rescued three abducted children and arrested one person in this connection in the town yesterday. The arrestee is an imam of a mosque, police said. According to police, three children -- Hriday, 8, son of Motiar Rahman and Laden, 10, and Azizul, 12, son of Saha Alam -- of Chilmari in Daulatpur upazila in the district went missing on Friday. Fathers of the children filed separate general dairies (GD) with Daulatpur police

station in this regard. A joint team of Detective Branch (DB) and Daulatpur police raided a place at Chourhas in the town on information that Rezwanul Islam, imam of Chilmari mosque, was standing there with one of the missing boys, Hriday, at about 11:30am. Police rescued the boy and caught Rezwanul red-handed from the spot. They later arrested the imam as he failed to give any satisfactory reply to the questions regarding the boy.

Based on the imam's information, police raided a passenger bus in Hosanabad area in Daulatpur upazila in Kushtia at about 12:30pm and rescued the other two boys-- Laden and Azizul. Police said, Rezwanul is a member of the inter-district trafficking syndicate. Hailing from Ramakantapur in Salta upazila in Faridpur, Rezwanul had been serving at the mosque for the last three years. Police are interrogating him till filing of this report at about 4:30pm yesterday.

Storms kill two, destroy hundreds of houses

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At least two people were killed and hundreds of houses damaged as storms lashed several districts yesterday and the day before. Two farmers were killed by lightning in Narsingdi during a nor'wester Saturday night. The deceased were identified as Raju Miah, 37, of Gangkulkandi village and Shamsul Haque, 50, of Chak Tatardi village in Monohardi upazila, reports UNB. Local people said the violent storm lashed Monohardi upazila at about 8:00pm and damaged houses, crops and trees in several villages including Anandi, Noapara, Kashipur, Khilgaon, Bhangar Char and Balapur Char. The storm also caused damage to textile mills of the area including Anandi Textile Mill, Biblop Textile Mill and Radhamadhab Textile Mill. Mill owners claimed that the extent of loss could go up to Tk 1 crore. In Noakhali, a storm lashed

Nijhum Dwip of Hatiya upazila yesterday afternoon, reports our correspondent. Although it lasted for only 3-4 minutes, it destroyed over 50 houses in Mollagram, Munsingram, Shataphoolgram and Adarshagram villages. Around 30 cattleheads were also swept away in tidal water. In Netrakona, over 200 houses were razed to the ground in five villages of Khaliajuri upazila as a violent storm lashed the areas on Friday night and Saturday morning. Witnesses said, the storm damaged the thatched houses in 15 villages including Asadpur, Roail, Kadirpur, Jugimara, Alipur, Chakua and Lepsia. It also uprooted a large number of trees and electric poles, disrupting power supply since Friday night. Besides, it extensively damaged standing crops on vast areas of land, villagers said. Away in Khagrachhari, over 50 thatched houses were destroyed and many trees,

including fruit bearing ones, uprooted in a nor'wester that swept over four upazilas on Saturday night. Local administration sources said, the storm hit Ramgarh, Matiranga, Manikchhari and Laxmichhari upazila at about 8:30pm. Fruit bearing trees of over 100 mixed orchards were damaged. Losses were initially estimated at about Tk one crore. Power supply in the district as well as three other upazilas of Rangamati district remained snapped till filing of this report at 5:00pm yesterday as a large number of electric poles were uprooted during the storm. Storm in Natore also lashed several villages in Sada upazila yesterday destroying scores of houses and damaging a large number of trees.

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Saturday night's nor'wester lashed different areas of the country, causing damage to houses and crops. The photo shows blown off corrugated iron sheets from the roof of Fatengapara Madrasa in Natore lying mangled.

Indefinite transport strike in SW region Ban on Nasimon, Karimon, battery-run vehicles demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Transport owners and workers jointly enforced an indefinite strike on all 18 routes in the south-western (S-W) region yesterday demanding ban on plying of human haulers Nasimon and Karimon and illegal battery-run vehicles. Earlier on May 15, Rupsha-Begerhat Bus Owners' Association, Bagerhat Bus owners' Association and Pirojpur Bus owners' Association gave an ultimatum to the government to meet their demands by May 21. "We were compelled to go on

transport strike for indefinite period as the authorities met none of our demands", said Md Moniruzzaman Moni, general secretary of Bagerhat Inter-district Bus Owners' Association. "We held district and divisional level meetings with the administration in this regard but to no effect," he said. "So we will continue the agitation programme until our demands are met," he added. Routes in the districts to come within the purview of transport strike are Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat,

Pirojpur, Barisal and Gopalganj. The indefinite transport strike caused untold sufferings to the people as hundreds of passengers were found stranded at different bus stoppages of Khulna city and Rupsha area of the district. Rickshaws and three-wheeler vans were used for transportation of consumer goods. Our correspondent in Barisal reports: Bus services with Bagerhat and Khulna districts were disrupted because of the strike since yesterday morning. According to Dipak Das, executive

member of Barisal Bus Owners' Association and Sultan Mahmud, secretary, Barisal Motor Sramik Union, bus and other motorised vehicles were plying normally in other inner and inter-district routes other than those two routes. Bagerhat DC Akram Hossain told UNB that efforts are on to sit with the transport owners and workers union leaders to withdraw the strike. He said steps have been taken to stop plying of such illegal vehicles and mobile courts are active in this regard on various roads and highways.

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