

# Days of illegal structures on Kuakata beach numbered



PHOTO: STAR  
Like these three ones, mushrooming illegal structures, already proving too disastrous for the beauty and environment of picturesque Kuakata sea beach in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali district, are waiting removal as the High Court has given strict instructions to the district and upazila administrations in this regard.

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A joint team of Patuakhali district and Kalapara upazila administration is taking steps to remove of all illegal structures from Kuakata sea beach as per directive of the High Court.

Md Shah Alam Sarder, additional deputy commissioner (ADC Revenue) of Patuakhali, is leading the team comprising representatives of Water Development Board, Public Works Department, Department of Forest and Environment, land officials of district and Kalapara upazila and the officer-in-charge (OC) of Kalapara Police Station.

The team went to Kuakata sea beach yesterday, started demarcating the area and making a list of all illegal structures set up on the beach.

Team leader Md Shah Alam Sarder said, "We are making a site map from Khajura in the west to Cower Char in the east."

Kalapara Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Didar-e-Alam Mohammad Maksud Chowdhury, also the chairman of Kuakata Beach Management Committee, said they have started work on area demarcation of the sea beach to properly implement the directives of the High Court (HC).

The high Court on June 2 this year asked the authorities concerned to immediately remove all illegal structures from Kuakata sea beach and submit a report on completion of the work within seven days.

The court also asked them to take necessary steps to stop encroachment, earth filling and construction of structures on the sea beach.

The HC directives came following a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) on June 1.

After receiving the HC directives on September 7, the officials concerned of the district and Kalapara upazila administrations submitted a petition to the court, seeking time extension. On September 8, the court extended time until October 18.



PHOTO: STAR  
The local administration seized huge logs of roadside trees, illegally felled by a few local influential people at Gabura Char in Pirgachha upazila of Rangpur district, on September 5. The logs are now kept on the premises of the UNO office.

## Roadside trees felled allegedly by UP chairman seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The upazila administration of Pirgachha under the district has seized huge logs of illegally felled trees from a saw mill at Pawtana Bazar in the upazila.

A member of Chawla union parishad (UP) in collaboration with the UP chairman allegedly sold at least 150 roadside trees at Char Gabura in Pirgachha upazila recently to Mokbul Hossain, owner of the said saw mill.

The day after the seizure of the trees on September 5, Bokul Miah, sub-assistant land officer of Chawla union, lodged a case against Rashid Sarker, the UP member, and three other locals -- Jalal Uddin, Kalam Miah and

Nur-un-Nabi, in connection with the tree felling.

"Chawla UP Chairman Nazir Hossain and member Abdur Rashid Sarker gave me offer to buy 200 eucalyptus trees beside a Char Gabura road belonging to the UP but I later rejected the offer as they failed to show me any official order for felling the trees," Hazrat Ali, a wood trader at Pawtana Bazar, said.

"Later, they sold the trees to timber trader Mokbul Hossain, who has a saw mill beside the UP chairman's house. Consequently, Jalal Uddin, Kalam Miah, Nur-un-Nabi and some other unidentified people felled at least 150 trees on August 30. The logs were kept at Mokbul's saw mill.

"After knowing the matter, I informed Mosharraf Hossain, a local elite at Pawtana Bazar. Later Mosharraf and I lodged a complaint with Rangpur Deputy Commissioner BM Enamul Hoque against the chairman and the UP member about felling of the trees.

Asked by the DC on September 5, Pirgachha Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Debmoy Dewan with the help of police seized the logs from the saw mill and brought it to the compound of his office.

"I asked the sub-assistant land officer of Chawla union to lodge the case against those who felled the trees without any authorisation," the UNO said.

Meanwhile, the two complainants and a number of locals expressed their dissatisfaction, as no case was lodged against the UP chairman who allegedly instructed Rashid Sarker and other accused to fell the trees.

Asked about the matter, officer-in-charge of Pirgachha police station Aslam Iqbal said, "If the UP chairman is found involved with the crime after investigation, his name will be included in the case."

Denying his involvement in the unauthorised felling of the trees, UP Chairman Nazir Hossain said, "I went to Kurigram on the day the trees were cut down. On information I sent village police there."

## Youth jailed for stalking in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Pabna

A mobile court yesterday sentenced a youth to three months imprisonment on charge of stalking a school-girl in front of Maniknagar Girls' High School in Ishwardi upazila.

Locals caught Md Ismail Hossain Sanju, 20, son of Shaheb Ali of Rooppur village in the upazila while he was teasing the girl. They beat up the boy and then handed him over to the police.

Ismail was later produced before a mobile court led by Ishwardi upazila Nirbahi officer Md Zakir Hossain.

After taking witnesses' statements, the court sentenced Ismail to three imprisonment

## Addict commits 'suicide' after killing wife, son

### Gambler beats wife to death

UNB, Savar

A drug addict young man allegedly committed suicide after killing his wife and three-year-old son at his house near Shyampur bazaar in the town Sunday night.

On information, police recovered the bodies of Ranjit Kumar, 27, his wife Rita Sarkar, 22, and son Sishir Sarkar, 3, yesterday morning.

Police said they found the body of Ranjit hanging from the ceiling fan while bodies of his son and wife lying on the floor.

Police suspected that Ranjit strangled his wife and son and then committed

suicide.

Neighbours said Ranjit returned home one week ago after receiving treatment at a drug rehabilitation centre in Singair upazila of Manikganj.

In Pabna, a housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her gambler husband at Degreepara village in Ishwardi upazila on Sunday night.

Family sources said, Hatem Ali often tortured his wife Bobita Khatun, 25, after returning from gambling, reports our correspondent. On Saturday night, Hatem came home at midnight after loosing all money in gambling and started beat-

ing Bobita over trifling issue.

When Bobita died early in the morning, Hatem poured poison into her mouth to prove the incident a case of suicide.

However, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body after the neighbours informed them.

Officer in-charge of Ishwardi police station Kazi Haniful Islam said the victim's body bore marks of injuries.

The body was sent to Pabna Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy, he said.

Victim's father Monsur Ali filed a case on Sunday night accusing the husband, the OC said.

## Villagers torch houses of three for killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Faridpur

Agitated villagers torched houses of three criminals in Sadar upazila yesterday morning after a man was stabbed to death allegedly by them.

Locals said expatriate Ali Ashraf Mia, 42, was stabbed by a gang at Harukandi village in the upazila around 7:00pm Sunday.

He died at National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD) in Dhaka around 3:00am yesterday.

Ashraf, son of Abdul Momen Mia, who lived in Saudi Arabia for 12 years,

recently returned to his village to start a business.

After the news of his death spread in the village, angry mob set fire to the houses of Ratan Khandakar, Masum Mridha and Rajib Shikder -- three local criminals.

When the firefighters reached the spot, local people also forced them not to douse the fire.

Locals claimed that Ashraf, while talking to the villagers had protested illegal toll collection by the trio.

Subrata Kumar Halder, Faridpur superintendent of police, told this correspondent that no criminal cases were filed against the three accused.

## 1 killed in Gopalganj clash

UNB, Gopalganj

A man was killed and 10 others were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Bhardashur village in Moksedpur upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Iyaar Ali Dewan, 50, of the village.

Locals said Iyaar Ali Dewan and his supporters engaged in an altercation with his cousin Ahad Ali Dewan and his followers over a trifling matter.

A clash ensued and at one stage Iyaar Ali was hit with a bamboo stick by his rivals causing his instant death.

নজরুল ইস্‌টিটিউটের আন্তর্জাতিক মানের অ্যালবাম ও সিডি

নজরুলের ১৫০টি আলোকচিত্র, হাতের লেখা, নানা উপাত্তসহ প্রাসঙ্গিক বিষয়ের অভিনব আলোকচিত্র অ্যালবাম 'Kazi Nazrul Islam : The Rebel Poet' প্রকাশিত হয়েছে। এতে কবির জন্মস্থান, কর্মস্থল, ভ্রমণ, সাহিত্যিক কর্মকাণ্ড, মৃত্যু-পূর্ববর্তী বছরের জীবন-সহ বিভিন্ন তথ্য সন্নিবেশ করা হয়েছে। আন্তর্জাতিক মানসম্পন্ন অ্যালবামটির কপি সংগ্রহ করুন। মূল্য ১৫০০ টাকা, তবে ১৬ ডিসেম্বরের মধ্যে সংগ্রহ করলে ৩০% কমিশন।

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