

Cashing in on kid's physical deformity

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The harrowing tale of engaging a physically challenged boy in begging for making fortune by his maternal aunt and her spouse has come to light recently.

The ill-fated boy, Afzarul Hossain, 14, son of farm labourer Esadul Islam, 45, and Setara Begum, 40, of Dakkhin Beruband village in Jaldhaka upazila of Nilphamari district, was deliberately kept half-fed so that he looks sickly and can draw more alms.

Afzarul was born with unusually small and curved hands having only one finger in one and two in the other. His backbone is also curved and there is a big lump of flesh on back. Besides, his physical growth is inadequate.

"About 5-6 years ago, my younger sister Maya Begum, 30, and her husband Abu Sayed, 35, of Duhuli village in Sadar upazila made us agree to hand over our disabled son Afzarul as an adopted child to them, assuring that they would take care of him well," said Afzarul's mother Setara Begum.

"But after taking Afzarul, they kept him in 'secret' places and did not allow us to see him even for once," she said.

Around three months ago, Afzarul's parents came to know that Maya Begum and Abu Sayeed had engaged their son in begging at Saidpur.

The pathetic story of Afzarul along with his picture of begging was published in a local weekly of Saidpur a few months ago and consequently, his parents came to know their son's plight, said their neighbour Abdul Mannan, also a member of the local



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Hapless Afzarul at his house in Nilphamari.

union parishad.

Esadul and Setara came to Saidpur town and after searching for days, they found their son begging at the rail station. They took him with them while the foster parents, who were waiting nearby to take away alms received by Afzarul, fled away after seeing his real parents.

Emaciated and sickly Afzarul is now taking treatment under a local doctor.

Talking to this correspondent at their house on September 2, the boy said, "Everyday I earned Tk 500-800. But my foster parents gave me small amounts of food to make me look sick and prevent my proper growth so that people felt pity and give good amounts of alms."

"My foster parents took me to Farmgate, Kamalapur and Gabtoli in Dhaka and different famous fair spots of the country to engage me in begging."

"Using the money earned in this way, they have become rich. My foster father, who was once a rickshaw-puller, bought cultivable land in Duhuli

village, set up a grocery shop there and constructed a tin-shed brick build house," he said.

Setara Begum said the foster parents are now trying to kidnap her son to start their evil act again.

"The foster father, who misappropriated for years the monthly allowance sanctioned for Afzarul from social welfare department's fund for the disabled people, is yet to return the card for the allowance although we took back our son," she said.

She demanded punishment to the brutal couple for inhuman treatment to her son.

"I am shocked to hear the story of Afzarul. I would help him and his poor parents in possible ways," Mominur Rashid, chairman of concerned Shimul Bari union parishad said.

"If Afzarul's parents want to take legal action against his foster parents, my organisation will extend support," said Shah Md Nurun Naabi, director of Disabled Peoples' Organisation for Development in Nilphamari.

ILIAS MURDER Six held on suspicion

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Six people were held but no case was lodged in connection with Jubo League leader Ilias Hossain murder in Gafargao upazila till filing of this report at around 6.50 pm yesterday.

Unidentified criminals killed Ilias Hossain, 32, a member of Jubo League Gafargao unit and injured eight others at his Beldia village home early Wednesday.

A gang of at least seven criminals stormed into Ilias's house around 1:00am and attacked him. He died on the spot.

Gafargao police arrested five people yesterday noon on suspicion of their involvement in Jubo league leader Ilias murder.

The arrestees were identified as Nayon, 26, Moynu Khan 38, Jamal Uddin 18, and Nasir uddin, 45, and Abdul Ghani, 35, all hailed from Gafargao upazila, police said.

They were being interrogated at the police station, police said.

Bring Riya's killers to book

Demand protesters in Gaibandha town

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Students and teachers of Gaibandha Government Mohila College formed a human chain at DB Road in the town yesterday demanding immediate arrest and capital punishment of the culprits involved in the killing of a student of the college on Tuesday.

Ratna Akhter Riya, 18, daughter of Raju Ahmed of Kholabari village under Gaibandha Sadar upazila, was a second year student of the college.

She was residing at her maternal uncle Hafizur Rahman's house at Kanchipara village in Fulchhari upazila of the district.

Riya along with her grandmother was sleeping in a room of the house on Monday night. A gang of unidentified criminals entered the room, opening its door, threw petrol on Riya and set her on fire.

Hearing screams, neighbours rushed to the spot and sent Riya to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital. On Tuesday

morning, Riya was referred to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital where she died in the afternoon.

Riya's maternal uncle Hafizur Rahman filed a case with Fulchhari Police Station on Tuesday night. Police could not arrest any of the killers as of 6:00pm yesterday. A condolence meeting

was held at the college yesterday with Principal Mohammed Zakaria in the chair. Vice-Principal Shamsul Huq, teachers Hamid Kalim, Abu Zafar, Mostafizur Rahman, AKM Shahidur Rahman, Jahangir Alam, Moshirur Rahman and college student Nazima Akhter Banu spoke.

The speakers demanded

immediate arrest and capital punishment of the culprits responsible for the killing.

Bangladesh Mohila Parishad Gaibandha unit has condemned the killing. The leaders of the unit yesterday submitted a memorandum to the district police superintendent demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of Riya's killer.



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Students and teachers of Gaibandha Government Mohila College formed a human chain at DB Road in the town yesterday demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the killers of Ratna Akhter Riya, a student of the college.

6 children rescued while being trafficked to India

BSF hands over 6 teenage girls

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Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) rescued 6 children yesterday while being trafficked to India through Putkhali border.

The rescued children were identified as Hilla Molla, 12, son of Billal Molla, Babul Molla, 9, son of Mohsin Molla, Sujon Molla, 12, son of Akar Molla, Samrat Mia, 11, son of Baru Molla, Nahid Molla, 13, son of Habib Molla and

Shahin Sheikh, 12, son of Ali Sheikh. All of them hailed from Kharolia village in Narail district.

Police said a gang of 8 to 10 human traffickers allured the victims and took them to Putkhali border, soon after they arrived at Benapole bus stand from Narail to visit their aunt's house early yesterday and snatched Tk 14,000 from them after torturing them.

Later, hearing the screams of the victims, BGB members rushed to the spot and rescued the children.

The BGB members also caught a suspected human trafficker, Mahub, in this connection and handed him over to local police.

Earlier on Wednesday, Border Security Forces (BSF) of India handed over six teenage Bangladeshi girls who were trafficked to India, to BGB through Beanpole check-post.

The victims were identified as Rehana, daughter of Jamal Uddin of Satkhira, Farida, daughter of Ismail of Jhikargachha, Shapla, daughter of Arman Sheikh of Sharsha, Mousumi, daughter of Masud Sheikh of Narail, Nazma, daughter of Abdul Latif of Kalaroa and Mina Hawladar, daughter of Abdul Mannan of Narayanjan.

BDR and immigration police said a gang of women traffickers took the girls to India in the name of giving good jobs there.

Rights Jessore, an NGO,

contacted the home ministries of both the countries in this connection. Finally, BSF handed them over to BGB on Wednesday.

Later, BGB sent them to Benapole port police who handed them over to Rights Jessore.

শোক সংবাদ

বৈদ্যনাথ মন্ডল (৬০), ম্যানোজার (একাক্টনিং এন্ড ফিন্যান্স), লিমো ইলেকট্রনিক্স লিঃ, ঢাকা গত ২৪/০৯/২০১১ সি.এন.জি অটোরিক্সা যোগে ক্যার হাঙ্গাংপাতালে যাওয়ার পথে সচিবালয়ের ৩নং গেটের নিকট ঢাকা মেট্রো-৫-৫৩-১৩৯১ "নোয়া" মাইক্রো বেনরোয়াভাবে দ্রুত গতিতে এসে উক্ত সি.এন.জি অটোরিক্সাকে সজোরে আঘাত করে, ফলে তিনি মর্মান্তিক দুর্ঘটনায় পতিত হন এবং মাথায় গুরুতর আঘাত পান। ক্যার হাঙ্গাংপাতালে ৫ দিন লাইফ সাপোর্টসিড আইসিইউতে থাকা অবস্থায় গতকাল ২৯/০৯/২০১১, রাত ০২ঃ৫৫ মিস্ত্রি শেখ নিরুশাস ত্যাগ করেন। এ বিষয়ে শাহবাণু থানায় এজাহার দায়ের করা হয়েছে (যাহার নং ৩২, তাং ২৪.০৯.২০১১)। তিনি মুক্তকালে বুদ্ধা মা, স্ত্রী, ২ কন্যা, ১ জামাতা, নাতি, ২ ভাইসহ অসংখ্য গুণগ্রাহী রেখে যান। তাঁহার এই আকস্মিক মৃত্যুতে আমরা অর্থাৎ লিমো ইলেকট্রনিক্স লিঃ- এর সকল কর্মকর্তা এবং কর্মচারীবৃন্দ গভীরভাবে শোকাহত। আমরা সকলে তাঁহার শোক সন্তপ্ত পরিবারের সদস্যদের জান্নাই আত্মিক সমবেদনা।

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