



Widespread sand lifting with the help of shallow power pump machines causes subsidence of agricultural land at Amtali in Fulbari Uttarpara on the outskirts of Bogra town, like several other places in the area. Occasional action against the perpetrators has proved too ineffective to check the unscrupulous act.

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BRUTALITY IN THE NAME OF TRIAL

Divorced couple tortured for meeting each other

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A few villagers on Monday beat up a recently divorced spouse before cutting off their hair and painting the heads with tar in Neamotpur union of Kaliganj upazila under the district.

The criminals led alleged by Hafizur Rahman, member of ward No-4 of Neamotpur union parishad, gave the barbaric punishment to Rexona Khatun, daughter of Motleb Mia of Gholpara village, and Saddam Hossain of Talianpur village for meeting each other after their divorce.

Two months into their marriage, the couple got divorced on November 27 when villagers made Saddam to pay a fine of Tk 32 thousand to Rexona.

In response to a phone call from Rexona Khatun, Saddam went to her house on Tuesday afternoon.

Hafizur Rahman, also general secretary of ward No 4 unit of Awami League, and his aides brought Saddam and Rexona to Hafizur's house.

In the name of a 'trial', the criminals beat them up, cut off their hair and painted their heads with tar.

Hafizur Rahman and his accomplices gave the humiliating punishment to the divorced spouse in front of hundreds of people, said villagers.

"I called my divorced husband Saddam over mobile as he expressed desire to accept me again. All on a sudden Hafizur Rahman and his men reached the spot. They beat us indiscriminately.

At one stage they cut our hair and painted heads with tar. They also forced me to pay a fine of Tk 6000," Rexona told this correspondent.

Rexona filed a case with Kaliganj police station at 5:30pm yesterday and proper action will be taken in this regard, said officer in charge Sayeed Kamruzzaman.

"Perpetrators of this heinous act should be punished. If someone is found guilty he or she should be handed over to the law enforcers but nobody has the right to give such a punishment," Neamotpur union parishad Chairman Liton Hossain said.

Despite several attempts, this correspondent failed to contact UP member Hafizur Rahman as his phone was found off.

2 murdered in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Two people were murdered in Kalihati upazila on Sunday night and yesterday morning.

Police recovered the bodies from a water body. The unidentified men, aged between 30 and 35, were floating on the water body. Their hands were tied with ropes while throats were tied with pieces of cloths, police and witnesses said.

Local people informed police when they saw the bodies under the Pushna bridge at Palima village under Narandia union, said officer in-charge (OC) Zahirul Islam of Kalihati police station.

Police sent the bodies to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

"We suspect that the youths might have been murdered at some other place and later their bodies were dumped in the water body," the OC added.

A murder case was filed with the police station in this regard.

At least 12 other people including three women were murdered in six upazilas in the district last month.

Jubo Dal men rough up BNP leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Jubo Dal activists swooped on the general secretary of BNP Baghaichhari upazila unit in Rangamati town on Sunday night, leaving him seriously injured.

The injured BNP leader, Md Selim Uddin Bahari, was admitted to Rangamati General Hospital.

He filed a case with Kotwali Police Station against 25 Jubo Dal men including the district unit general secretary Ilias. None of the accused was arrested as of 6:00pm yesterday.

Witnesses said Selim Bahari came under attack by the members of Jubo Dal district unit at Hotel Green restaurant at around 9:00pm.

"About 20-25 Jubo Dal men led by Iliyas and Hiro Talukder launched the attack, holding me responsible for assaulting district BNP leader Lt Col (retd) Monish Dewan and Rangamati municipality Mayor and BNP pourasave unit President Saiful Islam Bhutto during their organisational tour of Baghaichhari on November 10," Selim said.

Local BNP sources said the attack on Selim was a sequel to an internal feud that surfaced in the district unit after joining the party by Monish Dewan a couple of months ago.

Two rival groups---one led by Dipen Dewan and another by Monish Dewan and Saiful Islam Bhutto--are involved in mud-slinging against each other and holding separate organisational programmes in the district, sources said, adding that Selim Bahari belongs to Dipen Dewan faction.

DEADLINE BY LAND SUBSIDENCE VICTIMS

Meet demands by Dec 25, or face tougher agitation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Land subsidence victims around the Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Ltd (BCMCL) have threatened to go for fast unto death if the compensation money and rehabilitation package are not handed over by December 25 this year.

'If our demands are not met within the deadline, we will start fast unto death on January 2 next year. Besides, we will launch a Tetulia-to-Teknaf road march to realise the demands', said Md. Ibrahim Khalil, convener of Jibon O Sampad Rakkha Committee, a platform of land subsidence victims.

The ultimatum was issued yesterday at a press conference here at Barapukuria Bazar in presence of scores of affected people.

Md. Belal Hossain, general secretary of Jibon O Sampad Rakkha Committee read out the demands.

The land subsidence victims alleged that the AL government had assured the affected people of rehabilitating them.

The Executive Committee for National Economic Council (Ecne) granted a Tk. 190cr package for the victims in November last year, and the money was deposited with Janata Bank on April 5 this year, they said.

Since then the deputy commissioner office so far disbursed cheques for Tk. 55cr among the affected people.

But most of the cheques are yet to be collected by local banks while disbursement of the compensation for environmental damages is yet to start, villagers said.

They also alleged that the BCMCL authorities had pledged to give jobs to the affected people at the company during their agitation. But they are yet to take any step in this regard, the victims said.

The affected people also alleged that the officials and staffs at Dinajpur deputy commissioner office have been harassing them since the start of distribution of compensation cheques on September 22 this year.

Deputy Commissioner Jamal Uddin Ahmed, however, brushed aside the allegation of harassment.



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A human chain was formed at Post Office Intersection in Jhenidah town yesterday protesting attack on Loknathpur Baul Ashram, an asylum of mystic singers, in Chuadanga on November 26. The protesters also demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits who vandalised the ashram and set it afire.

9 BCL men hurt in factional clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

At least nine activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were injured as two rival factions of the ruling party backed student body clashed at the district town Sunday night.

The injured are Sahin, 23, Ruman, 21, Safiq, 20, Kashem, 19, Kowel, 19, Mithun, 22, Zakaria, 18, Nazrul, 20, and Faruq, 22.

Of them Zakaria, Nazrul and Faruq belong to Arifuzzaman Rony group. Rony is former vice president of district unit BCL, also son of advocate Shahjahan Mia, state minister for religious affairs. Others

are supporters of Dr Shafiqul Islam, mayor of Patuakhali municipality.

Police, party men and locals said, Zakaria and Faruq beat up Shahin, a supporter of Dr Shafiq at about 4:00 pm on Sunday on TB Clinic Road and took away his cell phone. The activists of Rony group also attacked Jewel's house at about 8:00 pm on the day as he protested the matter. Later at about 9:00 pm, over 20/25 BCL activists led by Rony himself besieged the health care clinic owned by mayor Shafiq.

Hearing the matter, supporters of the mayor rushed to the clinic and chased Rony group and both groups

locked in a clash for about an hour. All the shops in the adjacent areas pulled their shutters down in panic.

Police and Rab rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Mayor Shafiq, also secretary for Shadhinata Chikitsok Parishad later alleged that a gang led by Rony attacked his men. They also tried to attack my clinic, he alleged.

This correspondent tried to contact Rony several times but his cell phone was found switched off.

No case was filed till filing of the report at about 4:00pm yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

People waded through Kolakanda water body in Bahadurabad union of Dewanganj upazila under Jamalpur district in the absence of a bridge there.

Thousands suffer for want of bridge

A CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Thousands of people of eight villages under Bahadurabad union of Dewanganj upazila of the district are suffering for long for want of a bridge on Kolakanda Khal (water body) in the area.

Those who suffer much are inhabitants of Kolakanda, Daporpara, Purbo Daporpara, Shahjadpur, Tatultoli, Akandapara, Gharipara and Chagerchar villages located on the eastern bank of Kolakanda water body.

People of those villages cannot go to Dewanganj upazila headquarters due to the water body. They even can not take patients to upazila health complex at the upazila headquarters in time of need. Seriously ill patients especially pregnant women and children, are the worst sufferers as they cross the water body often on foot to reach the upazila health complex.

Farmers and traders carry their goods to make-shift village markets on the other side to the water body amid serious troubles.

As there are two high schools, six primary schools

and a dakhil madrassa on the western bank of the water body, students and teachers from the eastern side wade through knee-deep water to reach their destinations.

Assistant teacher of Kolakanda Government Primary School, Afsana Akter said, just for want of a bridge, the sufferings of people of these areas know no bound. In rainy season, people including school kids cross the water body by boat, but in dry season they wade through knee-deep water. she said.

Local trader Abu Sayeed

said people of eight villages on the eastern bank of Kolakanda badly need a bridge on the water body for smooth communication.

Contacted, local LGED engineer Md Faridul Islam told this correspondent that the authorities

were constructing a road from Basedpur to Shahjadpur as a way out. Stressing the need for a bridge over the Kolakanda water body, he said his office has already submitted necessary papers to the higher authorities in this regard.

Fire kills one, destroys two cinemas, more than 50 shops in Bhola

UNB, Bhola

A young man was burned to death and 20 others sustained injuries in a devastating fire which gutted a large number of shops, store-houses, two cinema halls in Lalmohan upazila town on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Dulal, 28, staff of the local Binodon cinema hall and resident of Kishoreganj village of the upazila.

Fire fighters recovered the body early yesterday.

Fire service sources said the fire originated from electric short circuit at around 11:00pm at a tea stall beside Binodon cinema hall and soon engulfed the Binodon and adjacent Modhu Sandhya cinema halls, over 50 grocery, confectionary, stationery and medicine shops, an oil mill and several storehouses.

On information, fire fighting units from Daulatkhan, Charfashion, Lalmohan and Bhola Sadar stations rushed to the spot and doused the flame after two hours of frantic efforts at 1:00am.

Affected people claimed that the extent of loss from the fire could go up to Tk 20 crore.




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