

Villagers round up 6 suspected killers of 2 Sust students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

People of two villages under Sylhet Sadar upazila handed over six suspects in the murder of two students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) to the law enforcers yesterday.

They are Abdus Shahid and Abdur Rouf of Nilgaon village and Shahin Ahmed, Jamal Miah, Lal Miah and Saim Ahmed of Nalkot village.

Influential and elderly people of the two villages sat in a meeting at Nalkot Registered Primary School at around 9:00am yesterday and decided to hand over the six to the law enforcers who are randomly raiding the villages

every night.

They with the help of other villagers caught the six suspects and handed them over to Rab and police personnel on the premises of the school at around 11:00am.

Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP) Ezaj Ahmed, Squadron leader Fazle Shahin Haque of Rab-9, Sadar Upazila Parishad Chairman Ashfaque Ahmed and Badarghat Union Parishad Chairman Nizam uddin Ahmed were present.

Police were quizzing the six suspects as of filing of this report at 5:00pm yesterday. Sub-Inspector Sanjib Das, also the investigation

officer of the case, said the arrestees will be produced in the Judicial Magistrate's Court today.

With the arrest of six, law enforcers have so far nabbed 10 people, including boatman Gilzar Mia, in connection with the murder.

Sust students Khairul Kabir and Dipankar Ghosh Anik were killed allegedly by a gang of muggers in Chengher Khal (canal), some 4km off the campus on December 16.

Local fishermen found the bodies of Kabir and Dipankar, both second year students of chemical engineering and polymer science department, floating on the canal at Putimara the following day and informed the police.



PHOTO: STAR

Locals form a human chain on Lalmonirhat-Burimari road yesterday demanding punishment to the criminals who killed freedom fighter Shamsul Islam Suruj at Chorita Bari village in Komlabari union under Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat district in 2002. Founder of seven educational institutions, including Aditmari Degree College, Suruj was also chairman of Komlabari union parishad and organising secretary of Lalmonirhat district Awami League.

THE DAILY STAR-ROBI ENGLISH FAIRS Bright learners show lively interest

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Students of two schools in Tangail and Barisal had a day full of fun while learning English as they took part in English language fairs yesterday.

Under English in Schools (EIS) programme, The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi jointly organised the fairs in coordination with the education ministry to encourage English language proficiency among secondary school students.

Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner of the fair.

Around 100 students of Bindubasini Government Boys' High School in Tangail town took part in joyful activities at the language fair at the auditorium of the school.

Mohammad Abdul Karim, headmaster of the school, inaugurated the fair at 12:00 noon. Mohammad Shahinur Islam, upazila secondary education officer, was the special guest.

Following screening of Lion King, a globally renowned movie, the students participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test, one word question and quick questions---all based on the movie.



PHOTO: STAR

Two students of Bhagai Halder Academy in Agailjhara upazila of Barisal district take part in a 'role play' at the English language fair held yesterday under English in Schools programme, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi.



Selected students also took part in extempore speech on different topics and role-play.

Prizes were distributed among the winners of different competitions at the end of the programme. The students also formed an English language club at their school.

Our Barisal correspondent reported that about 150 students of Agailjhara Vegai Halder Academy in the district took part in the

English language fair at their school yesterday.

Jatindra Nath Mistri, headmaster of the school, attended the programme as the guest. Adcomm representatives Imran Hossain, Rashif Rahman were present.

A movie was screened at the fair and students took part in spot quiz, vocabulary test, one-word question, extempore speech and role play.

They also entertained the audience by reciting poem, telling jokes and singing songs. Prizes were distributed among the winners of different competition. The students also formed an English Language Club at the school.



PHOTO: STAR

Prize-winning students of Bindubasini Government Boys High School in Tangail town pose with their teachers after the English language fair held at the school yesterday.

Three rescued from seclusion in Bogra are mental patients

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A woman and her two sons, now undergoing treatment at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital after 12 years of self-imposed isolation at their Malatinagar Namapara village house in Bogra Sadar upazila, have been suffering from serious mental and behavioural disorders, said doctors.

Fatema Begum, 55, and her sons SM Rezaul Karim Manik, 30, and SM Nurunnabi Ratan, 26, who had been leading abnormal and secluded life since 1999, were rescued and admitted to the hospital on December 12.

"The mother and her sons have been suffering from schizophrenia, a mental

illness in which patients need to on medication for a long time to avoid relapses," said Paritosh Kumar Ghose, head of the psychiatry department of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College in Bogra.

"The two bothers inherited the disease from their mother. They have also been suffering from muscle complications due to lack of physical movement for a long time," said the psychiatrist attending the patients.

Besides, Fatema Begum has been suffering from a serious mental disorder known as morbid jealousy in health science, he said.

"Fatema had to be hospitalised for her mental and behavioural illness in 2005. She used to suspect that I have

another wife," said her husband Abdul Latif Sarkar, a former sub-inspector of food department.

"Ratan withdrew from social life after his bad result in the SSC examinations in 1999 and Manik also followed after his HSC examinations in the same year," he said.

Ratan used to avoid any homemade food fearing that his maternal grandmother will try to kill him by mixing poison in the food while Manik did not have the phobia.

"All my efforts to bring my wife and two sons to normal life proved useless," said Abdul Latif.

Afroza Khatun, a neighbour of the family, said locals tried to avoid them because of their mysterious behaviour.

Robbers loot houses of 3 expatriates

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Robbers looted gold, cash and other valuables worth Tk 60 lakh from three houses of expatriates in Faridpur and Sylhet districts on Wednesday.

Robbers in Faridpur looted the house of expatriate doctor Md Akramuzzaman's house at West Alipur in the town early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Zarzia Akter Nisha, mother of Aktaruzzaman, also a schoolteacher was injured as the gang attacked her with sharp weapons, police said.

Locals said, around 3:00 am, a gang of 10 to 12 robbers entered the house of the London expatriate doctor, cutting the grills of the kitchen. They took the members of the house hostage at gunpoint. Later breaking almirah and iron safe, the robbers took away Tk 5 lakh, 20 tolas of gold ornaments and other valuables worth about Tk 15 lakh.

In Golapganj upazila of Sylhet, robbers decamped with cash and goods worth Tk 45 lakh from the houses of two expatriates, reports UNB.

Locals said, a gang of masked robbers numbering 7/8 entered the house of London expatriate Tajel Ahmed, in Daripatan area of Golapganj municipality around 3:00 am yesterday breaking the collapsible gate and took the house members hostage at gunpoint.

Later, they looted 45 tolas of gold, Tk 5 lakh in cash, four mobile sets and a video camera worth over Tk 25 lakh.

On information, police rushed to the spot and detained a man for interrogation.

Meanwhile, another gang of armed robbers stormed into the house of Joynal Abedin, a Saudi expatriate, in the upazila town and looted cash and other valuables worth Tk 10 lakh late at night.

Separate cases were filed with the police.

Two housewives murdered

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Two housewives were killed allegedly by their husbands in Sirajganj and Savar on Tuesday and the day before.

Housewife Ankhi Rani, 18, was killed allegedly by her husband Ashim Chandra Sutradhar for dowry in Maijhail Ghoshpara village under Belkuchi upazila of Sirajganj on Tuesday night.

Mustafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Belkuchi police station, said the victim was married to Ashim only two years ago. Ashim used to torture her often for dowry since their marriage, reports our correspondent.

On the fateful night, Ashim strangled Ankhi at about 11:30 after a feud over the matter and fled the scene.

Belkuchi police, on information, recovered the body yesterday morning and sent it to Sirajganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Bipul Chandra Sutradhar, brother of the victim, lodged a murder case accusing eleven people including the

family members of Ashim.

In Savar, a young housewife was tortured to death allegedly by her husband and father-in-law at Bhabanhati village under Dhamrai police station on Monday, reports UNB.

Neighbours said, Lipi Akhter, 24, daughter of Joynal Abedin, was married off with co-villager Mamun, 30, reportedly a drug addict, seven years ago.

The groom and his family used to torture Ankhi since the marriage over flimsy grounds.

On the fateful night, Mamun and his father Dalil Uddin mercilessly beat up Lipi, leaving her dead on the spot.

Being informed, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital for autopsy.

Joynal Abedin alleged that Dhamrai police, under the influence of a section of local influential people, refused to record his complaint when he went to the police station to lodge a murder case.

48-hour transport strike in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Transport workers have called 48-hour strike on all routes of Rangpur district from today in protest against the attack on MA Mojid, former secretary of district Motor Shramik Union and others.

Rangpur Bibhag Sarak Paribahan O Shramik Federation at a meeting yesterday evening took the decision after a clash between two groups of rival transport workers in Rangpur bus station area in the afternoon, said Akter

Hossain Badal, president of the federation.

Following the incident, police arrested two workers - Azizul Islam, 22, and Ashrafal, 20--from the spot. They also recovered a few lethal weapons from a pond in the area.

Chandon Kumar, sub-inspector of Kotwali police station, said a number of transport workers led by Harun attacked Mojid while he was coming to the terminal. Later, followers of the former union leader made a counter attack, leaving five people injured including Harun.

SNIPPETS

Arms, ammo recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Detective Branch (DB) of police in a drive seized a foreign made 6mm pistol, two magazines and 13 bullets in New Market area of the district town yesterday morning. They also arrested two people-- Khokon Mia, 25, and Suroj Miah, 26in this connection. DB Sub-Inspector Bakkar Hossain said, on secret information, they raided the area at about 11:00am and arrested the duo along with the firearms and ammunition.

Missing farmer found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Body of a farmer was recovered yesterday, three days after his 'mysterious disappearance' in Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat district. Victim Harun Dewan, 32, is son of late Bayen Dewan of Nawta Uttarpara in the upazila. Family members said that Harun went out Monday afternoon and never returned home. Family members and villagers searched for him but failed to trace him. Police at around 3.30pm yesterday recovered his body from a nearby canal. Police suspect that criminals abducted Harun on Monday, killed him and dumped the body into the canal.

JSD men arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Police arrested four activists of Jatiyatabadi Secchasebok Dal (JSD) from Goal Chamot area of the district town while they were trying to bring out a procession. The arrestees are Faruk Hosain, secretary of JSD Mach Char union, Iqbal Hosain, Sajal and Sazzad, said police. Abul Kalam Azad, sub-inspector of Kotwali police station, said the JSD men were trying to create unrest in the town in the name of procession.

Warm clothes distributed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

Winter clothes were distributed among the destitute people including women and orphanage children at Bangladesh Christian Mission office premises here yesterday morning. The items included more than 300 blankets, sari and lungi. The Mission organised the event, sponsored by Try Foundation and Citycell. Among others, Deputy Commissioner Md Zohirul Haque and Subash Chanroa Bose, administrator of district council, were present. Late Rev. Samuel S Bose established Bangladesh Christian Mission in 1988.

Body recovered

UNB, Munshiganj

Police recovered the body of a man beside the Dhaka-Maowa highway in Khoiagaon area of Sreenagar upazila early yesterday. The victim was Billal Hossain, 40, son of Salman Bepari of Paschim Shialdi village of Sirajdikhan upazila. Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sreenagar police station, said on information, they recovered the body from the area early in the morning and sent it to Munshiganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.



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Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Motorised Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Fishing Vessel

Credit No. 4507 – BD, Project ID No. UTF/BGD/040/BGD, Bid Package No.1G27.F

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Motorised Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Fishing Vessel. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 30 Nos. of Motorised Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Fishing Vessel under Package No. 1G27.F. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the supply of similar goods and related services are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 24 (twenty four) weeks from the date of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents from the ECRRP office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh (Hs. # 27, Rd. # 9A, Apt. # A1, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209, Tel. 8130758/104) during office hours i.e. 08:00 Hrs. to 16:30 Hrs. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk.2000.00. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount of Bangladesh Tk. 600,000.

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 02:00 Hrs. on 25 January 2012. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidders' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

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