

Fake warrant keeps college principal in jail for a week

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A college principal in Saidpur municipality had to stay in jail for a week after his arrest by police in a fake warrant.

The victim, Sayed Md Amirul Islam, principal of Golahat School and College, was arrested on December 29 last year and released from jail on January 4 following a court order.

"It is evident to the tribunal that the opponents of the petitioner (Amirul Islam) and the police officer concerned were involved with the harassment process through preparing a forged warrant," said Arifur Rahman, judge of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-5 in Dhaka.

Meanwhile, Amirul Islam was suspended from his post of principal on April 2 last year following a feud with the college management committee and a case regarding the matter is pending with the High Court, Amirul said.

"Saidpur police arrested me from Saidpur upazila parishad premises on December 29 and took me to the local police station. As I wanted to know the reason the police officer concerned

told me that I was arrested as a case was filed against me under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act at Airport police station in Dhaka," Amirul said at a press conference at his residence at Musrat Dhulia village of Khata Modhupur union in Saidpur upazila on Thursday.

"My family members living in Dhaka instantly contacted with concerned police station and became aware that there was no case under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act against me.

"The number of the case against me was mentioned as 28(7) 10 but my family members found that the said case was filed under Passport Act and my name was not mentioned there. Later photocopy of relevant papers of the case was sent to Saidpur police station through fax from Airport police station.

"Even the officer in charge (OC) of Airport police station informed the OC of Saidpur police station over cell phone that my name was not mentioned in any case with the police station. But Saidpur police ignored all the pieces of evidence and sent me to

Nilphamari Jail," Amirul Islam told the press conference.

"After verifying the circumstances and pieces of evidence it has become evident that the arrest warrant issued against Sayed Md Amirul Islam, son of late Ishaque Ali, village Musrat Dhulia of Saidpur upazila under Nilphamari district, is false and fabricated and it was done by an organised gang of forgers," tribunal Judge Arifur Rahman said in his order.

When contacted, Saidpur police station sub inspector Jahangir Alam, who arrested the principal, said the police station got arrest warrant through office of the superintendent of police (SP) in the district.

"Police took necessary steps seeing the warrant," Saidpur police station OC Jamaluddin said.

Uzzal Kumar Roy, ASP of Saidpur Circle, said, "The warrant was issued from Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-5 in Dhaka. Later we knew from an order of the same court that the warrant was fake. Necessary steps will be taken after investigation."

Kushiyara devours 16 shops

UNB, Sylhet

The Kushiyara has devoured 16 shops at Fenchuganj bazaar in Fenchuganj upazila headquarters on Friday.

Locals said the river that took a serious turn in the last few days is threatening 25 other shops in the area.

Affected shop owners claimed that the intensity of the erosion was so severe that they got no time to shift their valuables. They estimated the extent of loss at about Tk 80 lakh.

They said that time and again they had demanded of the Water Development Board (WDB) authorities to take immediate steps to halt the erosion, but to no effect.

While visiting the spot, UNO Lutfur Rahman said he will ask the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to check the erosion.

'Friends' kill teenage Antar to take away his mobile?

3 held in schoolboy Mahbub killing case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police recovered the body of a schoolboy from the playground of Jhenidah Government Boys' Pilot High School yesterday morning.

The boy, Antar Roy Chowdhury, 15, was a class X student of Kanchannagar High School in the district town.

Antar used to live at a rented house with his mother Rita Rani, an employee of health and family welfare department, at Banaripara in the town while his father Anukul Karmaker resides in Gangni upazila of Meherpur district to run a business.

Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Jhenidah Sadar Police Station, said Antar went out of their



Antar Roy Chowdhury

house for Meherpur on Friday morning to visit his father and had been missing since then.

He might have been strangled by his friends who later burnt his face and left the body on the school ground, the OC said, adding that Rita Rani identified the body of her son at the hospital.

Rani said Antar had an expensive mobile set with him and that might be the

reason behind the killing.

Meanwhile, police on Friday arrested three people from Sambodpur village in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila for their alleged involvement in the killing of schoolboy Mahbubur Rahman on January 12, reports our correspondent.

The arrestees are Abu Hussain Ali, 45, Chunnu Miah, 35, and Sheikh Walid, 28.

Law enforcers from Moulvibazar Sadar Model Police Station recovered the body of Mahbubur Rahman, 13, son of Maolana Zahir Ali of Sambadpur village, from near Shalikuna Haor (water body) on January 12. He was a class VIII student of Amtail High School in the upazila.

On receiving a phone call at around 8:00 pm on Wednesday, Mahbub went out of the house and did not come back, family sources said.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

UP member murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Criminals stabbed to death a union parishad member of Madhabpur upazila in Habiganj on Friday night. The deceased, Jagannath Das, 30, of Harishyama village, is a member of Andiura Union Parishad. Md Mainuddin, officer-in-charge of Madhabpur police station, said the gang intercepted Jagannath near a graveyard at the village while he along with his associates was returning home from the upazila headquarters at about 8:00pm. They took away a mobile set and other valuables from the UP member and stabbed him as he tried to resist the gang. Later, Jagannath was rushed to upazila health complex in critical condition where he died at around 10:00pm.

Man beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A man was beaten to death allegedly by a local trader in Teknaf municipality area of Cox's Bazar on Friday. On information, police recovered the body of Kabir Ahmed, 38 of Pollanpara in the area yesterday morning. Victim's elder brother Bakhtiar Ahmed said Helaluddin, a businessman of construction raw materials, used to keep the materials on the premises of Kabir's house. As Kabir protested, Helal quarreled with him recently. As sequel to the incident, Kabir was called out of his residence on Friday night and beaten up mercilessly, Bakhtiar added. The victim managed to flee the scene and went to his sister's house where he succumbed to his injuries later, his brother said. Mahbubul Haque, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Model police station, said several injury marks were found on different parts of the body.

Prisoner flees police custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An under trial prisoner escaped from police custody at the district court premises on Friday night. Inspector Younus Ali said Zakir Hossain, accused in a robbery case, was produced before the court at about 6:30pm. At one stage, he managed to flee the scene taking advantage of the huge crowd. Drive in on to arrest the escapee, said Younus. Md Rafiqul Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kanaighat police station, said police arrested Zakir from Kaliganj area in Zakiganj upazila on Thursday night.

Farmer found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police recovered the body of a farmer from Kantanagar village in Singra upazila yesterday morning. The victim was identified as Abu Bakkar, 45, son of Late Akbar Ali of the village. Faysur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Singra police station, said locals found Bakkar's body beside a pond at the village at about 11:00am and informed the police. The law enforcers recovered the body from the spot and sent it to Natore Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Criminals might have strangled Bakkar over previous enmity, the OC added. The incident occurred while the victim was returning home from Kantanagar Bazar, he said. A case was filed accusing seven people.



PHOTO: STAR

People belonging to ethnic communities bring out a colourful procession in Thakurgaon town following a conference of Jatiya Adibasi Parishad at the local press club yesterday.

'Indigenous' people reiterate call to fulfil 9-pt demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

'Indigenous' leaders yesterday reiterated nine-point demand including their constitutional recognition and rights.

They made the call at the district conference of Jatiya Adibasi Parishad, a platform for the indigenous people, held at Thakurgaon Press Club auditorium.

The leaders also called for arranging mother tongue-based primary education for their children, ensuring community's quota in higher education and government service, formation of a separate land commission to protect land rights of the indigenous people.

The speakers at a discussion alleged that the quota for indigenous community at the educational institu-

tions is not maintained properly. The authorities often admit general students depriving the indigenous people and flouting rules.

They said that the indigenous people become victim of discrimination in different fields as the government remains indifferent to their causes.

They always lag behind as they are deprived of their rights in most sectors, the leaders said.

They alleged that most indigenous people can not get proper treatment at hospitals as the doctors do not pay attention to them as they come from 'backward community.'

The speakers demanded immediate formation of a separate land commission to protect their rights on the plain lands.

They urged the govern-

ment to save the indigenous people from the land grabbers.

They also called to establish a separate ministry for indigenous people to deal with their problems and declare them indigenous people instead of ethnic communities.

The speakers also demanded mother tongue-based primary education for their children and the community's quota in higher education and government service.

They said that *adibasi* people played a significant role during the Liberation War in 1971 but they are yet to get constitutional rights.

General secretary of Jatiya Adibasi Parishad Robin Soren attended the event as chief guest while president of district unit Surjo Mormu chaired it.

Eight get life for double murder in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A court here on Wednesday sentenced eight people to life imprisonment in a double-murder case.

The convicts are Moula Mia, Bachchu Mia, Sahan Mia, Anukul Mia, Shafiqul, Joydhan, Ershad Mia and Jaudge Mia of Montola village under Kalmakanda upazila.

Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court fined the convicts Tk 50,000 each, in default they are to suffer

four years more in jail.

According to the prosecution, Hasu Mia, 60, and Almas Mia, 35, of Montola village were killed during a clash between the people of Panchura and Montola villages on April 1, 2002. The clash occurred during an arbitration over death of a cow in a road accident in the area on the day.

Victims' family filed a case with Kalmakanda Police Station the same day. After investigation, police pressed charges against 25

people.

After examining the witnesses and evidence, Judge Belayet Ullah handed down the verdict. He also acquitted 18 others as charges brought against them could not be proved.

In another case, the same court on the same day sentenced one Polash, son of Matir Rahaman of Monatia village under Kendua upazila, to life imprisonment for killing a girl after rape at the village on May 17 in 2001.



PHOTO: STAR

Kurigram unit of The Daily Star Readers' Club takes out a procession in the district town yesterday morning, marking the 21st anniversary of the newspaper.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority				
141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000				
Invitation for Re-Tender				
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA).		
3	Procuring entity name	Chairman, BIWTA.		
4	Procuring entity code	5205		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	Docking-Undocking and Docking Related Repair of BIWTA Shakti.		
7	Invitation Ref No.	18.787.051.39.05.155.2011/1609.		
8	Date	12.01.2012.		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method.		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget of BIWTA 2011-2012.		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Nil		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A		
14	Tender package No.	Nil		
15	Tender package name	Nil		
16	Tender Publication date	17.01.2012		
17	Tender last selling date	01.02.2012		
18	Tender closing date and time	02.02.2012		12:00 hrs BST
19	Tender opening date and time	02.02.2012		12:30 hrs BST
20	Name & address of the office(s)			
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Accounts Dept (9 th Floor), BIWTA Bhaban, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.		
	-Selling tender document (others)	N/A		
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents			
	-Receiving tender document	Office of the Chief Engineer (Dredging), Dredging Dept. BIWTA Bhaban (7 th Floor), 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	-Opening tender document	Office of the Chief Engineer (Dredging), Dredging Dept (7 th Floor), BIWTA Bhaban, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of	N/A		
	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date		Time
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer must have own dockyard which is capable to dock under water & related other repair works of Crane Boat, House Boat, Tug, Oil Tanker etc. Tenderer must have also 02 (two) years general experience in the ship construction works/docking and docking related repair works of marine vessel and experience certificate from government/semi-government/autonomous organisation in docking & docking related repair works.		
23	Brief description of works	Docking-Undocking and related repair of shakti i.e. chipping, scrapping & painting, plate changing, spud bracket ladder foundation and sea strainer, zinc slab to be repaired/replaced as necessary.		
24	Brief description of physical services			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand) (non-refundable)		
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in weeks/months
26	1	Docking-Undocking and Related Repair of BIWTA Shakti	Dredger Base, Narayanganj	Taka 15,000.00 (fifteen thousand) 4 (four) weeks
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
27	Name of official inviting tender			
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintending Engineer (Mech.)		
29	Address of official inviting tender	Dredging Dept (7 th Floor), BIWTA Bhaban, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 880-2-9556151-5, Ext 1199	Fax: 880-2-9551072	akm.biwta@gmail.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all the tenders.			
Superintending Engineer (Mech.) Dredging Dept (7 th Floor), BIWTA Bhaban, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000				
GD-261				