

# Serving humanity in an exceptional way

TAFSILUL AZIZ, Kishoreganj

Manu Miah has become a symbol of selfless service to others, that too in a most exceptional way.

He does the arduous task of digging graves for burial of deceased Muslim people free of cost.

Born to an ordinary farmer family at Algapara village in Itna upazila of Kishoreganj district, Manu Miah, now 59, has continued the work for around 36 years and become well known as 'gore khodak' (grave digger) across Itna, Mithamoin, Austagram upazilas of Kishoreganj district.

Often he walks from village to village, including those in remote haor areas, to dig grave of deceased people without cost.

Perhaps his only reward is the love that he earns from people of all classes.

Whenever he hears the news of anyone's death, he rushes there with spade, axe, saw, matches, knife to dig and arrange graves.

"We know digging the grave is a tough, even a repulsive task. But Manu Miah does it with great love and patience. He is a symbol of sacrifice for the society," Ashraful Islam, director of Joisiddhi Ideal Kindergarten, said.

The world would have been a better place had there been some more Manu Miahs, said an elderly person.

During this correspondent's recent visit, Manu Miah said he always dreamed of doing something for others.

"I dig graves for dead people and help to arrange



PHOTO: STAR

Manu Miah, 59, of Kishoreganj continues his selfless service to humanity by digging graves free of cost.

their last destination. I get satisfaction that I am doing something worthwhile for the society. I do not want any publicity for it. So far I have dug about 2200 graves, including some at Banani graveyard in Dhaka and other places outside my district Kishoreganj. Some people offer me money but I refuse it politely. I also reach the place at my own cost," he said.

He even digs graves in the dead of night and does not hesitate to go alone in rain and storm for the purpose, said several locals.

Asked what his future

plans are, Manu Miah said, "I am waiting for the day of my death when somebody will come to dig my grave and many people will be inspired to render service for the benefit of others free of cost."

Manu Miah's wife Rahima Begum said, "When he hears the news of anyone's death, he goes out, even if he suffers from fever or other diseases. At first I discouraged him about the work but seeing his sincerity and love I learnt to appreciate his selfless service. We have no child. Our wealth is people's love."

## TWO YEARS AFTER THE BRUTAL INCIDENT

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, SYLHET

Law enforcers have failed to submit charge sheet in the case for killing Abu Taher, president of CBA of state-run Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd, even after two years of the incident.

The sensational case was transferred to the Detective Branch first and then to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) but the investigators could not proceed much in fixing the charges due to alleged interference by some ruling party backed men, sources said.

Abu Taher, senior technician of the company, along with Fazlul Bari Didar, joint assistant secretary of the CBA, came out from their official quarters at Rainagar in Sylhet city and started for office on Taher's motorbike on June 10 of 2010.

As they reached near the Roads and Highways Department office after a few minutes, two young men on a motorbike waylaid them and hit Taher, making him fall on the ground.

Then one of the attackers slit Taher's throat, Didar told the newsmen and the police that day.

Taher was rushed to Osmani Medical College Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead.

Talking to the newsmen shortly after the killing, Taher's wife and daughter hinted that a few people of the CBA might be involved with the murder as Taher did not agree with some

# Little progress in CBA leader Abu Taher murder case

wrongdoings in the office and the CBA. Things were clear from telephonic conversations days before the killing, they said.

But, now they do not want to talk over the gruesome incident.

"We do not want to tell anything about the murder, let Allah see everything," Taher's wife Afroza said a couple of days ago.

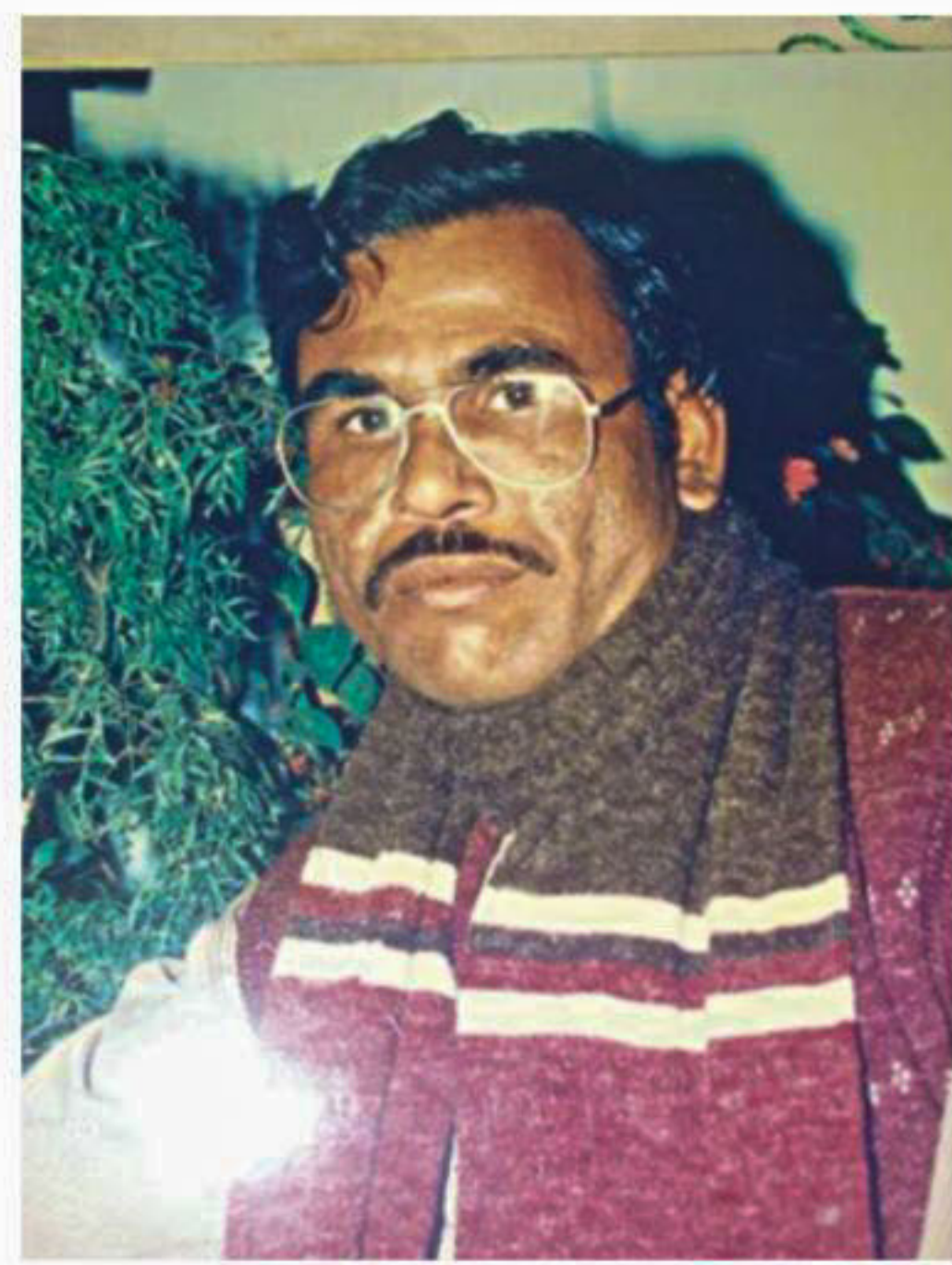
Just after the incident, police got some clues to the murder, but they fell in great trouble due to pressure from some ruling party men, sources claimed.

Contacted, senior assistant superintendent of police of CID, Sylhet, Meherunnesa Parul, who is supervising the case, told this correspondent on Wednesday, "The two-year-old complicated case was referred to the CID six months ago. The investigation is on and it would take time to complete the task."

The investigation officer of the case, CID Inspector Shamimur Rashid Pir told this correspondent, "All the four arrestees in this connection are on bail.

Progress of investigation is not much and it is not possible to ascertain when the charge sheet would be filed."

CBA election related feuds between groups might have led to the killing, sources said referring to the probe findings.



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JUSTICE DELAYED: Two years over, the law enforcers are yet to make any headway in the killing of Abu Taher, president of CBA of a state-run gas company.

# RU students suffer due to nagging power outages

A M JAHID, RU Correspondent

Academic and other activities at Rajshahi University are being seriously hampered due to recurring load-shedding every day on the campus.

Students and teachers of the university have been experiencing eight to 12 hours of load-shedding every day since the last few months.

The examinees are bearing the brunt of power outages as examinations are going on in at least 20 departments.

Meanwhile, the Met office in Rajshahi city has been recording temperature around 40 degree Celsius during the last 2-3 days.

Habibur Rahman of Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall, said "Load-shedding at short intervals everyday has made our life miserable". The situation remained unchanged since early March, he added.

Rakib Ahmed, another resident of the same hall, told this correspondent that he cannot take preparation adequately for his MBA final examination as he faces load-shedding for long time every night.

Md Bazlar Hossain Sweet, a student of Economics department said, "How would it be possible to prepare ourselves for nation building while the government could not ensure uninterrupted electricity supply to higher

educational institutions like the university?"

The university authorities are not paying heed to the problem of severe power crisis on the campus as they are using generator or IPS at their offices and residences, he alleged.

A student of the university, Farhana Mallika, said "Frequent power cuts on the campus everyday, especially during classes and night, severely hampers studies of the students".

Shipon Ahmed, president of RU unit Students Union, urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to resolve the present power crisis. Otherwise, we will launch agitation to realise our demand, he said.

Mirza Mohammad Moatasim Billah, additional chief engineer of RU, said that the university is getting less than 50 percent electricity supply while its usual demand is 1.50 to 2.20 megawatt.

Rajshahi Power Development Board (PDB) officials said, they are being supplied only 24Mw power on an average from the national grid against the daily demand of around 50Mw in the city.

Contacted, RU Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammad Nurullah said, to face the situation, the teachers, students and officials of the university need to be more careful while using electricity.

KHAGRACHHARI

# Stray clashes with cops on 2nd day of protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The 21-hour road blockade programme in eight upazilas of Khagrachhari district ended yesterday amid stray incidents of clashes between police and pickets.

Democratic Youth Forum (DYF), a front organisation of United People's Democratic Front, enforced the road blockade programme immediately after police foiled its bid to besiege the head office of CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission in Khagrachhari town on Sunday.

DYF tried to lay a siege to the office to press its demands for cancelling the hearing process of the land commission, withdrawal of commission's Chairman Justice (ret'd) Khademul Islam and amendments to CHT Land Dispute

Resolution Commission Act-2001.

Yesterday, the activists of DYF clashed with police at Swanirbar Bazar and in Narayankhaiya area of Khagrachhari town. Three cops were injured as pickets hurled brick chips at law enforcers during chase and counter chase at Swanirbar Bazar.

Acting Police Superintendent Abdus Salam said police fired rubber bullets and two tear gas shells to disperse the pickets. Additional police and Rab members have been deployed at different points of the district town to avert any further untoward incident, he added.

At least eight people were injured as pickets clashed with police at different places of hill district yesterday, reports UNB.

In a press release, Nikolas Chakma, office secretary of

Democratic Youth Forum, condemned police action on their party activists.

He urged the government to stop hearing on land disputes until amendments to the Land Dispute Resolution Commission Act-2001 are met.

He further said the hill people will launch a tougher agitation programme if their demands are not met immediately.

Vehicles stayed off the roads in the town and all upazilas of the district during the blockade programme.

Despite agitation, the commission on Sunday continued hearing on land disputes at its head office in the town for an hour from 11:30am.

According to government lawyer advocate Ashutosh Chakma, the next hearing on 32 land dispute cases will be held on July 23.



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Overtaking by buses and trucks has become a regular feature on Dhaka-Dinajpur highway, posing serious risk to pedestrians and small vehicles. The photo was taken from Uchirpur in Chirirbandar upazila a few days ago.



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Students of Prafulla Patro Primary School at Purbo Doloipara on the outskirts of Sylhet city form a human chain in front of the central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding exemplary punishment of the killers of Sadia Akhter, a student of the school. Sadia and her grandmother were murdered at their residence in the area on Saturday.

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## Tragic death of a baby

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

An infant met a tragic death at Nayapara village in Gobindagnaj upazila yesterday.

Her mother used to bathe her in a bucket of water every noon.

On the fateful day, when one-year-old Sumaiya, daughter of Shahidul Islam, was playing in the bucket, her mother Rubina Begum left the place for a few moments for an urgent purpose.

On return, she found her baby drowned in the bucket's water.

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