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Thakurgaon NGO Cell, a platform of local non-governmental organisations, and Peshajibi (professional) Forum jointly form a human chain in the district town yesterday protesting false and fabricated news against some women published in a local monthly newspaper 'Glamour' in its August edition. The protesters urged the authorities concerned to cancel the declaration of the newspaper.

SUNDAY'S TORCHING OF BUS Students sued, buses go off four Jessore routes

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Bus owners and workers on Sunday night enforced an indefinite strike on four routes, protesting torching of a bus by the students of Jessore Science and Technology University.

Transport owners association and the motor workers' union of Jessore called the strike on Jessore-Kushtia, Jhenidah, Meherpur and

Follow-up

Chuadanga routes.

Meanwhile, Sharifuzzaman, owner of the damaged bus, filed a case, accusing around 150 students, said Golam Rahman, officer in-charge at Kotwali police station.

Vehicular movement was normal yesterday except on Kushtia and Jhenidah routes during the strike,

said the OC.

Several hundred students of the university blocked Jessore-Jhenidah highway at Shantola in Sadar upazila on Sunday morning, demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the driver of a bus that ran over two of their fellows.

They also torched a bus of Garai paribahan in the area during the demonstration.

Two students were killed as a Jessore-bound bus from Garai rammed their motorbike on the highway on September 5.

Azizul Alam Mintu, president of Bangladesh Paribahan Sangistha Shramik Samity, Jessore unit, said. That the strike would continue till the security of buses plying on the routes was ensured, he added.

UP chairman's alleged bid to grab Santal people's land

75 families under threat in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Around 75 families of ethnic Santal community at Piplya Kanchan Guchchagram, a cluster village of Biral upazila under the district, have been under a sort of captivity since Friday as the local union parishad (UP) chairman and his men allegedly ordered them to leave their ancestral home.

Md Moslem Uddin, chairman of Dhamoir UP under Biral upazila, beat up Resam, 25, son of Biren Bhunjar of Piplya Kanchan Guchchagram, when he was returning from Dhukurjhari village of the upazila on Friday afternoon, witnesses said.

Moslem also beat up Resam's uncle Nakul Bhunjar, 55, as he protested the attack on his nephew. Later locals rushed them to Biral upazila health complex.

On Friday night, Moslem's sons Masud and Ruman along with 10/12 men went to the village on motorbikes and threatened them of dire consequences if they do not leave the village immediately, said Banni Bhunjan, a resident of the village.

Residents of the village stopped going out, even to attend their work, as the chairman and his sons with hired goons continued threatening them, said Harimohan Bhunjari, chief of the community at the village.

Locals alleged that the UP chairman continued to intimidate the indigenous people of the area to grab 7.03 acres of land at Piplya Kanchan Guchchagram under Dhamoir union.

Seeking a solution to their problems, the ethnic people of the village submitted a

memorandum to Biral Upazila Nirbahi Officer Golam Rabbi on Saturday.

Asked about the matter, the UNO said, "After receiving the memorandum, we have arranged police patrol in the area to ensure safety of the villagers. A meeting will be held tomorrow [Tuesday] to settle the matter."

Contacted, UP Chairman Moslem Uddin said he beat up the two people for not showing 'proper' respect to him.

He, however, denied giving any threat to the villagers.

"I don't understand why we were beaten," said Resam lying at Biral upazila health complex.

His uncle Nakul Bhunjar filed a case with Biral police station, accusing UP Chairman Moslem Uddin and his sons for the brutal attack.

Cases against youths on charge of rape, making video CDs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Two youths have been sued for rape of a madrasa girl and videoing the scene on their mobile in Badarganj upazila of the district.

The accused are Manikul Islam, 14, and Rubel, 18, of South Baochandny Dangapara village in the upazila. Victim's father filed the case with Badarganj Police station on Saturday.

Police said the youths with the help of a local computer operator also uploaded the video on the internet, made CDs of the obscene scene and circulated them in the area.

The victim is a class V student of a local madrasa. Manikul and Rubel forcibly took the girl to a mango orchard at Kashiganj village

while she was returning home at the village from the madrasa on August 29. They raped her and videoed the scene on the mobile.

Family members quoted the victim as saying that the youths threatened her to publish the video on the Internet if she tells the matter to anybody. She did not tell anyone about the sexual abuse out of fear, they said.

Police said victim's family came to know the incident on Friday and filed the case with the police station concerned the following day, accusing Manik and Rubel.

The officer-in-charge (OC) of Badarganj police Station said the culprits had gone into hiding soon after filing of the case. "We are trying our best to arrest them," he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Locals besieged the clinic in Bagerhat Sadar yesterday where a schoolgirl died allegedly due to wrong treatment.

Schoolgirl's death sparks protest

Locals besiege clinic

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Death of a schoolgirl allegedly for wrong treatment at a private clinic in Sadar upazila yesterday sparked protest by her relatives and locals.

The victim was identified as Nasrin Akhter, 13, daughter of van-puller Sirajul Islam and also a Class VII student of Jahanabad Girls School in Khardhar area of the district town.

Sirajul Islam said they admitted Nasrin to Mukti Clinic at Daspara intersection around 9:00pm on Sunday night following an abdominal pain.

Nasrin started vomiting excessively in the early morning after doctors performed an operation to remove her inflamed appendix around 12:00 midnight, said the victim's father.

But the doctors ignored the matter despite repeatedly bringing it to the notice of them, he alleged.

Later, she was taken to the

operation theatre again where she died around 6:30am yesterday.

As the death news spread, angry relatives and locals besieged the clinic and demanded exemplary punishment of the doctors involved in the treatment.

Later, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Contacted, Dr. Sk. Quaiyum, proprietor of the clinic who operated upon Nasrin, told this correspondent that the relatives offered food to the patient immediately after the operation ignoring his advice. Nasrin died as foodstuff jammed her respiratory passage.

Moazzem Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sadar Model Police station said they sent the body of Nasrin to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

None was arrested till filing of this report yesterday afternoon.

SNIPPETS

Fake factory unearthed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A mobile court unearthed a fake juice factory on Sunday evening at Gondogram of Shahajahanpur upazila in the district and arrested a couple in this connection. On a secret information, a team led by Executive Magistrate Arifuzzaman and UNO (acting) and officer in-charge of Shahajahanpur PS Riaz Ahmed with the help of locals raided the spot and arrested Al-Amin, 22, son of Zillur Rahman of Dholirkandi village of Sariakandi upazila of the district and his wife Samoli Begom, 19. The team seized 200 bottles of fake juice, 800 packets of juice in poly tubes and a few equipment. The court then sentenced Al-Amin and his wife to jail.

Youth drowns in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A young man drowned in a pond at Chiniapara Ashratpur in the city yesterday. The deceased was identified as Raju, 30, son of late Karimullah of Millat Camp area of Mirpur-11 in Dhaka. Police, locals and family sources said Raju had come to visit his brother-in-law Imroz Tufany's house seven days ago. He drowned in a pond in the area while taking a bath after playing football with the locals.

Motorbike lifters arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Police arrested three motorbike lifters and recovered two stolen motorbikes at Patuapara village under Pirganj upazila early Sunday. The arrestees are Khalil, 51, son of late Shukur Uddin, Karimul, 32, son of Kolimuddin of Patuapara village and Raju, 22, son of Sirajul Islam of Rathpaligaon village under the upazila. Officer in-charge of Pirganj police station Mehedi Hasan said a motorbike of Mahabub, son of Oli Ahmed of Mashjudpara in Panchagarh municipality was stolen on 28 August evening. On a tip-off, Pirganj police conducted a drive and recovered two bikes from Patuapara and arrested the three.

Man gets life for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for raping a schoolgirl in 2008. The convict, Ziaul Haque Titul, 35, is son of Kawsar Ali of Adatala village of Bholahat upazila. Mostaque Ahmed Sahdani, judge of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 handed down the verdict. According to the prosecution, Titul forcibly picked up a student of class nine when she was returning home from Baromasia beel, a water body, at Adampur village and raped her at a sugarcane field at around 9:00am on September 13, 2008. The victim filed a case against Titul on September 15. Police arrested the culprit on March 2, 2009.