

KHOKSA UPAZILA Now AL men retaliate attack by BNP activist

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Awami League activists yesterday vandalised the house and shops of a BNP activist in Khoksa upazila of the district in retaliation for the attack on an upazila AL leader by a BNP man in the morning.

Locals said BNP activist Abul Kalam Azad, also former councillor of Khoksa municipality, had an altercation with upazila AL Publicity Secretary Sudhansu Kumar Madhab over a trivial matter at Janipur village at around 7:30am. Both hail from the village.

At one stage, Azad slapped Madhab hard across the face and left the spot. At around 10:30am, a group of AL men led by Khoksa upazila unit General Secretary Babul Akhter went to Janipur vandalised Azad's house, villagers said.

They later went to Khoksa Bazar, vandalised upazila BNP office and three shops owned by Azad.

Protesting the attack, all shops owners at Khoksa Bazar went on a wildcat strike. Officer-In-Charge (OC) Horendranath Saha of Khoksa Police Station said police have been deployed at the bazar to avert any further incident.

Contacted, Khoksa upazila AL General Secretary Babul Akhter said AL men were not involved in the attack on Azad's house and shops. The incident was a sequel to a previous rivalry between Azad and Madhab and the villagers belonging to Madhab group took part in the incidents.



Several hundred people gathered at Paksia School ground in Sharsha upazila of Jessore yesterday to enjoy lathi khela, the traditional game of stick fight yesterday. Several teams from Paksia, Sharatola, Tangrail and Shibabash villages of the upazila took part in the game.

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3 housewives murdered in Dinajpur, Joypurhat

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Three housewives were murdered allegedly by their husbands for dowry and other reasons in Dinajpur and Joypurhat districts on Tuesday.

Two were murdered in Birampur and Chirirbandar upazilas of Dinajpur while the other in Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat.

The deceased were identified as Tartila Begum, 22, wife of Mobassher Hossain of village Bijul-Kanjigari under Birampur upazila in Dinajpur, Tanzila Akter, 30, wife of Nazrul Islam of Dulali-Ratnabar village under Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat and Nipa Aktar, 22, wife of Md. Sazzad Hossain of Dakkhin Palashbari of Chirirbandar upazila in Dinajpur.

Birampur police said, Mobassher Hossain, a

teacher of Dangapara High School in Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur used to torture his wife for dowry. On Tuesday night, the couple locked in a quarrel over the issue and at a stage, Mobassher started beating Tartila. When Tartila died, Mobassher hung the body from the ceiling of the house and fled the scene.

Md. Amirul Islam, father of the deceased, filed a case with Birampur police station accusing six people of murder.

In Chirirbandar upazila, Nipa Aktar was tortured to death by her husband Md. Sazzad Hossain.

Police said Nipa recently came to know that her husband had an illicit relationship with another woman.

Sazzad murdered her just for protesting adultery, they said.

Contacted, Md. Harisul Islam, officer in charge of

Chirirbandar police station, said Entazul Haque, father of the deceased, filed a murder case accusing four people.

In Joypurhat, housewife Tanzila was killed allegedly by her husband Nazrul in Akkelpur upazila.

Akkelpur police said, Nazrul locked in an altercation with wife Tuesday night and killed her by slitting her throat.

He later dumped the body in a nearby paddy field. Some farmers spotted the body next morning and informed the police.

Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Local people caught Nazrul from Deugram area of neighbouring Khetlal upazila while he was fleeing with his son and handed him over to police.

Victim's father Asgar Ali Akand lodged a murder case with Akkelpur PS.

Abducted girl's body recovered

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Police have recovered acid burnt body of a madrasa girl from 'zero point' area on Hijaldi border in Kalaroa upazila, eight months after her abduction.

The victim is Khadiza Begum Rima, 15, daughter of Golam Rasul of Goira village in Kalaroa upazila, and a class eight student of Chandarpur GR Dakhil Madrasa.

On April 7 this year, criminals abducted Rima from a road beside their house and trafficked her to India, said Rima's father Golam Rasul.

The next day, Rasul filed a case accusing Nurul Amin, Abdul Jalil, Ruhul Amin, Khalilur Rahman, Ripon and Khairul Islam.

On information from locals, police with the help of BGB men recovered Rima's body on Sunday evening.

The body bears burn injuries on the chest, abdomen and legs, said police.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON BAU STUDENT

Probe body gets 10 more days to submit report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The three-member body, formed to investigate alleged assault on a female student of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) allegedly by the proctor on the campus on October 9, has been given ten more days to complete its job.

The university authorities yesterday extended the time until October 12 at the request of committee chief Prof Md Ali Akbar of animal nutrition department.

The probe body, formed on October 19, was supposed to submit its report within three working days. Accordingly, it (committee) started work on October 21, but could not continue as the university went on puja and Eid vacation from October 22.

With the reopening of the university on Wednesday, the committee sought extension of time to finish its work.

"We have to talk with BAU teachers, officials, employees and students, including the expelled ones. So, we need more time for proper investigation into the incident," said Prof Ali Akbar.

Two other members of the committee are Prof Monoranjan Das of aquaculture department, and Prof Alamgir Hossain of crop botany department.

Protagisthil Chhatra Jote, a combine of left-leaning student bodies, had brought allegations against BAU Proctor Prof M A

Salam for assaulting a female student when the jote activists were staging a demonstration on the campus protesting admission fee hike on October 9.

At least 20 students belonging to Samajtantrik Chhatra front (SCF) and other left-leaning student bodies were also injured as BCL activists swooped on the demonstrators in front of BAU administrative building on the day.

After the incident, the university (BAU) authorities temporarily expelled nine students belonging to Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) for, what the administration dubbed, misbehaving with teachers on October 9.

However, the authorities did not take any such action against Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists who allegedly attacked on the demonstrators on the day.

The Chhatra Jote activists also held series of programme on the campus protesting assault on the female student allegedly by the proctor and expulsion of nine students. They demanded removal of the proctor and withdrawal of the expulsion orders against the students.

Leaders of Mymensingh Nagorik Andolon, a citizens' forum, met BAU Vice-Chancellor Prof Rafiqul Hoque at his residence on October 23 and demanded removal of the proctor and withdrawal of the expulsion orders against the nine students.

KILLING OF JUBO DAL LEADER

50 sued in Laxmipur

UNB, Laxmipur

A case was filed against 50 people, including security coordinator of BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, yesterday in connection with the killing of Jubo Dal leader Deedar Hossain.

Khaleda Zia's security coordinator Lt. Col (ret) Abdul Majid and his brother UP member Monir Hossain were among 25 identified accused in the case. Twenty-five other unidentified people were also charged in the case.

Rehana Akhtar, wife of slain Jubo Dal leader Advocate Deedar Hossain, filed the case with Sadar police station in the morning.

According to the case statement, supporters of Abdul Majid went to Bijoyagar Kalibazar in Sadar upazila on Wednesday morning to conduct mass contact ahead of parliament election.

At that time, an altercation took place between the supporters of district BNP president Abul Khair Bhuiyan and that of Majid over the campaign.

At one stage, Majid's supporters fired on the supporters of Khair, leaving Deedar Hossain, joint convener of Uttar Hamchhad Union Jubo Dal, dead and injuring 10 others, said the case statement.

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