

## Toki murder case transferred to Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

The case filed over the murder of Tanvir Mohammad Toki has been formally handed

over to Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday.

Investigation Officer (IO) Manjur Kader of Narayanganj Sadar Model Police Station handed over the case documents to Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Rabiul Islam of Rab-11.

The transfer came as per a May 28 High Court order following a writ petition filed by Toki's father Rafiur Rabbi, vice president of Narayanganj Nagarik Committee, who stated that police were not properly investigating the case.

The HC had also directed not to give the onus of investigation to any Rab official under the ASP rule.

On March 8, police recovered 17-year-old Toki's body from the bank of the river Shitalakkhya in Narayanganj city two days after he had gone missing.

Rabbi filed the murder case with the police station following the incident.

Rabbi later submitted a letter to the Narayanganj superintendent of police mentioning involvement of seven people, including former MP Shamim Osman and his son Ayon Osman, in the murder.

Earlier on Wednesday, the railway authorities evicted 70 families from the area, he added.



Participants at a policy dialogue titled "National Digital Database on Violence against Women: An Essential Tool for Effective Services" organised by United Nations Development Programme Bangladesh at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Story on Page 3

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## 270 more families evicted from risky Ctg hill slopes

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Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) yesterday evicted around 270 more families illegally living on the hill slopes in Central Railway Building area of Chittagong city.

A railway team, led by Chittagong District Administration Executive Magistrate Md Ruhul Ameen, conducted a six-hour drive from 11:00am and demolished around 265 mud houses to evict them.

Metropolitan police and Railway Nirapatta Bahini assisted the team.

Although announcements had been made for the last one month asking the dwellers to shift, they did not comply with that, said Md Abdul Bari, Chittagong divisional estate officer of Bangladesh Railway (East Zone).

Living on hill slopes during monsoon is very risky due to landslide, Bari said, adding that the railway had decided to evict the families from the land owned by the authorities.

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## RECURRING WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS Meagre compensation for victims blamed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The meagre compensation allocated for workers who get injured or die in workplace accidents is one of the reasons why such accidents recur in the country, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

Demanding increased compensation for victims of workplace accidents, they said as per the Bangladesh labour law Tk 125,000 is given to an injured worker while Tk 100,000 to the family of a deceased worker.

They also pointed out that apart from the inadequate compensation there is no provision in the law for rehabilitation of the injured workers.

The roundtable, moderated by social activist Khushi Kabir, was organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

Barrister Sara Hossain, honorary director of BLAST, mentioned that the existing labour law does not make it mandatory for garment buyers, government, or garment factory owners' associations to compensate these victim workers.

Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua informed that according to the law, a factory needs to have insurance only when it has more than 200 workers. As a result, workers who get injured or die in accidents in smaller factories do not get any insurance money.

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