

Female student attacked by stalker dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

A female college student died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital yesterday five days after she was attacked allegedly by another student of her college.

Victim, Afsari Akhtar Swarna, 17, was a first-year student of Bangla department of Government Ananda Mohan College and daughter of Ataur Rahman of Akua Hazibari area in the town.

Police quoting family members said Abdus Samad Raju, a student of the same college and son of Abdus Salam of Nuamahal Nandibari in the town, hit Swarna with a brick on her head when she along with her friends was visiting botanical garden of Bangladesh Agricultural University.

Before the attack, Raju aggrivated Swarna and began an altercation with her, they added. The victim's family alleged that Raju used to stalk Swarna for long.

"We demand immediate arrest of the culprit and his exemplary punishment," said Noor Jahan Begum, an aunt of Swarna. "We have been trying to arrest Raju," said Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

Couple found dead in house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

A couple was found dead in a slum in Ishwardi rail gate area in Pabna early yesterday.

The deceased were Imran Hossain and his wife Alo Khatun.

Biman Kumar, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station, said Imran allegedly stabbed his wife to death and, later, he committed suicide by hanging.

The police said locals found the couple's room closed till the morning and informed them of the matter.

Police recovered the bodies from their house in the morning. Quoting locals, the police said family feud might have caused the couple's death.

Amena Khatun, mother of Imran, also claimed family altercation was behind the death.

Imran and Alo got married six months ago following a relationship, she said.

But they were not happy in their conjugal life as they were suffering from different crises since the marriage, she added.

Imran was working in a shop after he migrated to Ishwardi upazila from Belkuchi in Sirajganj due to river erosion six months ago, she said.

Police sent the bodies to Pabna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC said.

TANGENTS

BY IHTISHAM KABIR

Sander's *Germans*

From the earliest days of photography, portraits of people have captured our imagination. They have also consumed a large proportion of the effort of photographers. And in the annals of portrait photography, none has attained the stature of the German photographer August Sander.

Sander was born in 1876 and worked as a miner before studying art. He began as a photographer in 1901, but it was not until 1910 that he started work on the project he is remembered for. "Citizens of the Twentieth century" occupied Sander for over forty years and is considered one of the most ambitious photographic projects ever undertaken.

The idea of the project was to make a photographic catalogue of the German people. Sander created a photographic documentation - through posed portraits - of different professions and classes of German people. His catalogue included categories such as farmers, skilled tradesmen, businessmen, professionals, city people, artists, etc. He photographed thousands from a wide variety of backgrounds. In 1929, his book of photographs, *Face of the Nation*, was published in Germany.

I have admired Sander's portraits and drawn inspiration from them for many years. Why?

Sander got to know his subjects before posing them and the results of this collaboration are visible in the eyes and body language. This immediately establishes a connection with the viewer.

While his subjects wore formal clothes, Sander embedded an astonishing amount of subtle history into the attire. Take, for example, wealthy bankers, who wear suits every day. In the photographs, their suits look elegant and belong comfortably on their bodies. However, peasants rarely wear suits. So their suits sit awkwardly on their gangly, muscular, skewed bodies. This kind of subtle hint is a hallmark of Sander's photographs.

The backgrounds are non-intrusive but suggestive, inviting our imagination to the sitter's life outside the frame.

Most of all, Sander chose people - faces and bodies - that look like archetypes for the profession.

His technical style was plain and devoid of sentimentalism. Thus he had no "soft focus," flashy lighting or unusual poses.

The upshot is that a Sander portrait seems to embed many years of work - and "lived experience" - into the subject's face. A farmer's face, for example, seems to speak of the generations of farmers who worked the land before him.

While celebrating the diversity of Germans, Sander's work accorded dignity to all classes and



Self-portrait of August Sander | PHOTO: AUGUST SANDER

types. This did not sit well with the Nazis' notion of the Germans constituting a superior race; the political activities of Sander's son did not help. In 1934, Sander got into trouble with the Nazis. They confiscated his books and photographs and banned him from taking any more portraits. He was a survivor, however, and resumed working soon. But a fire burned over 30000 of his negatives and his studio was destroyed by bomb attacks in 1944.

In 1980, August Sander's son published his father's photographs in a book titled *People of the 20th Century*, cementing his father's reputation. It is a book I turn to very, very often.

Sander's systematic approach has influenced many subsequent photographers. His work serves as a historical document as well as an example of how a dedicated photographer can transcend time.

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NEWS IN brief

Woman's body with throat slit found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a woman with the throat slit was recovered from a lane on Avenue 5 of Section 11 in the capital's Mirpur last night.

The deceased Sahara Khatun, 28, was a handicraft worker. None was arrested in this connection.

Four cops stabbed in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

A gang of eight youths stabbed four police constables at Chouhatta in Zindabazar of Sylhet city Thursday night.

Police arrested a man Sakibul Hasan at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) and recovered a knife from his possession an hour after the incident.

Mridul, Nazmul, Ripon and Rahul of range reserved force in Sylhet are undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Man killed in Ctg over land feud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

A man was killed over a land dispute at Lalmai village of Baganbazar in Fatikchhari upazila in Chittagong yesterday morning.

The deceased was Md Moslem, 30.

Moslem was having an argument with his neighbours over a land. At one point, they hacked him near his house with a kitchen knife, said Bhujpur police. He was declared dead at Feni Medical College Hospital.

One held with smuggled goods

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

Border Guard Battalion (BGB) arrested a man with 10kgs of cannabis, 8,000 packets of fire crackers and smuggled motor parts of different vehicles in Namajgram at Benapole yesterday.

A BGB team checked the rickshaw-van that was carrying Abul Hasan and recovered the goods, smuggled from India, from three sacks.

35km tailback on Dhaka-Ctg road

A CORRESPONDENT, *Comilla*

Hundreds of passengers on Dhaka-Chittagong highway had to suffer in a 35-kilometre tailback for six hours following a head-on collision between a truck and a lorry at Chhoygharia in Chandina upazila yesterday.

Elliotganj highway police removed both the vehicles around 11:30am, four and a half hour after the accident.

Hanging body of domestic help found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a domestic help was found hanging from a ceiling fan at Pilkhana officers' quarters in the capital.

The body of 14-year-old Rima was found at the quarter of the couple, Maj (ret'd) Sayed Hasan Tapos and Lt Col Rounak Azad, said Moniruzzaman, inspector (investigation) of New Market Police Station.

The couple brought down Rima, felt her pulse and found that her body was warm. They then rushed her to a hospital where doctors declared her dead.

Tapos could not be reached for comment over phone.



Six garment workers' organisations bring out a procession in the capital yesterday to realise several demands, including minimum monthly wage of Tk 8,000 for a garment worker.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Govt should find out exact number

NHRC chief tells seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should find and declare the exact number of the indigenous communities in Bangladesh, only after which comes the question of their recognition by the state, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman said yesterday.

"Some say there are 27 indigenous communities in the country, while others put the number at 42. To find the exact figure, the government should do a unanimously acceptable survey," he told a seminar in the capital's CBCB Centre.

"As long as this confusion remains, the state can ignore the rights of a particular community by simply saying that it does not exist in the country," he added.

The NHRC chief came up with the observations at "Indigenous Youth Seminar" organised by Bangladesh Adivasi Forum.

Asked whether the vital clauses of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord have been implemented, he said, "The first thing the government should do is ensure land

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Jica okays consultant for metro rail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cg*

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said Jica has permitted them to appoint a consultant for the Metro Rail Project in Dhaka.

"We got Jica's concurrence for appointing a consultant for the Metro Rail Project," he said.

The minister was talking to journalists during his visit to the site of "Oxygen-Hathazari road four lane up-gradation work" at Fateyabad area in Hathazari upazila of Chittagong.

He hoped that the prime minister would lay the foundation stone of the metro rail in Uttara soon.

Jica is providing Tk 16,500 crore for the project while the Bangladesh government is giving Tk 5,500 crore, Quader added.

Meanwhile, Quader expressed dissatisfaction over the slow progress of the up-gradation work of Oxygen-Hathazari road.

He said people from Chittagong city depend on the road to go to Chittagong University, Rangamati and Khagrachhari.

UAE FIRE

Bodies of 4 Bangladeshis arrive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The bodies of four Bangladeshis killed in a Sharjah factory fire in the United Arab Emirates on June 2 arrived home yesterday.

A Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight carrying the bodies of Jakir Hossain, Ali Akbar, and Bacchu Hawladar of Shariatpur; and Mizanur Rahman of Faridpur landed in the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 8:23am.

The bodies and Tk 35,000, for the burial of each, were handed over to the victims' families, said Md Ziauddin, director (admin) of Wage Earners Welfare Board under the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.

The fire left six Bangladeshi workers dead. The bodies of the other two -- Khabir Uddin and Al-Amin Mollik -- were brought back on July 24. The aforementioned four were kept for DNA tests to confirm their identities.

The workers had migrated to bring solvency in their families but now the future of their dependants was uncertain, said the family members at the airport.

"My daughter's future is bleak as we have no means of livelihood," said Mizanur's wife Rokhsana Begum.

Empowerment of women at local govt urged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop yesterday demanded empowerment of women at the local government level so that they can better serve the society.

"The women are elected to the positions reserved for them, but do not get projects or resources from the central governments because of a patriarchal idea that they cannot fulfil the responsibility," said Ayesha Khanam, chairperson of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, at the workshop organised by the parishad in Cirdap auditorium of the capital.

Local government expert Prof Tofail Ahmed said women do not contend for seats outside the reserved ones during elections because they have a low chance of winning.

"They are also contending against men who do better campaigning because they are investing capital gained from sources like land brokerage, and tender brokerage, which the women cannot partake in. Women usually have to gain the capital through honest means," he added.

Jamuna Future Park opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamuna Future Park, one of the largest shopping malls in the country, started its journey yesterday with the opening of the fifth floor designed for recreational activities.

The floor covers a children's theme park, gymnasium, health club, two separate swimming pools for men and women, spacious exhibition halls, banquet halls, and international standard cineplex with seven individual halls, among others.

Inaugurating the shopping centre as chief guest, Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir said such an initiative would enhance the country's image before the world.

He hoped that the complex would meet people's shopping and entertainment needs.

Jamuna Group claims that the shopping mall is the largest in Asia and third largest in the world, according to the website of Jamuna Future Park.

The centrally air-conditioned shopping complex has nine floors. The lower and middle basement floors are reserved as the parking facility with a 5,000-car capacity. Housed between the ground floor and the fifth floor are atriums, centre for live entertainment, local and international brand shops, non-branded shops, bank space, online booths and food courts.

Jamuna Group Chairman Nurul Islam Babul said the complex would stand as a symbol of national pride, prestige, progress and economic development of the country.

Prime Minister's Adviser for Public Administration Affairs HT Imam, BNP Vice-Chairman Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury, Jaitya

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