

# Tales of two broken boys with missing memories

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All went home and reunited with their families but Rabiul had to stay back. He is now under police custody.

Seventeen of the 18 boys detained on Hatkhola border under Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat on Wednesday morning have been handed over to their family members, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

But Rabiul Islam, 13, can't remember the locations of his house. He can recall the names of his parents and only sister's name. Son of Joynal Howladar and Saheda Begum his father was a rickshaw puller in capital city Dhaka.

"Otherwise, we could hand over all other detained boys to their family members," said Nur Hossain, officer in charge of Panchbibi police station.

Quoting Rabiul police said the boy was picked up by a gang from the capital city and trafficked to India through Hili border of Dinajpur when he was only eight and a half years old.

Balughat police in Dakkhin Dinajpur under Paschimabanga caught him and later put him in Suwayon Observation Home, a state owned correction centre for the juvenile there.

"I want to reunite with my parents" a bleak Rabiul urged the journalists.

Mati's tale

In a similar case, 14-year-old Mati, who was sheltered at the safe custody of Pabna Jail, had undergone ordeal for years after being trafficked to India at the age of five, reports our Pabna cor-



Rabiul



Mati

respondent.

"Police rescued Mati from Chatmohar rail station a couple of weeks ago. He said he is the son of Jasim Uddin of Moulvibazar, but he could not say the name of his village or details about his family," said Md Asaduzzaman Munshi, officer in charge of Chatmohar police station.

"As I can recall, traffickers caught me when I went to a

fair with my father. That time I was five. They took me to India and forcibly engaged me at a phensidyl factory and later at an illegal arms factory near the border area," Mati told the journalists at Chatmohar police station after his rescue.

"Three months ago, I left the factory when Indian police caught and took me to jail. After getting release last month, I entered Bangladesh through Benapole border.

"People at Benapole port gave me some money and advised me to go to Dhaka. With their help I traveled on a Khulna-bound truck and then got on Dhaka-bound Chitra Express train. I was forced to get down from the train in Chatmohar station as I did not have ticket," Mati said.

The boy urged news-men for help to go back to his parents.

"As Mati could not give details about his family we sent him to the court for arranging his safe stay," said the OC of Chatmohar.

"Mati was later produced in the court of Judicial Magistrate Laila Sharmin. According to the court order, we shifted him to the safe custody in Pabna Jail," said Md Emaz Uddin, assistant sub inspector of the court police.

Mati was later sent to Jessore Government Juvenile Development Centre, jail sources said.



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The ground adjoining Chandpur Government Women's College and Hasan Ali Government High School gives the impression of a small water body after a moderate rain on Saturday as the area lacks drainage facilities.

## 100 fishermen abducted Robbers injure 50 in Patharghata of Barguna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Robbers kidnapped over 100 fishermen and took away five fishing trawlers from the Bay on Saturday night and early yesterday.

On Saturday night, a gang of robbers from the Sundarbans swooped on fishermen in Khachikhali and Pokkhidia areas under Patharghata upazila of Barguna district while they were fishing in the deep sea.

The robbers looted fish, fuel and fishing nets from the trawlers and abducted 100 fishermen. They also injured at least 50 fishermen as they tried to resist them during the attack and took away four trawlers, said Md Golam Mostafa Chowdhury, president of Fishing Trawler Owners' Association of Barguna.

He confirmed the names of 24 out of 100 fishermen abducted from Khachikhali and Pokkhidia areas. They are Masum Majhi, Lal Mia, Forkan Majhi, Khalil, Faruq, Kabir, Joynal, Karim, Kabir Mollah, Abdul Majhi, Nabi Hossain, Sentu Mia, Dulal Mia, Yunus, Mizan, Reaz, Selim, Kamal, Sukkur, Firoz, Abul Hossain, Abdul Majhi, Habib Majhi

and Md Kamal. They all are from different upazila of Barguna district.

The fishing trawlers looted by the gang are FB Forkan, FB Masum, FB Boyatee and FB Fatima, Mostafa said quoting the injured fishermen, who are undergoing treatment at different hospitals and clinics in the district.

Contacted, coastguard Patharghata area Commander Shahid Al Ahsan said he was not aware of the incident as it happened under coastguard west zone.

In two other incidents, five fishermen were abducted and four others injured by bullets during attacks by robbers in the deep sea, about 50km from Kuakata sea beach, and in Mohipur area under Charfashion upazila of the district early yesterday.

Bullet injured fishermen are Abdur Rob Majhi, 50, Mishir Ali, 40, Nur Alam, 32, and Liton, 35. They are from Charfashion upazila of Bhola district.

They were first admitted to first Kuakata Hospital and Charfashion Upazila Health Complex and then referred to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

## Slain drug peddler's men set houses of five rivals on fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Angry partners of slain drug peddler Abul Bashar set the houses of their five rivals afire in Radhanagar area in the town on Saturday night.

Abul Bashar, 28, son of Bulbul Hossain of the area was hacked to death by his rivals led by Bokul Hossain following an altercation over drug peddling in the area on Friday afternoon.

Bashar's mother filed a case with Sadar Police Station on Friday night, accusing Bokul and nine others. In the case, she accused Bokul and his nine accomplices of killing her son.

She stated that a gang led by Bokul called Bashar out of his house at around 3:00pm and hacked him with a sharp weapon, resulting in his death on the spot.

Police could not arrest any of the accused as they had gone into hiding soon after the incident. To take revenge for the killing, Bashar's men set fire to the houses of Bokul Hossain, Abu Hanif, Abdul Mannan, Md Joynal Hossain and Manik Sheikh in Radhanagar area, locals said.

Being informed, firefighters rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze. Md Alamin Hossain of Pabna fire station said at least nine rooms of the five houses were gutted.

Officer in-Charge Kazi Haniful Islam of Pabna Sadar Police Station said

police have been deployed in the area to fend off any further untoward incident.

"There was a longstanding rivalry between Bokul and Bashar over drug peddling in Radhanagar area," the OC said, adding that law enforcers have launched a drive to arrest the accused in Bashar murder case.

## JCD leaders arrested

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Police arrested seven Jatayatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders at Kushi Bazar in Tungipara upazila yesterday.

The arrestees are Tungipara upazila JCD president Habibur Rahman Habib, its secretary Faisal Fakir, joint secretary Aminul Islam, organising secretary Tanvir Ahmed, assistant secretary Imam Hasan publicity secretary Saifullah Ibrahim, and Pathgati union unit president Md Jasimuddin.

Locals said police arrested the seven while they were holding a public rally at the bazar in the evening.

Officer in-charge of Tungipara police station Habibullah said the JCD men were arrested for not taking permission from police before holding the meeting.

## SNIPPETS

### Indefinite transport strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

An indefinite transport strike has been called in Lalmonirhat district from today, demanding implementation of 8-point demand of the District Motor Owners Association. The transport strike would continue until the authorities ban the plying of unauthorised Nasimon, Karimon, Bhotvoti, trolley and tractor on the highways, the leaders said. Earlier on September 9, the association submitted a memorandum to the DC asking the authorities to implement the demands by 15 September. As the Deputy Commissioner did not take any step till 15 September, the association was compelled to called the strike, said the association's joint secretary Motiar Rahman.

### Mahorram's body arrives

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Family members of a Bangladeshi-born US citizen, who allegedly committed suicide in a jail of Pennsylvania state, received the body in the district on Saturday. The deceased is Md Mahorram Ali, 21, son of Abul Hossain of Barbaria village in Lalpur upazila. He went to America in 2011 after winning a Diversity Visa (DV) lottery and joined a restaurant named 'Dunking Donate' as salesman in Philadelphia. Locals and family sources said Mahorram was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in a mugging case filed by the manager of the restaurant last year. On September 4, he took his life by hanging himself from the ceiling of the jail.

### Press club election

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The biennial election of Lalmonirhat press club was held at its office at BDR Road in the district town on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-seven members of the club cast their votes electing Mizanur Rahman Mizu and Ahmedur Rahman Mukul as president and general secretary of the club. The elected members are Liakot Hossain, Zahid Hossain, Milon Patwary, Ashraful Alam Doulat, Uttam Roy, Asaduzzaman Sabuj, Mokhesur Rahman Tuku and Belal Hossain.

### Housewife murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A housewife has been murdered in the district town allegedly by her husband for dowry. The deceased was identified as Monti Ghosh, 20, daughter of Nibash Ghosh at Konabari in Gazipur. Police said Monti was married off with Roni Ghosh, son of Robi Ghosh of Saha Para area in Tangail town only three months ago. Police said, they recovered the body yesterday noon. There were several marks of torture on the housewife's body, police said adding the housewife might have been strangled. Roni Ghosh and his other family members went into hiding after the incident, they said.

### Man held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested a man along with three firearms from Mahishakura village along Putkhali border here yesterday morning. The arrestee was identified as Imanur Rahman, son of Hazrat Ali of Putkhali village. 26 BGB Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Matur Rahman said, on a tip-off a team of BGB raided the area and arrested Imanur in the morning. They recovered three Indian arms after searching his motorbike.

## As BCL men were not allowed to cheat in exam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Pabna University of Science and Technology yesterday disrupted the examination as the were not allowed to cheat by copying.

They also opened fire and vandalised computer lab in library unit of the university.

University sources said the first semester examination of the third year students were being held in two centres, one in library unit and another in academic unit.

About 15 minutes into the examination, the BCL men started to copy. But the teachers stopped them from the illegal act which outraged the activists.

At one stage, a group of BCL activists, led by convener of the university unit Mizanur Rahman Sabuj, entered the library unit and fired three blank shots, alleged assistant proctor Rahidul Islam Rahi. They also ransacked the computer lab, he said.

Refuting the allegation, Mizanur Rahman Sabuj said, in spite of giving fines, some students were not allowed to appear in the examination due to poor attendance.

This angered the students who protested and barred the teachers from holding the examination, he said.

## Khaleda speaks at grand rally in Rajshahi today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The divisional city wore a festive look as leaders and activists of BNP-led 18-party alliance were preparing yesterday to welcome BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at a grand rally on Madrasa Maidan today.

Over 250 arches and gates have been set up and thousands of digital PVC banners, posters, and placards hung at different points on the roads to the rally venue.

The portraits of BNP founder late president Ziaur Rahman, party chief Khaleda Zia and senior joint secretary Tarique Zia as well as potential party nominations seekers for the next parliament election decorated different places of the city.

'Cholo cholo Rajshahi cholo, bibhagio somabesh sofol koro' (let us go to Rajshahi, make divisional rally a success) is the slogan the party workers are shouting through loudspeakers to invite people in Rajshahi, Natore, Chapainawabganj, Naogaon and other districts of the division.

The rally is expected to start at 3:00pm.

The party insiders said they think the expenditure for the programme may reach Tk 50 lakh as they are spending for materials and workers' pay for the decorations, reserving seats in

Venue: Madrasa Maidan in city  
Time: 3:00 pm

hotels and guesthouses for guests, and renting buses, trucks and human haulers to be used for taking people to the rally.

For the purpose, a good number of people including party leaders, pro-BNP contractors and professionals contributed Tk 50,000 to Tk 5 lakh each while local leaders are competing with each other for taking more people to the rally, party sources said.

BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam had been monitoring the preparations for the large rally, staying in Rajshahi for the last several days.

BNP leaders Mizanur Rahman Minu, Aminul Haque, Harunur Rashid, Nadim Mostafa, Shafikul Haque Milon, and Rajshahi Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul visited different areas and held preparatory meetings everyday.

Increasing number of workers of BNP and other alliance partners have joined the preparatory activities as people are fed up with the government for its widespread corruption and as they want caretaker government system for holding the next parliament election, said Shafikul



PHOTO: STAR

Mongla Port Workers and Employees Association form a human chain in the port town yesterday demanding increase of wages, payment of arrear dues to casual workers and arrangement of Eid bonus and medical allowance for them.

| জালালাবাদ গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এ্যান্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন সিস্টেম লিঃ  |  |
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| (পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানি)<br>গ্যাস ভবন, মেদিনাবাগ, সিলেট-৩১০০   |  |
| দরপত্র নং-জেজি/১৩.২৫০৩(শাহজীবাজার)/ডিইসি/২০১৩/৫৭১  | তারিখঃ ১০/০৯/২০১৩  |
| গ্যাস ব্যবহারে সশ্রী হোন এবং সমন্বয়ত গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করুন।   |  |
| জালালাবাদ গ্যাসের পৌরবোজ্জল ২৫ বছর; উত্তম গ্রাহক সেবার সেরা স্বাক্ষর।  |  |
| দরপত্র বিবরণ   |  |
| ১ মন্ত্রণালয়/ডিভিশন   | ২ বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানি ও বনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়/জ্বালানি ও বনিজ সম্পদ বিভাগ।  |
| ২ সংস্থা   | ৩ বাংলাদেশ টেলি, গ্যাস ও বনিজ সম্পদ কর্পোরেশন (পেট্রোবাংলা)।   |
| ৩ সংস্থার স্বত্বাধিকারীর নাম   | ৪ জালালাবাদ গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এ্যান্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন সিস্টেম লিমিটেড।   |
| ৪ সংস্থার জেলা   | ৫ হবিগঞ্জ।   |
| ৫ আহ্বানকৃত কাজের ধরণ  | ৬ পূর্ত নির্মাণ কাজ।   |
| ৬ কাজের নাম  | ৭ শাহজীবাজার আবিষ্কার ০৩ (তিন) তলা বিশিষ্ট অফিস ভবন নির্মাণসহ অনুষঙ্গিক কাজ।   |
| ৭ সংস্থার পদ্ধতি   | ৮ উন্নত দরপত্র।  |
| ৮ অর্থ বরাদ্দের উৎস  | ৯ কোম্পানির নিজস্ব অর্থায়ন।   |
| ৯ দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়  | ১০ ০২/১০/২০১৩ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)।   |
| ১০ দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়   | ১১ ০৩/১০/২০১৩ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।   |
| ১১ দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়   | ১২ ০৩/১০/২০১৩ তারিখ বিকাল ৩.০০ ঘটিকায়, উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।   |
| ১২ দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের স্থান  | ১৩ (ক) কাশ কাউটার, গ্যাস ভবন (২য় তলা), জালালাবাদ গ্যাস, মেদিনাবাগ, সিলেট।<br>(খ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক এর দপ্তর, আরডিডি-মৌলভীবাজার জোন, জালালাবাদ গ্যাস, শ্রীমঙ্গল রোড, মৌলভীবাজার।<br>(গ) ঢাকা লিয়াজো অফিস, জালালাবাদ গ্যাস, এপার্টমেন্ট নং-১/ডি, বাড়ি নং-২৩/এ, রোড নং-২ (২য় তলা), পুরাতন ডিওএইচএস, বনানী, ঢাকা।<br>(ক) কাশ কাউটার, গ্যাস ভবন (২য় তলা), জালালাবাদ গ্যাস, মেদিনাবাগ, সিলেট।<br>(খ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক-এর দপ্তর, আরডিডি-মৌলভীবাজার জোন, জালালাবাদ গ্যাস, শ্রীমঙ্গল রোড, মৌলভীবাজার। |
| ১৩ দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান  | ১৪ কন্সট্রাক্টর (৫ম তলা), জালালাবাদ গ্যাস, গ্যাস ভবন, মেদিনাবাগ, সিলেট-৩১০০।   |
| ১৪ দরপত্র খোলার স্থান  | ১৫ পেট্রোবাংলা ও এর অধীনস্থ কোম্পানি/সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে পূর্ত নির্মাণ/সেবার কাজের কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা এবং টিডিএস অনুযায়ী অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা।   |
| ১৫ দরদাতার যোগ্যতা   | ১৬ দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য  |
| ১৬ দরপত্র জামানত   | ১৭ ৮ ৫,০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা প্রতি সেট (অফারযোগ্য)।   |
| ১৭ দরপত্র জামানত   | ১৮ ৮ ৫,০০০.০০ (চার লক্ষ) টাকা মাত্র।   |
| ১৮ কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়সীমা  | ১৯ ৩৬৫ (তিনশত পয়ষট্টি) দিন।   |
| বিশেষ শর্তাবলীঃ  |  |
| (ক) বিগত ০৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের মধ্যে একক কার্যাদেশের আওতায় বৈদ্যুতিক ও পাইলিং কাজসহ ন্যূনতম ৮০ (আশি) লক্ষ টাকার পূর্ত নির্মাণ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতার প্রমাণস্বরূপ কার্য সমাপ্তির সনদপত্র ও কার্যাদেশপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।      |  |
| (খ) পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন ২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালায় সর্বশেষ সংশোধনী অনুসরণে ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা যাচাইসহ দরপত্র প্রক্রিয়াকরণ করা হবে।  |  |
| (গ) অত্র দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী দরপত্র তফসিলে অন্তর্ভুক্ত রয়েছে যা আবেদনকারী শর্ত হিসেবে গণ্য হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল অথবা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে। |  |
| ২০ দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার নিয়মিত তারিখে সরকারি ছুটি বা অনিবার্য কারণবশত বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই স্থান ও সময়ে উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে।                                    |  |