

'Missing' schoolboy, housewife found murdered

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Police recovered the bodies of a missing schoolboy and a housewife in Chapainawabganj and Bhola districts on Tuesday and the day before.

Police recovered the body of a missing schoolboy from a ditch at Dimkoil village in Nachole upazila of Chapainawabganj Tuesday afternoon, reports our correspondent.

The deceased is Johnny Babu, 14, son of Wasim Ali under Nejampur union in the upazila. He was a class eight student at Dimkoil High School.

SI Saiful Islam, duty officer at Nachole police station said, Johnny went out of his house November 4 last year for working at their crop field and remained missing since. His family members filed a general diary with Nachole police

station on the day.

Locals on Tuesday spotted the body dumped in a ditch of the village and informed police.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately, said police.

In Bhola, Police recovered the body of a housewife with the throat slit at Sadapur village in Lalmohon upazila on Monday morning.

The deceased was Joytsna Begum, wife of Yousuf of the village, reports UNB.

Police, quoting locals, said Yousuf on Sunday midnight had wanted some money from Joytsna for buying drugs, which she refused to give.

Police arrested Yousuf from the house.

Officer in-charge of Lalmohon Police Station Khandakar Mizanur Rahman said Yousuf was a drug addict.

He might have killed his wife for drug money.

Hospital staff 'commits suicide' in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Brahmanbaria

A woman allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the rooftop of a seven-storied building at Banikpara in the district town yesterday morning.

The deceased was identi-

Robbery at expat's house

UNB, Sylhet

Robbers looted gold and cash from an expatriate's house at Barthakuri village in Jakiganj upazila early yesterday.

Locals said, a gang of armed robbers, numbering 10-12, stormed into the house of expatriate Abdul Jobbar of the village at about 2:00am by breaking open the door and held the house members hostage at gunpoint.

They looted 33 tolas of gold ornament, cash Tk 3.50 lakh and other valuables, worth Tk 20 lakh, victims said.

fied as Lipika Gomes, 40, the assistant accountant of Christian Memorial Hospital here.

According to police, Lipika lived alone at a rented unit on the top floor of the seven-storied building of her hospital as her husband and two girls stayed in Dhaka. The hospital runs from ground to fourth floor of the building.

Doctor Duke Chowdhury, resident surgeon at the hospital, said Lipika had been working in the hospital for three years. Her activities were normal and the accounts section was running smoothly. Yesterday she left the workplace as usual after office hours, he said.

I cannot understand why she killed herself, he added.

Contacted, Norbat Lorence, the husband of Lipika, 'showed reluctance' to make any comment in this regard.

Norbat and elder daughter Rakhi at that time were on the way to Brahmanbaria



Speedboats, only means of smooth communication with the char areas of Bhola and Barisal, lie anchored at Lahaat Ferry terminal in Barisal Sadar upazila as the river craft hardly get passengers due to opposition sponsored hartals and non-stop blockade.

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Farmers in Jhalakati opt for sunflower cultivation

They hope to earn good profit from new oilseed

UNB, Jhalakati

Farmers in the district are now cultivating sunflower as a new oilseed crop on their vast tracts of land.

Sources at the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) here said, a target was fixed to bring 6,830 hectares of land under cultivation of oilseeds like mustard, peanut and sesame in four upazilas of the district in the current Robi (winter) season.

On the other hand, Brac, a non-government organisation (NGO), took steps to boost sunflower farming to a greater extent with the target of bringing 694 hectares of land in Sadar and Rajapur upazilas.

The leading NGO under its food safety programme has also planned to assemble 1,000 farmers of the two upazilas to cultivate sunflower on cooperative basis.

In the meantime, at least 477 farmers have already started cultivating sunflower on 380 hectares of land in Sadar upazila and 470 others on 314 hectares in Rajapur upazila.

Farmer Hayat Khan of Gabkhan village in Sadar

upazila said he was preparing his land that was earlier used for paddy farming for cultivating sunflower.

Another farmer, Abdur Rahim, of the same area said, after harvesting of Aman paddy, he prepared his land for sunflower farming and is now sowing seeds of the winter crop.

Farmer Abdul Latif of the same village said he harvested paddy from his four bighas of land late and was tilling the land for sunflower cultivation.

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Talking to UNB, Champak Aich, manager of Brac's food safety programme in Jhalakati, said farmers have to spend Tk 14,000 for cultivating sunflower on each acre (per acre=30 decimals) of land.

On an average, production of the winter crop is expected to be 30 tonnes per acre, he said, adding that growers can make a profit of Tk 22,000 by selling their produce from one acre land.

Besides, sunflower output might exceed 30

maunds per acre if the crop field is nurtured well, he added.

Farmers said, oil produced from sunflower seeds crushing usually sells for Tk 14,000 per maund (one maund is equivalent to 37.32 kilograms).

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To evade danger, he finally swallows the bitter pill

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Nilphamari

Chairman of Kamarpukur union parishad (UP) in Saidpur upazila under the district finally married a woman who he had deceitfully abused, after the victim filed a rape case against him with a special tribunal.

UP chairman Ziko Ahmed, 28, often met the 25-year-old headmistress of a kindergarten in Saidpur, and tried to be close to her, saying that he would help get government's MPO for the school and also donation from his relatives living abroad, said the victim in her complaint to the tribunal.

"Knowing that he married another woman on November 21 in 2013, I went to his house the next day and wanted to know the reason of another marriage without my consent.

"But he denied any relation with me and tried to strangulate me. As I resisted, he with the help of his brother Joshi Ahmed poured poison in my mouth. However, neighbours rushed in and took me to Saidpur 100-bed Hospital. I was then referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

"After getting released from hospital, I submitted a petition for filing a rape case with the Special Tribunal for Women and Children Repression Prevention on November 28," said the complainant.

"There, two bearded men forced me to put signature on a piece of paper to divorce my husband, now staying abroad as an army member. Then one of them took my signature on another paper and said that marriage was performed properly and there was no hindrance to my starting conjugal life with the chairman.

"Since then, the chairman kept me at different rented houses in the municipality and continued physical relation, but he did not take me to his own house as wife.

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Contacted, UP chairman Ziko Ahmed said the case by the kindergarten headmistress was filed as a result of misunderstanding, and the matter had been settled. Regarding the other rape case filed against him, he claimed that it was a false one.

accused Ziko Ahmed married the victim before the local notary public on Tuesday on condition of Tk 20 lakh *denmohor* (dowry to be paid to the wife).

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Jubo Dal man murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Noakhali

Police recovered the bullet-ridden body of a local Jubo Dal activist in Begumganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Belayet Hossain Belal, 26, a member of ward unit Jubo Dal in Gopalpur union and son of Sayadul Haque of Kalikapur village.

Locals found the body in Darogarasta area in the morning and informed the police, said officer in-charge of Begumganj police station Mostafizur Rahman.

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1. Sealed tender in local currency is invited from bonafide manufacturer/dealer/suppliers/importers (enlisted with DGDP) for supply of the following item for Bangladesh Navy:

Ser	Name of Item	Date of Selling		Date of opening	Tender Nos.	Currency
		From	To			
1.	Centralized Fire Detection and Monitoring System (Quantity: 01 Set)	06-01-2014	03-02-2014	04-02-2014	243.07.150	Local

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available in this Directorate General on payment as per invitation of tender selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0900 hours to 1400 hours on the abovementioned date of selling. The tender can be dropped in the tender box latest by 1000 hours and the same will be opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of the tenderers (if present).

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For Director General

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Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt. (Taka)	Completion time in weeks/months	
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1	Supply and Installation of 1x500 KVA (Prime) diesel generating set with sound proof canopy and ATS including ancillary works for under construction BMA Bangabandhu Complex at Bhatiary, Chittagong	BMA, Bhatiary, Chittagong	3,000.00	2,75,000.00		05 (five) months
16	Name of official inviting tender	Director of Works.				
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Director of Works.				
18	Address of official inviting tender	Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment.				
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