

Outlaws trying to regroup in Kushtia, Chuadanga

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

The operatives of outlawed Purbo Bangla Communist party (PBCP-Janajuddho) and Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) are trying to regroup in Kushtia and Chuadanga districts, police sources said.

Police conducted drives in different areas of the two districts on Friday and Saturday nights and arrested five cadres of the two banned outfits. Of them, three were arrested in Kushtia while the rest in Chuadanga.

"Some members of the outlawed parties reappeared in few areas of the districts to regroup their cadres," said Mofiz Uddin Ahmed,

superintendent of police (SP) in Kushtia.

Law enforcers will foil any such attempt of the outlaws, the police superintendent added.

Three outlaws, arrested in Kushtia on Friday night, are Faruk Seikh, 40, of Gopogam village, Sahidullah, 47, of Helalpur village and Badar Seikh, 52, of Phulbaria village in Khoksa upazila. Police said the three are cadres of Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) and listed criminals.

Faruk and Badar were wanted in two extortion cases filed with Khoksa Police Station, police said.

"The outlaws were work-

ing to regroup the cadres in different areas of the upazila under the leadership of Bodiar Rahman, an elected member of Joyantihazra Union Parishad under the upazila" SP Mofiz Uddin Ahmed said, adding that police is looking for him.

In Chuadanga, police arrested two cadres of the janajuddho faction of the outlawed Purbo Bangla Communist party from a graveyard at Charulia village under Damurhuda upazila during the drive.

Sikder Moshir Rahman, officer-in-charge of Damurhuda Police Station, said they arrested the outlaws, raiding the graveyard

at around 11:30pm on Saturday.

"Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, some other PBCP members managed to flee," the OC said.

The arrestees are Zeker Ali, 35, son of Ruhul Islam, and Bashu Mia, 32, son of Minarul Islam. Both hail from Charulia village.

Zeker and Bashu are accused in 11 cases, including four for murder, filed with different police stations in Chuadanga, police said.

They returned to the area recently and were trying to regroup the cadres of the outfit, OC Moshir Rahman further said.

12 Harijans get life for twin murder

5 of them still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A court here yesterday sentenced 12 people of Harijan community to life term imprisonment for double murder in Parbatipur upazila in 2000.

The court also fined each of them Tk 5,000, in default to suffer more one year in jail.

Nur Islam, judge of additional district session Judge Court-3, delivered the verdict at the crowded court room in presence of seven accused as five others were still on the run.

The convicts are Bablu, Junardi, Hira Lal, Deep Lal,

Singhasan, Bisundar, Lal Jeet, Swapan, Kanaiya, Durvoya, Joynal and Nandalal, all belonging to Harijan community, and residents of Sweeperpatti of Parbatipur upazila.

According to the prosecution, Montu Basfor, son of Raj Kumar Basfor and his nephew Rajan Basfor and others called the two from their home on July 6 night in 2000. They took them to Zinnamath in Sahebpara area under Parbatipur municipality and stabbed them to death.

Later, Raj Kumar Basfor, father of Montu Basfor filed a murder case with Parbatipur police station on July 7 in 2000.

Hindus attacked, homes vandalised in Comilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Criminals yesterday attacked two houses belonging to Hindus at Debidwar upazila of Comilla. They assaulted at least 10 people, vandalised idols and furniture in the houses and robbed them of their valuables.

Locals said a group of 20-25 people, led by Ashikur Rahman, 17, attacked the houses of Gobinda Chandra Sutradhar and Rabindra Chandra Sutradhar around 8:00am and beat up the residents.

Five of the injured, including a 10-year-old girl, were admitted to the Debidwar Upazila Health

Complex.

The perpetrators also beat up the neighbours who had come forward to help the victims during the attack.

Locals said the Hindu on Tuesday night had protested gambling near a temple where a six-day religious programme was going on. Ashikur, who had organised the gambling event, also harassed a girl that night when she was returning home from the temple.

Officer-in-Charge Mizanur Rahman of Debidwar Police Station said two people, Roman and Al Amin, were arrested in a case filed in this connection while Ashikur was on the run.



PHOTO: STAR

WORLD CUP FEVER: Football fans set flags, representing their favourite teams, on the road near Dak Bungalow intersection in Pabna town ahead of the FIFA World Cup Football in Brazil starting June 12.

Ronaldo

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in the best possible shape in the final sprint before the World Cup starts June 12.

While Portugal have previously discussed superstar Ronaldo's thigh injury -- sustained late in the season -- it was the first time they reported patellar tendinitis.

The Portuguese have been drawn in Group G at the World Cup and will face Germany on June 16 in Salvador, the United States a week later in Manaus and then Ghana on June 26 in Brasilia.

"We hope that Cristiano is in good enough shape to play -- and to help the team," teammate Nani, who plays for Manchester United, told reporters.

Ronaldo "is going well, and he is relaxed about it ... Things are going the right way," he added, after hundreds of fans welcomed the team at the Newark airport in New Jersey, just outside New York City.

Portugal will play two friendlies while in the United States.

They take on Mexico in Foxboro near Boston on Friday -- at the home of the NFL's New England Patriots.

Next Tuesday they face Ireland at the Jets' MetLife Stadium -- which hosted the Super Bowl in February.

Nani, 27, who missed out on the last World Cup in South Africa due to a shoulder injury, said fitness woes can make a player "distracted and less sure of himself."

"If for some reason (Ronaldo) is not there, whoever is there playing has to be confident in their ability to get the job done," he said.

"The World Cup is a one-of-a-kind challenge. I want to be fully fit, and in top form alongside my teammates. I could not be there last time, but happily, I am here now," said Nani, who has played 73 games and scored 14 goals with Portugal's national side. He said the first clash with Germany will be key to setting the tone for the rest of the tournament, preferably a winning one.



PHOTO: STAR

Nature lovers pose with specially prepared nests while a man sets on a tree the items meant for shelter and breeding of birds, following the inaugural ceremony of 'environment fair' at Shaheed Titu auditorium in Bogra town yesterday.

DINAJPUR, KUSHTIA

Two housewives killed for dowry

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Two housewives were murdered allegedly by their husbands and in-laws for dowry in Dinajpur and Kushtia districts on Tuesday.

A woman was beaten to death allegedly by her husband and in-laws for dowry on Tuesday afternoon in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Shefali Begum, 20, daughter of Abdus Salam of Daulatpur village in the upazila and wife of Abu Sayeed of Kamarpara village under same upazila, police said.

Father of the deceased filed a murder case with Chirirbandar police station at night accusing four people including husband Abu Sayeed, 26, his mother Sanowara Begum, 55, father Saidul Islam, 60, and Rozina Begum, 27.

Nobody was arrested in connection with the incident till filing of this report yesterday afternoon.

According to the parents of the slain, the husband and in-laws often tortured Shefali Begum for realising Tk. 1,00,000 as dowry. As her family failed to pay the rest amount of Tk 50,000, they started beating her on Tuesday evening.

At one stage of beating, Shefali fainted. Later her husband strangled her, police and family sources said.

In Kushtia, a newly wed housewife was beaten up and then strangled allegedly by her husband at Kaborbaria village in Mirpur upazila early Tuesday, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Kunkumi Khatun Tumpa, 19, wife of Rubel Hossain of the village.

Father of the deceased Abdul Kuddus said his daughter was married off to Rubel Hossain, son of Sher Ali of the village, three months ago and since then Rubel and his family members used to torture her for Tk one lakh dowry.

On Monday night, Rubel beat up Tumpa over the issue and later strangled her in the early hours of Tuesday.

Being informed, police recovered the body and sent it to Kushtia Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The law enforcers also arrested Rubel and his younger brother Sohel. Locals caught them while they were fleeing the scene, police said, adding a case was filed in this connection.

SNIPPETS

UZ chairman sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A court here yesterday afternoon sent a upazila parishad chairman to jail after rejecting his bail prayer in two cases filed under Speedy Trial Act. The accused is ASM Zakaria Harun, chairman of Muktagacha upazila parishad and secretary of BNP Muktagacha unit. Earlier on the day, Zakaria was arrested on premises of the upazila headquarters, said Kamal Hossain, officer in-charge of Muktagacha police station. Meanwhile, Muktagacha upazila unit BNP protested the arrest of Zakaria and demanded his immediate release.

Student commits 'suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A college student allegedly committed suicide at Kamargari rail intersection on Bogra-Shantahar route in the district town yesterday morning. The deceased is Rabiul Islam Rabi, 23, a student of economics department at Government Azizul Haque College, Bogra and son of Nasir Uddin of Sultangonjpara in the town. He had been suffering from mental instability, said sub-inspector of Bogra GRP police station Bimol Kumar. Rabiul jumped under a running train in the area at 8:00am and died on the spot, said police.

Mentally challenged boy killed

UNB, Rajshahi

Police recovered the body of a mentally challenged young man from a ditch at Dangachhi village in Bagmara upazila on Tuesday night. The deceased was identified as Shawon Ahmed, 18, son of Abu Bakkar of Deula village of the upazila. Victim's father said Shawon remained missing after he had left home on Monday. Abu Obaida Khan, officer in-charge of Bagmara Police Station, said local people spotted Shawon's body floating in the water-filled ditch at night on Tuesday and informed police.

Man found dead in Sirajganj

UNB, Sirajganj

Police recovered the body of a man at Manushmura village in Ullahpara upazila on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Sahadat Hossain, 40, son of late Musa Pramanik of the village. Officer-in-charge of Ullahpara Police Station Tajul Huda said locals spotted the throat-slit body of Sahadat in the area in the morning and

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