

# Seven abducted kids rescued

Two culprits caught red-handed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet  
Locals rescued seven children from the clutches of abductors and caught two of them red-handed at Ektiarpur Bazar in Bijoyagar upazila of Brahmanbaria district on Saturday afternoon.

A gang of three picked up the boys from Gopalpur village under Madhabpur Police Station in Habiganj district at noon and took them to nearby Ektiarpur Bazar at around 5:00pm.

When the abductors were picking up the boys onto a human hauler at the bazaar, locals smelt that something was wrong. They rushed in, rescued the boys and caught two gang members, Bachchu Mia, 32, and Manik Mia, 30. The other member of the gang, however, managed to flee.

Bachchu hails from Birkpasha village under Bijoyagar upazila while Manik from Nasirabad upazila of Brahmanbaria district.

The rescued kids are Shahin, 7, Hanif, 7, Muttakin, 8 Hridoy, 9, Rakibul, 7, Rokib, 7 and Rokon 8. They all are stu-

dents of Gopalpur Primary School.

Being informed, Bijoyagar police went to the spot and took the abductors and the children to the police station. They later handed over the abductor and the kids to Madhabpur Police Station as the incident took place in Madhabpur upazila.

Victim Rakib told police that the kidnappers came to them while they were playing football at a field at their village in the afternoon.

"They told us to help them catch a thief, who had crossed the canal nearby and also offered Tk 200 to each of us for the job," Rakib said, adding that they agreed and crossed the canal, but the men took them to Ektiarpur Bazar.

Police yesterday produced the abductors and the children in Habiganj Judicial Magistrate's Court. After recording the statements of the children, the court sent the abductors to jail. It (court) also asked police to hand over the kids to their parents.

Police said they will file a petition with the court today, seeking a seven-day remand for the abductors.



PHOTO: STAR  
This leased water body belonging to Bangladesh Railway in Saidpur municipality area is getting filled with earth as local lawmaker Shawkat Chowdhury inaugurated the work (inset) for making an eidgah on June 14.



# Rly water body being filled up 'to meet public demand'

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

A 0.81-acre water body owned by Bangladesh Railway (BR) under Niamotpur Mouja of Saidpur municipality is being filled up illegally to turn it into an eidgah.

Surprisingly though, local lawmaker Shawkat Chowdhury, also opposition Jatiya Party whip in parliament, inaugurated the work on June 14.

Saidpur municipality Mayor Amzad Hossain Sarkar informed in writing the ministries of environment and railway of the matter, and requested steps to stop the filling work.

Mostaq Ahmed, divisional estate officer of BR Pakshi division, also informed the higher authorities of the matter.

Consequently, the parliamentary committee on railway discussed the matter last week and asked the authorities of the ministry

concerned to submit a report after investigation, said the BR official.

The water body known as Jorapukur would be worth around Tk 10 crore, sources said.

"Railway authorities leased the water body to one Harun ur Rashid for fish cultivation. But lawmaker and whip Shawkat Chowdhury inaugurated the filling of the water body on June 14," said Ohidun Nabi, assistant estate officer of BR in Saidpur.

"The next day, I went to the spot to forbid the illegal filling but Akhtar Hossain Feku, councillor of concerned ward No-5 of Saidpur municipality, who was supervising the work, rudely asked me to leave. I lodged a general diary with Saidpur police station," he said.

Lessee Harun ur Rashid said the whip encouraged some locals to occupy the leased water body from his

possession and fill it illegally.

Visiting the site on Saturday, this correspondent found that earth-filing was going on in presence of councillor Akhtar Hossain.

A brick-built pillar in front of the water body had a plaque with Bangla inscriptions that means, 'Munshipara-Khejurbagh Eidgah Maidan, foundation stone laid by honorable parliament member of Nilphamari-4 constituency and whip of the opposition Alhaj Md Shawkat Chowdhury on 14 June 2014.'

Akhtar Hossain said, "Lawmaker Shawkat Chowdhury inaugurated the earth-filling work in presence of two local leaders of ruling Awami League. It is a demand of people of ward No-5 and 6 to have an eidgah here. Not a water body, but a dirty ditch, also a mosquito breeding ground, is being filled up for the purpose."

Contacted, lawmaker Shawkat Chowdhury said, "I am committed to meeting popular demand. It is true that the parliamentary committee discussed the filling up of the water body. I met the railway minister and discussed the matter."

# Schoolgirl freed, main accused held in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police on Saturday rescued a schoolgirl a day into her abduction in Joypurhat district and arrested the prime accused on charge of killing her brother during the kidnapping.

The arrestee is Md Shipon, 35, son of Md Bahar Uddin of Khanjanpur village in Joypurhat Municipality.

With Shipon, six people were arrested in connection with the abduction and killing, said police.

At 11:30pm on Friday, a gang of 14/15, allegedly led by Shipon, in a microbus swooped on the house of the ninth grader in Paikartoli area under Sadar upazila and abducted her, said family sources.

The abductors also stabbed Sabuj, the 28-year-old brother of the girl, dead as he tried to resist them from kidnapping his sister.

In an overnight raid, the law enforcers arrested five people for their alleged involvement in the abduction and murder, said Md Abdur Rashid, officer in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Arrestees Jahurul Islam, Razan Mia, Manik Mia, Saurav and Roni are professional killers and abductors. Prime accused Shipon hired the five from Nataipara village in Bogra Sadar upazila for the mission, he said.

On secret information, a team of police raided a house at Bhadsha Bazar in Sadar upazila on Saturday night, rescued the girl and arrested Shipon.

# 50 sued in Gouripur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Over 50 people have been sued on charges of attacking the houses and business establishments of rival Awami League men in Gouripur upazila town.

The accused include councillors of Gouripur municipality Mofazzal Hossain and Abul Quadir.

Joint secretary of the upazila unit AL Md Nurul Islam, central Jubo league member Abu Kawsar Chowdhury and Shah Rafiqul Islam Dipu, nephew of local lawmaker Captain (ret) Mujibur Rahman Fakir, filed three cases under Speedy Trial Act on Saturday night.

A group of men, allegedly led by municipality Mayor Rafiqul Islam, attacked the houses and business establishments of AL leaders Md Nurul Islam, his brother Rafiqul Islam and others, who are loyal to the MP, on Friday following an altercation over recent attack on a teacher of Government Muminunnessa Mohila College.

## SNIPPETS

### Pro-Jamaat UP chairmen held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Detectives arrested three Jamaat-backed UP chairmen from in front of the deputy commissioner's office in the town yesterday. The arrestees are Shah Alam, chairman of Baluhor Union Parishad Abdur Razzak, chairman of Dora Union Parishad, and Asgar Ali, chairman of Safdarpur Union Parishad under Kotcahndpur upazila. Shibir Jhenidah district unit President Omar Faruk said a team of DB police arrested the UP chairmen while they were returning home from a court at around 11:30am. DB sources said the chairmen are accused in a case for resorting to violence in the upazila on February 28 last year.

### Ambulance robbery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Robbers' waylaid an ambulance at Chkhtola area in Gangni upazila of Meherpur district early yesterday and looted belongings of a patient. Abdul Malek, driver of the ambulance of Gangni Upazila Health Complex, was carrying a patient named Rekha Khatun of Barbari area of Gangni to Kushtia Medical College Hospital. A gang of robbers stopped the ambulance in Chokhtola area on Kushtia-Meherpur highway by felling a roadside tree at around 1:45am and looted Tk 13000, ornaments and mobile from the patient and her three relatives. The gang then stopped a Meherpur-bound night coach from Dhaka at the same place and looted the belongings of the passengers, the ambulance driver added.

### Woman, daughter electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A woman and her daughter were electrocuted at Kalihati upazila in Tangail district yesterday. The deceased are Sumela Begum, 80, and her daughter Bhasani Begum, 45, of Char Bashi village in the upazila. Officer-in-Charge Monir Hossain of Kalihati Police Station said Sumela came in contact with an electric wire at around 10:00am. As Bhasani came to rescue her mother, she also got electric shock. Seriously injured Sumela and Bhasani were taken to Tangail Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared them dead.

### College student drowns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A college boy drowned in the River Mogra in Nagra area of the district town on Saturday. The dead is Sanjoy Roy, 19, son of Samaresh Roy of the area and a first year student at Mymensingh Pathological College. Sanjoy went to take a dip in the river around 6:00pm and drowned, said Kawser Ahmed, officer in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

### Eviction of brothel demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Local people brought out a procession and held a rally in the district town yesterday, demanding eviction of local Kandapara brothel. Under the banner of anti-social activities protection committee, the procession that brought out from the Central Jam-e-Mosque in the area paraded different streets in the town. Addressing the rally, the speakers urged the authorities to evict the brothel immediately as it is situated just on the middle of the central graveyard mosque, two madrasas and orphanage in the town.

### Jute mill workers agitate

UNB, Khulna

Workers of private jute mills blocked Jessore-Khulna highway at three different spots for three hours yesterday morning, demanding reopening of the closed mills and payment of their dues. Witnesses said under the banner of "Besarkari Pat, Suta, Bastrakol Sangram Parishad", the agitating workers blocked the highway in Shiromoni, Phulbari Gate and Mirer Dhanda areas from 9am to 12pm, creating huge tailback on both sides of the highway. The Sangram Parishad also threatened to go for tougher movement if their demands are



PHOTO: STAR  
Carnivorous piranha, passed off as a kind of rupchanda, sells openly at a market in Gaibandha town yesterday, as the dangerous predator of South American origin finds its way to different places in the district, despite a ban by the authorities.

# Banned piranha on sale

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Banned piranha is openly on sale at different fish markets of the district.

Despite a ban on farming, sale and import of the dangerous fish, traders are deceiving the innocent customers calling it as a kind of Rupchanda.

With its sharp teeth and voracious appetite for meat, the small freshwater fish of South American origin is a dangerous predator when attacking any animal in a group.

Poor monitoring by the authorities concerned, absence of awareness campaign and low price are the main reasons behind increasing sale and cultivation of the fish.

Fishermen continued sale of piranha at the open markets also because of ignorance. However, a number of pond owners in the district are cultivating the banned fish only for making good profits.

Piranha cultivation is much more profitable than the other fishes as it grows big within a short period, said Afzal Mia, a fish trader.

Abdul Latif, district fishery officer (DFO) in Gaibandha said, fisheries department imposed banned on piranha cultivation in local ponds but a section of dishonest businessmen is still defying the ban.

Awareness campaign should be strengthened as shortage of manpower makes it difficult for us to monitor the water bodies

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2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
4	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
5	Invitation for	Supply of 1,500 Metric Tons of Cold Rolled Steel Coil.
6	Invitation Ref. No. and date	Ref No. 28.03.0000.041.01.005.14(CRS-19), Date: 26 June, 2014
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9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
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12	Tender last selling date	06-08-2014.
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15	Offer validity time	Date: 28-08-2014, Time: 1800 hours (BST).
Name & address of the office(s)		
16	Selling tender documents (principal)	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, 1st Floor, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
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20	Qualification of the suppliers	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender document.
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24	Official inviting tender	General Manager (Com & Ops).
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