

Cashing in on woes of poor, ignorant villagers

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Bizarre treatments like casting spell to drive away evil spirit and cure serious diseases, continue in rural areas as a section of people, especially poor and simple-minded ones, depend on such unscientific methods.

College student Md Rassel died on Tuesday night while undergoing so called supernatural treatment at the house of Abdul Mannan of Baraitali village in Taltali upazila under Barguna district.

Rasel, 18, son of Altaf Hossain of Madhobkhali village in Mirzaganj upazila under Patuakhali district, was an HSC examinee this year from Akhtar Hossain Choudhury Memorial College in Mirzaganj, family source said.

After attending the first day's examination, he fell ill and his father Altaf Hossain brought him to Abdul Mannan, a claimant of special ability to drive away ill spirits.

As per Mannan's suggestion, Rassel was bathed in the pond twice a day, for half an hour each time, in addition to applying smoke from incense, charms and incantations daily.

But Rassel's condition worsened day by day and finally he died after 42 days of treatment.



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TREATMENT OR CHEATING? Two men sell unauthorised syrup, claiming it to be a panacea, at Dashmina Bazar in Patuakhali, a few days ago.

"As my son fell ill due to the effect of an evil gaze, I brought him to Mannan. I am really unlucky. Many patients came round with Mannan's treatment," said Altaf.

Md Shafiqul Islam, member of Nishanbaria UP said, Mannan is earning money by cheating local people, especially poor and illiterate ones, in the name of treatment to different kinds of patients at his house for long.

Mannan, on the other hand, said, "Rassel died as his lifetime expired. Many people got cured with my treatment."

This correspondent met

Jahangir Hossain, a so-called supernatural healer at Badurhat under Galachipa upazila in Patuakhali district about 11:00am on Thursday.

He started playing with a snake and a good number of people gathered around him. Later he brought out some tabij (talisman) from a pot and told people to buy those to get rid of problem in conjugal life, to win over enemy, and get rid of cancer, gastric, ulcer and other diseases.

A talisman was selling for Tk 20 to 100, depending on the problem.

"I bought a talisman to get rid of chronic gastric problem," said Md

Shahjahan Akon of Auliapur village.

Contacted, Jahangir said, "Only those who believe it wholeheartedly will come round. It is my father's business and I am conducting it for 15 years as many people are getting benefit."

This correspondent also saw two men selling syrup with alleged quality to cure several diseases at Dashmina Bazar in Patuakhali a few days ago.

Md Khalilur Rahman, civil surgeon of Patuakhali, said, "There is no scientific basis of such treatments. We have programmes to create awareness among people regarding the matter."

ONE MONTH OVER Kidnapped girl's family alleges police reluctance

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Family members have alleged that police were showing reluctance to arrest the abductors of a female student of Rangpur Polytechnic Institute, a month into the incident.

On July 25, a gang of stalkers abducted the 16-year-old girl hailed from Chirirbandar upazila in the district.

Although an abduction case was filed against five people on July 27, police were yet to rescue the girl and arrest the kidnappers, said the victim's father.

The accused are Md Abdur Razzak, 20, son of late Khuchur Ali, Hamidul Islam, 21 and Anisur Rahman, 28, sons of Aynuddin, Faridul Islam, 18, son of Abdul Mannan, and Md Zakaria, 19, son of Idris Ali of Mohadani village in the upazila.

The investigation officer of the case and the officer in-charge of Chirirbandar police station showed indifference to the case and reluctance to arrest the accused while they were moving freely in and around the area, alleged the family members of the girl.

Refuting the allegation, OC Rawshan Mostafa said they recently sought the call list from different mobile operators to arrest the culprits and rescue the girl.



PHOTO: STAR

BRING KILLERS TO JUSTICE: Teachers, students and staff of Ishwardi Girls' College bring out a procession in the town yesterday demanding punishment to the killers of Farhana Akter Eva, a student of the college. Police arrested Eva's husband Shaon Hossain on charge of killing the girl for dowry on Tuesday.

25 murdered in Joypurhat in 8 months till Aug 23

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Twenty-five people have been murdered in different incidents in Joypurhat district in eight months (December 21, 2013 to August 23 this year), according to cases filed with the police stations.

Of them, six were murdered in December last year, two in January, three in February, four in April, four in July, three until August 23, while one each was murdered in March, May, and June.

AK Azad, a night guard of a private firm was stabbed to death by a gang of criminals in Joypurhat town in December 21. The gang took away Tk 65 lakh from him. Criminals shot dead one Hasibul Islam in December 25 and strangled a woman named Rabeya Bewa in Bagichapara area under Joypurhat municipality on December 26.

Three youths were murdered at Borail village in Panchbibi upazila on December 30. Police recovered their bodies with throats slit the same day. An alleged robber was shot

dead by police in the upazila on December 31.

Soma Rani, a housewife of Bhadrakali village in Akkelpur upazila was beaten to death allegedly by in-laws on January 1 and Hasan Ali, a hardware trader, was murdered by a gang in Sadar upazila on January 27.

A 16-year-old girl was murdered in Akkelpur upazila on February 21. Two people--Md Jewel and Md Anisur Rahman--were murdered in Akkelpur and Panchbibi upazilas on the day.

A youth was stabbed to death by an unidentified gang in Joypurhat town on April 3. The victim was identified as Uzual, 27. Md Palson, 30, was shot dead by a gang near Joypurhat Railway Station on April 5 and Md Rabiul Islam, 42, was beaten to death dead in the town on April 18.

On May 9, Joypurhat police recovered the body of a housewife in the town. The victim, Suborna, was abducted from Dhaka. Sohail Rana of Gopinathpur village under Akkelpur upazila was murdered the same day.

Two youths were mur-

dered by unknown criminals in Sadar upazila on June 5, and July 13. The victims were identified as Md Sabuj and Mamunur Rashid. Sabuj was stabbed to death while Mamun was shot dead.

On July 31, villagers beat an alleged mugger dead at Hatshahar village in Sadar upazila while police recovered the body of a youth from the same village on the day.

Three people were murdered in Sadar upazila from August 4 to 23. The victims are Md Arafat Hossain, 22, Md Abdul Wahab, 60, and Sunil Mahanto, 45. Arafat's body was found with throat slit, Wahab was stabbed to death while Sunil, who sustained injuries by his rivals over a land dispute on July 29, died at hospital on Saturday.

Police said at least 245 people were sued in the murder cases and law enforcers have so far arrested 20 of them.

Contacted, ASP Biman Karmaker of Joypurhat said drives are on to arrest the rest of the accused in the murder cases.



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AL man shoots easy bike driver, hospitalises him

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

An easy bike driver was critically injured as a local Awami League leader shot him following an altercation over fare in Cox's Bazar municipality area early yesterday.


Police arrested Sona Ali, president of Shahpari union unit of AL under Teknaf upazila, in connection with the shooting.

The injured, Sultan Ahmed, 30, was rushed to Cox's Bazar General Hospital and then shifted to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital (CMCH) as his condition deteriorated.

Witnesses said Sona Ali engaged in an altercation with Sultan over fare of the easy bike at a bazar near Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) camp around 1:00am. At one stage, Sona Ali shot Sultan.

Later, the AL leader took the injured driver to the hospital, said sub-inspector Fazlul Kader of Cox's Bazar Model police station.




Doctors at CMCH later removed the bullet from the body of Sultan. He is now out of danger, said a



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