

TORTURE ON WOMAN INDIGENOUS LEADER

Five lawmakers demand arrest, trial of culprits

Promise to raise the issue in JS

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Five lawmakers yesterday demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those who beat up and raped a woman indigenous leader in Gomostapur upazila of the district on August 4.

They made the demand at a rally held on the premises of Parbatipur Union Parishad office at noon. The lawmakers, Fazle Hossain Badsha from Rajshahi, AKM Fazlul Haque from Sherpur, Nazmul Hoque Proddhan from Panchagarh, Yasin Ali from Thakurgaon and Hajera Sultana also assured the locals that they would raise the issue in the parliament, demanding punishment of the culprits.

Prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University, Rabindranath Soren, president of Jatiyo Adivasi Parishad, Rina Roy, director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, Protima Rani Rajoar, vice-chairman of Nachole Upazila Parishad, and the victim herself also addressed the rally.

The speakers said they would provide legal aid for the indigenous leader and give financial support for her better treatment. They urged the police administration to forward the case to the court and declared that a grand conference of plain land

indigenous people would be held in Rajshahi on September 27.

At the rally, the indigenous people chanted a slogan, demanding formation of a separate land commission for plain land indigenous people.

Earlier on the day, the woman indigenous leader was released from Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital. The five lawmakers and others received the leader and took her to the meeting venue at Parbatipur. They later went to the house of woman indigenous leader at Zinarpur village in the union and gave her Tk 10,000 for her treatment.

A gang of land grabbers beat up and raped the president of Jatiyo Adivasi Parishad Chapainawabganj unit at Zinarpur village under Parbatipur union of Gomostapur upazila on August 4.

The indigenous leader, also a member of Parbatipur Union Parishad, came under attack while she along with labourers was planting aman seedling on a farmland.

As the labourers fled the scene in the face of attack, three of the gang—Rezaul Karim, Akbar Ali and Akbar Hossain—took her to one side of a field and raped her. The attackers also took away her power tiller, two bullocks and a shallow pump machine.

PCJSS supporter shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A 'supporter' of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) was shot dead by an unidentified gang at Ramhoripara under Naniachar upazila of the district on Saturday night.

The deceased was identified as Shanti Kumar Chakma, 65, a former member of Ghilachhari Union Parishad (UP).

Police quoted family members as saying that three youths called Shanti out of his house at around 9:00pm and shot him dead on a nearby road.

Officer-in-Charge Md Rashid of Naniachar Police Station said the family of the deceased did not lodge any case with the police station as of 5:00PM yesterday.

Sajib Chakma, assistant information secretary of PCJSS central body, accused

the activists of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) of the killing and demanded immediate arrest of the killers.

Niron Chakma, press secretary of UPDF central unit, refuted the allegation. He said Shanti Chakma was killed due to internal conflict of PCJSS.

On Wednesday night, another PCJSS supporter was abducted by unknown criminals from his house at Nonakurum village under Burighat union of the same upazila.

The victim is Biash Karbari, 45, son of Late Shishu Kumar Karbari.

Family members said, a gang came to Bikash's house at around 8:30pm and picked him up from there at gun point.

Police said yesterday that the family members were yet to file any case in this regard with the police station concerned.

Minar among 10 Fulgazi UZ chairman aspirants

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Ten candidates, including local BNP leader Mahtab Uddin Chowdhury Minar, who was in prison as prime accused in Fulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haque killing case, submitted the nomination papers as the deadline expired yesterday.

Among others, Awami League leaders Md Selim Sheikh Abdullah, Serajul Haque Azad, BNP leaders Golam Rasul Majumder alias Golap, Selina Akter and Jamal Uddin Majumder, submitted the nomination papers as independent candidates.

The last day for withdrawing the nomination paper is September 7 as the election is set to be held on September 21.

Fulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haque, also the president of Awami League upazila unit, was shot and burnt to death in his car on May 20.

Rezaul Haque Jasim, brother of the deceased, filed a murder case with Feni Model police station against 30 to 35 people, including Minar.

On May 27, DB police arrested Minar, convenor of Feni district unit of Tanti Dal, a wing of BNP, and the lone named accused in the case, from a house in Kachukhet area near Dhaka Cantonment.

The High Court granted a six-month bail to Minar on July 15. Later, he was freed from jail on July 17.

On July 20, the Supreme Court stayed the HC order that allowed Minar's bail, and directed him to surrender in two weeks in response to a petition filed by the government. On August 3, a court issued arrest warrant against him.

A total of 32 people have been arrested so far in connection with the killing.



The main roads of Thakurgaon town went under water following moderate rainfall yesterday, exposing the poor drainage system in the district headquarters. The photo was taken from Bangabandhu Road.

THAKURGAON DISTRICT TOWN

Little rain floods major roads for poor drainage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Several major roads in the district town go under ankle to knee-deep water even after a light rain, allegedly due to poor drainage system, causing immense sufferings to the townspeople.

During a visit to several areas yesterday morning, this correspondent saw a number of main roads in the town, including Old Bus Stand-Railway Station Road, Naresh Chowhan Road, Sirajdoulah Road, different roads in Goalpara, Sarcapara went under knee-deep water following an hour-long light rainfall in the morning.

The rain water remained stagnant on the roads for hours as the drains were clogged blocking smooth flow of water.

Students and locals were compelled to use the roads for going to their workplaces and schools and colleges.

Stinks from drains mixed with the stagnant water added to the woes of the locals and pedestrians.

Zakia Sultana, a student of Class-VIII at Thakurgaon Collectorate School and College, told this correspondent that they suffer much as their road to the school remains waterlogged.

Saidur Rahman, a resident of Godhuli

Bazar, said the municipality made about a half -- kilometre drain from Bazarpara to Senuapara but the area still suffers from water logging problem as its connecting point to the river is rarely kept clear.

Sohrab Hossain, owner of Pakizah Cloth Store, alleged they were facing losses as the people avoided the market for shopping due to water logging after each drizzle.

Former municipality chairman of Thakurgaon, Solaiman Ali, blamed people of different areas for building various structures without maintaining the building codes. For this, the municipality also cannot make drains in different areas, he said.

Contacted, Mayor of Thakurgaon Municipality SMA Moin said, "We developed the drainage system to our best in the last three years. But we can not construct new drains as per our planning due to lack of cooperation needed from townspeople. A section of people created obstruction to water flowing by dumping soil and waste in the drains. And this also causes water logging after a light rainfall, he added.

The water logging problem cannot not be solved without total cooperation of municipality people, the mayor observed.



The people of Chaklahat union under Panchagarh Sadar upazila form a human chain in front of Panchagarh Press Club in the town yesterday, demanding punishment to the Indian Border Security Force members who killed Bangladeshi fisherman Aktarul Islam at Shingroad on the border on August 21.

Villagers protest BSF killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

People of bordering villages formed a human chain in front of Panchagarh Press Club in the district town yesterday, protesting killing of a Bangladeshi youth by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on 22 August.

The human chain followed a discussion where the speakers demanded action against the BSF men who killed the youth after brutal torture.

They urged the government to take necessary steps, including lodging of complaint with BSF high-ups for

bringing the accused to justice.

The speakers alleged that BSF men of Sakhati camp asked Akhtarul Islam, 30, to come to them when he was fishing in a water body near the border and detained him early morning on 21 August.

After day-long brutal torture, the Indian border forces killed the youth and dumped his body into the Chhoto Jamuna River. The body was found floating on 22 August morning in Bangladesh side of the river.

Among others, Chairman of Chaklahat Union Parishad Abu Daud Proddhan, wife of the deceased, Jahanara Begum, Abbas Ali Mandal and Abdul Momen, spoke.

Hundreds of bordering villagers including Akhtarul's near and dear ones joined the programme to express their solidarity with the demand for trial of the BSF men.

Akhtarul Islam was son of late Hekmat Ali of Proddhanpara village in Panchagarh Sadar upazila.

BGB sent a letter to the BSF on 21 August but they refused arresting Akhtarul, said commanding officer of 18 Panchagarh BGB Battalion Lt Col Mohammad Ariful Haque.

Banker abducted for ransom freed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Detective Branch (DB) of police rescued a banker from Jhaoil Bridge in Kamarkhand upazila of Sirajganj district early yesterday, two days after his abduction.

They also arrested two alleged kidnappers following a gunfight with the cohorts of the duo, said officer in-charge of Sirajganj DB police, Md Nasir Uddin.

Arrestees Md Sumon, 28, and Md Salahuddin, 26, of Kandapara village in Sadar upazila, were admitted to hospital with bullet injuries.

The victim is Md Mahabub Alam, 28, an executive officer at Trust Bank Enayetpur Branch of

the district.

"On Friday night, two armed men picked me up from Koddar intersection on Dhaka-Sirajganj highway for Tk 10 lakh ransom when I was returning to the district from Dhaka," said Mahabub.

On secret information, a team of DB police raided the bridge area early yesterday. Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, a gang of 10/12 opened fire on them triggering a gunfight.

The DB police later rescued the banker from the spot and arrested the two suspected bullet-hit abductors. However, the rest managed to flee, said OC Nasir Uddin.

SNIPPETS

Trafficked girl back home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) handed over a Bangladeshi girl to BGB through Joynagar border in Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga yesterday. The 21-year-old victim, who hailed from Chandnaish upazila of Chittagong, was trafficked to India through Beanpole border on 9 March 2013. Subedar Mohsin Ali, commander of Darshana BGB camp, said Indian police rescued the girl when a human trafficker gang were trying to sale her at a brothel in New Delhi on March 24 the same year. Shikder Moshir Rahman, officer in-charge of Damurhuda Police Station, said the girl will be handed over to her family members, soon after completion of necessary paper works.

Idols, gold looted from temple

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

A theft was committed at a temple in Lalmohan upazila early yesterday. The thieves took away two idols of Sri Krishna and Manasa Devi and around 250 grams of gold made ornaments from the 45-year-old temple situated at the residence of local businessman Sridam Karmakar. Tarak Karmakar, son of Sridam Karmakar, said all the family members went to sleep around 12:00am. When they woke up in the morning they found the idols and ornaments looted.

11 rescued from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) rescued 11 people, including six women and a child, while they were being trafficked to India through Putkhali frontier yesterday. Safiuddin Ahmed, camp in-charge of 23 BGB at Benapole, said being tipped-off, a BGB team raided the area and rescued them from the border. The victims hail from different areas of Narail and Bagerhat districts. The BGB men later handed them over to Benapole Port Police Station.

Two children drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Two children drowned in a pond in Bhandaria upazila on Saturday. The deceased are Sumaya Akter, 7, daughter of Abdus Salam Munshi, and Hafiza Akter, 8, daughter of Abdul Khaleq Munshi of Gouripur village of the upazila. Locals said, after returning from madrasa, both the kids went to take a bath in a pond near their house and drowned. Locals found their bodied floating in the water around 3:00pm and took them to Bhandaria Upazila Health Complex, where the doctor declared them dead.

Drug peddling protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Villagers brought out procession and held protest rally, protesting rampant drug peddling at Bhajanpur village in Tetulia upazila of Panchagarh district on Friday. People from all walks of life joined the programmes. The speakers said the number of drug addicts was increasing day by day and drug addiction became a major menace in the society. Everyone should be united to build awareness against drug abuse at the grassroots level, they said. The speakers expressed deep concern over the high number of using drug among the school and college going students.

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CORRIGENDUM

This is for general information of all concerned that the Eol invited vide this office memo No. MFSP-04/2014/39 dated 04/08/2014 relating to appointment of the Design and Supervision (D & S) Consultants for the Modern Food Storage Facilities Project (MFSP) has been amended as follows:

Description	Eol submission deadline	
	Previously published	Amended as
Eol submission last date & time	up to 03/09/2014 at 5.00pm	up to 18/09/2014 at 5.00pm
Number of copies to be submitted	-	3 (three) copies

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bona-fide manufacturers/local agents/importers/ suppliers for supplying of the following items:

Serial	Nomenclature & Qty	Last Date of Selling Tender Form	Date of Dropping & Opening Tender	Currency	Price of Tender Form	Tender No. & Date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	Collimator Sights for Rifle BD-08 (300 Nos)	24 September 2014 1300 hrs	25 September 2014 Dropping 1200 hrs Opening 1205 hrs	Local	Tk. 5000/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.48.6813.14.15 dt. 25 -08-2014

2. Supplier enlisted at BOF, DGDP and any other defence organization, who have security clearance will only be eligible to participate in the above tenders.

3. Tender forms with detail specifications and terms & conditions will be available in the auditorium of BOF on all working days between 9 AM to 1 PM.

4. Commandant BOF reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without any reason thereof.


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