Woman 'raped by wedding conductor' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newly married woman was allegedly raped by a wedding conductor inside a marriage registration office in Wireless Gate area of the capital's Moghbazar yesterday when she went there to collect the marriage registration certificate.

Police arrested the alleged rapist Nurul Huda, 55, after the 20-year-old woman had filed a case with Ramna Police Station.

He had sex with her following negotiation, Sub-inspector Syed Ibne Siddique quoted Nurul as saying.

Missing man's body recovered in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a missing man was recovered from a flat in Pirerbagh of the capita's Mirpur yesterday, said police.

On November 24, Hafizur Rahman, 45, a land broker, went out of his Darussalam residence for going to Chittagong and since then he had been missing, the family said.

Someone informed the family of his confinement to a flat in the area over cellphone of which number is unknown to them, they said.

Rotary Day observed in Ctg with its president in town

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

To mark the Rotary Day, Rotary International (RI) District-3282 Bangladesh organised a programme at GEC Convention Centre in Chittagong city yesterday.

President of RI Gary CK Huang, as the chief guest, was present with his wife Corinna Yao at the event. He will attend meetings and seminars in Bangladesh

and meet President Abdul Hamid, said a press release.

Zia Haider to deliver talk at DU today

CITY DESK

Zia Haider Rahman, author of the novel In The Light of What We Know, will deliver a talk titled "Notes of a Native Son" at Dhaka University today, says a press release.

The British novelist of Bangladeshi origin will also discuss his book with Fakrul Alam at the event organised by English department at Muzzafar Ahmend Chowdhury Auditorium at 10:00am.

The session will be presided over by departmental chair Tahmina Ahmed.

Man held with smuggled gold in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Customs intelligence officials detained a person with 14 bars and 77 gold chains at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong yesterday.

The gold bars, weighing 1.6kg are worth Tk 70 lakh while the chains, weighing 2.4kg, are worth Tk 7 lakh, said the officials.

The detainee Mohammad Rashid, 38, of Rangunia upazila was a passenger of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

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Discussion

Manusher Jonno Foundation will organise a discussion on "Study findings of rural land market in Bangladesh: a situation analysis." Venue: The Daily Star Centre, Time: 10:00am

Cultural Programme

Bangla Academy Will organise a cultural programme to celebrate its 59th founding anniversary. Venue: Bangla Academy, Time:



The fleet of boats just got unloaded of stones they had been carrying in Piyain River at Jaflong of Sylhet on September 15, 2012. The photographer was a finalist in 'Rivers of Bangladesh' category of The Daily Star's photo contest for amateurs, 'inPixel'.

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Sirajul killed sixty

Most of them were Hindus, says 1st prosecution witness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A freedom fighter yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that war crimes accused Sheikh Sirajul Haque stabbed to death one Gobina Das of Ranjitpur in Bagerhat during the Liberation War.

"He also stabbed and injured one Soilen Das," said Dilip Das, the first prosecution witness in the war crimes case. In his testimony, the witness said on

May 13, 1971 Sirajul along with other Razakars attacked Ranjitpur, a Hindumajority village, situated some 18 kilometres away from Bagerhat town, and killed around 60 people, mostly Hindus.

Dilip said after the incident, the war crimes accused became known as "Siraj Kosai [butcher]".

The freedom fighter said he along with others took shelter in a nearby bush and returned to the village after the Razakars left. "We buried the bodies," he said.

Dilip said supporters and activists of Muslim League formed Razakar, auxiliary force to Pakistani occupation army, after the proclamation of independence

on March 26, 1971. Sirajul became deputy commander of the Razakar force.

The proceedings of the case were adjourned until December 4. ICT-2

Meanwhile, ICT-2 yesterday took into cognisance the eight war crimes charges brought against Forkan Mallik of Patuakhali for his alleged involvement in war crimes.

On November 17, the prosecution pressed the charges, including mass killing, murder, rape, arson and forced religious conversion, allegedly committed by Forkan during the Liberation War.

In presence of 63-year-old Forkan of Chailabunia village in Mirzaganj upazila of Patuakhali, the threemember tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan fixed December 9 for hearing the charges.

Earlier on June 25, the Detective Branch of police arrested Forkan at Rupatali Bus Stand in Barisal. He was later shown arrested in the war crimes case. An investigation agency of the tribunals completed investigation into the allegations against him on October 27.

Sayedee again at BSMMU STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Convicted war criminal

Delawar Hossain Sayedee was again taken to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University for medical check-up yesterday after he had complained of lower back and knee pain. He was sent there from

Dhaka Central Jail, Sayedee's family, BSMMU and the prison authorities said. The 74-year-old Jamaat

leader was later sent back to the jail after his x-ray at the hospital, Senior Jail Super Farman Ali told The Daily Star. Sayedee's son Masood

Sayedee said the x-ray reports were yet to be delivered.

On Monday, Sayedee was shifted to the Dhaka jail from Gazipur's Kashimpur jail following a medical check-up at the BSMMU as he complained of chest pain.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

gets check-up They get no safety for road crossing

Say speakers at sit-in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People with disabilities, who make up 10 percent of the country's population, children, women and the elderly do not have facilities for crossing roads safely, said speakers at a sit-in yesterday. Footbridges and underpasses are not suitable for these

groups of people, they said and demanded more zebra crossings in the city. A total of 18 organisations, including Protibondhi

Nagorik Sanghathan Parishad, Poribesh Bachao Andolan SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

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Counsel drivers Admission FROM PAGE 4 "The project will emphasise engineering faults at the black spots," he told The Daily Star. According to the ARI, there are Spring 2015

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road accidents between January 2010 and June 2014 in the

country, meaning at least five died every day. According to police

records, on average 3,000 people die each year in road accidents

in Bangladesh. The World Bank and the World Health

Organization, however, put the figure at 12,000 and 18,000

209 black spots in all across the country.

respectively, says a 2011 report of the ARI.

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"The government says it has recruited 40,000 people to the police force. Then where are all these police personnel gone?" he said, alleging that the cops were busy carrying out the government's agenda and that they had no time to ensure public safety.

Earlier in the day, Fakhrul told reporters after a BNP joint meeting at the Nayapaltan central office that Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal had no committee other than the one approved by party chief Khaleda Zia. The response came when journalists asked him about the

dissident JCD leaders, who would stage a sit-in in front of the Nayapaltan office today, demanding cancellation of the new central committee. At the joint meeting, BNP finalised a series of programmes to

mark Martyred Intellectuals Day on December 14, Victory Day on December 16, and the day for "fall of autocracy" on December 6. MURDER CASES AGAINST FAKHRUL A Dhaka court yesterday asked detectives to submit probe reports

before it by January 13 next year in two murder cases against Fakhrul and 25 other leaders and activists of the BNP-led alliance. Meanwhile, the court granted permanent bail to Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Aman Ullah Aman and MA Salam following

three separate bail petitions in the cases. Advocate Sanaullah Miah represented Fakhrul in his absence while time petitions were submitted for BNP leaders--Mahbubuddin Khokon, Mirza Abbas and Sadeque Hossain Khoka--as they could not appear before the court. The oth-

ers, now on bail, were present in the court.

Of the cases, one was filed for killing a policeman in an arson attack at Bangla Motor in the capital on December 24 last year during the alliance's anti-government demonstration.

The other was filed by police on December 1 last year, a day after an unknown passer-by was killed during the same demonstration at Malibagh Chowdhurypara in the capital.

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