



A local influential person has constructed a house on the land of a Hindu widow at Khorarpur Shahitiri village in Lalmonirhat district to perpetuate his illegal occupation of the 16-decimal land.

# Widow's land under illegal occupation for 20 years

**S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat**  
A poor Hindu widow has remained deprived of enjoying her 16 decimals of ancestral land worth Tk 10 lakh for 20 years as a local influential person continued forcibly occupying the land at Khorarpur Shahitiri village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Locals said Kandiri Bala, 62, widow of late Sudhir Chandra Roy, became owner of the land as the lone heir of her mother late Makho Dassa Bala. "The ancestral land measuring 16 decimals was recorded with my name in the land survey in 1990. I am paying the land revenue against it, but Mazidul Haque Baksi, a local influential contractor, illegally occupied the land about 20 years ago," said Kandiri Bala. "Whenever I ask him to free the land, he tells me to go to the court. I don't have the money and power to go

for legal battle to get back my land. I live in a hut on another land in the village," she said. Local village leader Babul Hossain said he tried to settle the matter several times but Mazidul Haque Baksi, who failed to show any legal document for enjoying the Hindu widow's land, did not cooperate. Nadda Baksi, younger brother of Mazidul, said, "I personally requested my brother to leave the land of

poor widow Kandiri Bala but he would not listen." Saiful Islam, an official of Lalmonirhat municipality land office, said, "Kandiri Bala is the legal owner of the land under daag No 191 and we collect the land revenue from her. The land office is unaware about the present situation of the land." Contacted, Mazidul Haque Baksi declined to talk regarding the matter, saying that he was busy with his personal work.

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## Murder case accused held with pistol

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur**  
An accused in the case for killing cable TV operator Farhad Hossain was arrested from Jamtola Keranipara area in the city on Friday. Police also recovered a firearm and ammunition from his possession. The arrestee, Rabiul Islam alias Khatibar Rahman, 22, is an accused in several other cases filed with Rangpur Kotwali Police Station, said Md Abdul Qader Jilani, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of the law enforcers conducted a drive at Rabiul's house in the area and arrested him around 6:00pm. According to his confession, police recovered a 9mm pistol, one magazine and a bullet from his bedroom. Farhad Hossain, a cable TV operator in Munshipara area in the city, was murdered by a gang on July 8 in 2014, the OC added.

## 10 robbers arrested, looted truck recovered

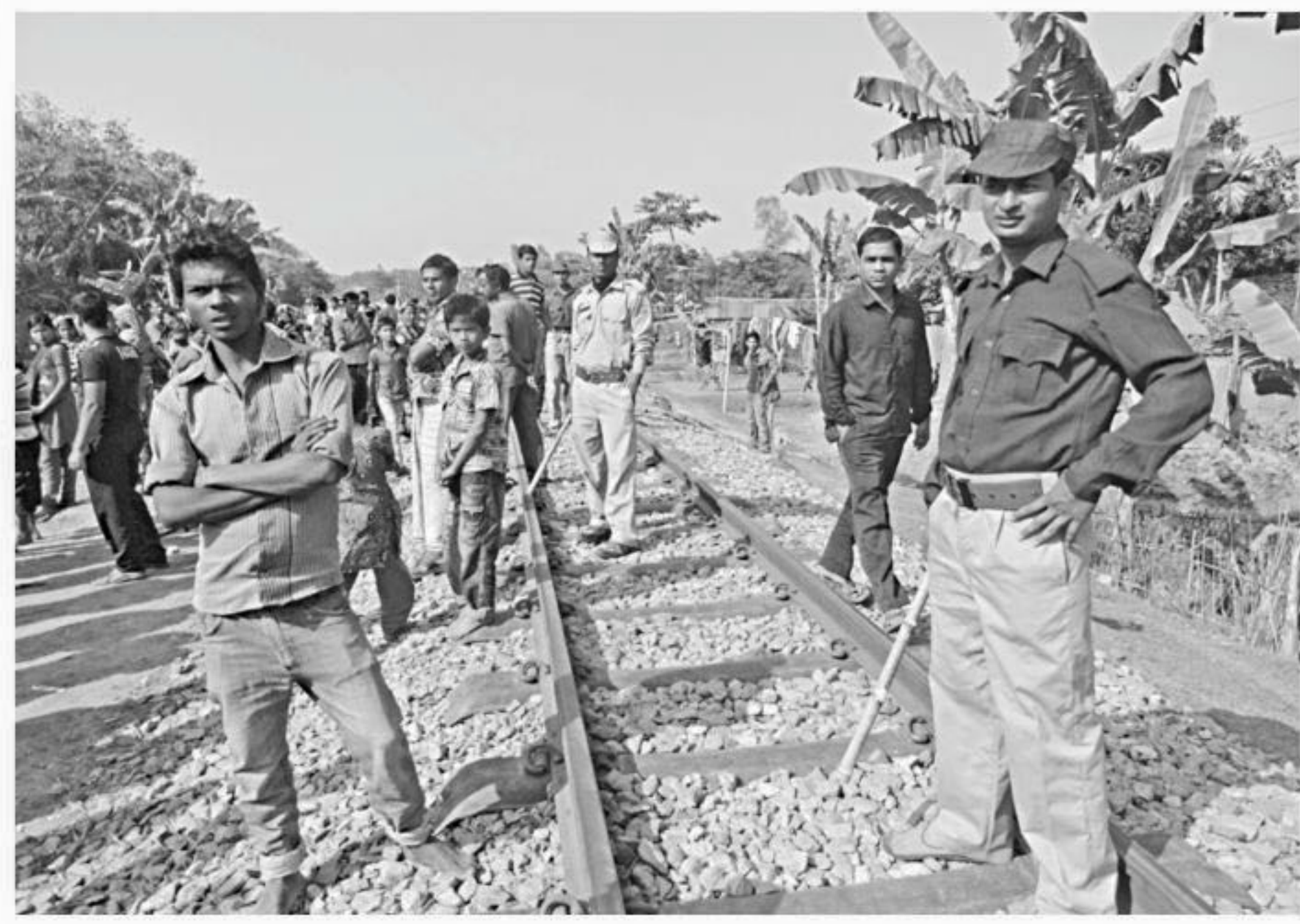
**UNB, Savar**  
Law enforcers in separate drives arrested 10 members of an inter-district robber gang from different areas of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Chittagong, Manikganj and Gazipur districts yesterday and the day before. Police also recovered a looted truck and a number of locally made weapons from them. The arrestees are Sultan, Monir Hossain, Ayub Ali, Sheikh Oli, Dilu, Bachchu, Nazrul, Jahid, Mosharraf, and Didar. Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided Ashulia area on Friday and arrested a member of the gang along with a looted truck and lethal weapons, said Shahidul Islam, sub-inspector (SI) of Ashulia Police Station. Following his confessional statement, Ashulia police raided separate areas in Gazipur, Manikganj, Narayanganj and Chittagong districts and detained nine other members of the gang, said Mostafa Kamal, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

# Three killed in Meghna boat capsized

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi**  
Three people were killed as a boat capsized in the Meghna River near Bipin Saha Ghat in Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon. The deceased were identified as Morsheda Begum, 40, her daughter Suborna Akhter of Char Digholdi; and Sufia Begum, 50, of Batuadi village in the upazila.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Abul Kashem of Narsingdi Sadar Model Police Station quoted locals as saying that the boat with around 40 passengers on board sank in the river at around 1:45pm while it was going to Char Digholdi from Bipin Saha Ghat. Three people drowned and ten others received injuries in the mishap.

Locals rescued the injured and took them to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital while the rest managed to swim ashore. Being informed, law enforcers rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies of the two women and the minor girl with the help of local people. The bodies were later sent to morgue for autopsy.



Ansar members guard the rail line on Lalmonirhat-Burimari route in Lalmonirhat district yesterday to protect the track from sabotage as countrywide blockade enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance continues.

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# Teenage girl gang-raped in Moulvibazar

**Rape of schoolgirl sparks protest in Khagrachhari**

**STAR COUNTRY DESK**  
An 18-year-old girl was gang-raped in Horitola village in Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj district on Friday night, reports our Moulvibazar correspondent. The victim, daughter of a day labourer of the village, is undergoing treatment at Habiganj Sadar Hospital. Police quoted victim's family members as saying that a gang of four, led by Saddam Rahman, 28, and Yakub Ali, 32, of the village, violated the girl when her family members went to a relative's house at a neighbouring village, keeping her along at home around 7:00pm. After returning home around 10:00pm, family members found her in an uncon-

scious state and took her to the hospital, police said. Victim's mother filed a case with Madhabpur Police Station, accusing Saddam, Yakub and two others yesterday morning, said Abdul Based, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station. Police were raiding different areas to arrest the culprits, the OC added. Away in Khagrachhari, students of Khagrachhari Technical School and College held a rally at Changni Square of the town yesterday, demanding punishment of the accused who allegedly raped a minor schoolgirl in Kawkhali upazila of Rangamati on January 14. Condemning the incident, the speakers at the rally said due to lack of

proper action against the offenders, such torture on minority people by settlers in CHT continued unabated, reports our correspondent. Alton Chakma, organising secretary of Pahari Chhatra Parishad of Govt College unit, and Sohel Chakma, Raju Chakma and Debaj Chakma, students of the college, among others spoke at the rally. Earlier, on January 14, a Class II student of a local primary school was allegedly raped by one Ayub Ali, a Bengali settler, in Bashkhali area under Kowkhali upazila of Rangamati while she was returning home from school at noon. Police, however, arrested Ayub Ali the same day.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



Visitors at the Pushpa Mela (flower fair) organised by Mymensingh District Nursery association on the premises of Mymensingh Town Hall.

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## Robbers loot house

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni**  
Robbers looted gold, cash and other valuables in Nandirgoan village under Dagonbhuiyan upazila of the district early yesterday. Police and locals said a gang of 15 to 20 robbers swooped on the house of one Makkul Ahmed alias Madhu Master at Samad Ali Haji Bari at around 2:00am, breaking the collapsible gate. They confined members of the house to a room at gunpoint and looted money, gold ornaments, a motorbike and other valuables. Morshedul Alam, son of the house owner, claimed the gang took away 19 tolas of gold, a laptop and a motorbike.

## Three car lifters held

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh**  
Detectives in separate drives arrested three alleged car lifters in different areas yesterday. A stolen private car was also recovered from their possession. A team of DB police, led by Sub-Inspector Moniruzzaman, raided Gopalpur area in Tangail district and arrested Golam Robbani alias Mishu, 22, early in the morning. Following confessional statement of Mishu, the team also arrested Asif Mahmud Shaon, 22, from Sadar upazila in Sherpur district and gang leader Sohel Islam Talukder, 23, from Shawrapara in Mirpur of Dhaka, said Mazedur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Mymensingh DB police. They later seized a stolen private car from Dhaka, he said. The seized car was lifted from Trishal upazila last month, said the OC.

## Yaba seized

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar**  
Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized one lakh Yaba tablets from Naf River near Shahparir Dwip in Teknaf upazila early yesterday. None was arrested in this connection. BGB-42 Battalion in Teknaf Commander Lt Col Abu Jar Al Jahid said the border guards, acting on a tip-off, conducted a drive near Golarchar area in the river around 2:00am. Sensing the presence of the BGB members, the smugglers, however, managed to flee the scene. At one stage, the BGB team recovered the yaba tablets from a fishing boat, he added.

## 3 Shibir men arrested

**UNB, Khulna**  
Police arrested three leaders and activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir in Koyra upazila on Friday night. The arrestees are Ayub Ali, president of the district (South) unit of Shibir and activists Ahsanul Kabir, 20, and Gazi Moral, 22. Harendranath Sarkar, officer-in-charge of Koyra Police Station, said.

# DIMLA HEALTH COMPLEX Patient, two others held on charge of assaulting doctor

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari**  
Doctors and staffs of Dimla Upazila Health Complex detained a patient and two others on charge of assaulting an on duty doctor yesterday. The detainees are patient Saikat Islam, 18, his father Abul Kalam Azad, 50, and elder brother Shakil Islam, 20, of Babur Haat area in the upazila town. Dr ZA Siddiki, upazila health and family planning officer, said Saikat's father and brother brought him to the emergency ward of the hospital with serious respiratory problem at 12:15pm. On duty doctor Irfanur-Rashid suggested them to take admission to the hospital as Saikat's condition deteriorated and asked his father to go to the section concerned for depositing fee and take the receipt, said Siddiki.

Bringing charge of taking additional money, Saikat's father Kalam returned to the emergency ward without depositing the fee and insisted on admitting the patient, said hospital sources. "As he refused to do this, the patient's father, brother and 10 other of their relatives swooped on him," said the on duty doctor. At this, other staffs of the hospital rushed to the spot, rescued him and detained the three. They were later handed over to police, he said. Contacted, Kalam said while depositing money in the section concerned, he was asked to pay additional money instead of government recommended fee of Tk 10. Police are investigating the matter, said Shawkat Ali, officer-in-charge of Dimla Police Station.

## Lightning kills farmer

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram**  
A farmer was killed and three others were injured by lightning at Bawai village under Roumari upazila yesterday. The deceased was identified as Reazul Haque, 35, of the village. Injured Anisur Rahman, 40, Omar Ali, 25, and Karima Khatun, 35, of the area, were admitted to the upazila health complex, Locals said.

# BCL infighting leaves five injured in Jhalakathi

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi**  
Two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Rajapur upazila unit clashed over formation of committee of the unit at the upazila headquarters on Friday evening, leaving at least five people from both sides injured. Seriously injured BCL activist Rubel Hossain, 24, was admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barisal while the rest given first aid at the upazila health complex. The clash ensued when a faction led by

Rubel Hossain, president of the new committee, took out a colourful procession in the upazila town at around 7:00pm. He alleged that former members of the upazila unit attacked the procession when it reached near School Market area. A case was filed with the police station concerned against eight named and 15 unnamed people on the night. Police yesterday arrested BCL activist Md Masuduzzaman, one of the identified accused.



Locals form a human chain, blocking Dhaka-Mawa highway at Mawa Chourasta point yesterday demanding proper interrogation and punishment of Shahabuddin Khan Babu, the main accused in the case for murder of Louhajang upazila Awami League leader Mobarak Hossain Khan and Jubo League leader Rafiqul Islam.

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# Two cattle traders hurt in BSF firing

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore**  
Two Bangladeshi Cattle Traders sustained bullet injuries as Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire on them at Putkhali frontier yesterday. The victims are Alam Hossain, 24, son of Mizanur Rahman of Kagajpukur village, and Faruk Hossain, 32, son of Ali Ahmed of Putkhali village under Benapole police station. Lt Col Abdur Rahim, commanding officer of BGB 23 Battalion, said the Indian border guards of Anrail camp opened fire while a group of cattle traders were returning home from India with cattle through Putkhali border at around 5:30am, leaving

Faruk and Alam injured. The other cattle traders brought them into Bangladesh territory and sent them to a local clinic. Our Thakurgaon correspondent reported that BSF returned the body of a Bangladeshi youth following a flag meeting held between the border guards of the two countries on Chanderhat border in Pirganj upazila on Wednesday night. The deceased was identified as Abdur Rahman, 30, of Ramnachanda village in the upazila. He was arrested while crossing the border on Monday night. He died at Raiganj district Hospital under Pashchimbaniga on Tuesday. Pirganj UNO said several scratch marks were found on the body.