# Success story of a torture victim woman

Maimed for dowry by husband, Shukria now runs a tailoring shop

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Once a victim of brutalities for dowry, Shukria Begum has now become an emblem of success through determination and hard work, winning Joyeeta (Bangla word for winning woman) award from the government's Woman and Children Affairs Department in the district this year.

Shukria, daughter of Shahjahan Sikder and Kohinoor Begum of Moukaran village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, was married with Shaheen Talukder of nearby Pangashia village in Dumki upazila in 2009.

But Shaheen often tortured Shukria over dowry. On September 25 in 2011, Shaheen severed her right leg with a sharp weapon.

Family members took Shukria to Dhaka where she underwent treatment for six months.

After recovery, she came back to her parents' house but soon she with her mother and school-going brother Shamim Sikder started struggling to be selfreliant as her father left the family and two other brothers went to Dhaka for work.

Villagers collected Tk 40,000 and gave it to Shukria to buy an artificial leg for easy movement.

Later with a sewing machine and cloths worth Tk 16,000 received from

12 shops,

5 houses

district on Friday.

8:00pm.

efforts.

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Twelve shops and five

houses were gutted in fire

incidents in Badarganj and

Taraganj upazilas of the

destroyed 12 shops in

Boardhaat area around

Golam Mostafa, station

officer of Badarganj Fire

Service Station, said the fire

originated from an electric

short circuit at a laundry

shop owned by one

Shahidul Islam and soon

engulfed 11 other adjacent

On information, three

fire fighting units from

Badarganj, Parbatipur in

Dinajpur and Saidpur in

Nilphamari rushed to the

spot and doused the flames

after two hours of frantic

gutted five houses at

Hajipur village in the

Fire service sources said

the fire originated from a

mosquito coil at the house

of one Abdul Jalil of the

village around 12:30am and

soon engulfed four other

adjacent houses.

on Friday afternoon.

upazila early yesterday.

Away in Taraganj, fire

In Badarganj, fire

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Shukria Begum working at her tailoring shop at Moukaran Bazar in Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

NGO Brac, Shukria and her mother Kohinoor Begum, who had experience in sewing, started a tailoring shop at Moukaran Bazar in Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

"Now we have five sewing machines and cloths worth over Tk 1 lakh in the shop. We also employed two female workers here," said Shukria when this correspondent visited her shop on Friday.

"Now I am very happy to be self-reliant. I have plan to extend my shop by setting up an auto-power sewing machine but it is very costly. I want to do something for helpless women who are facing repression in family and society," said Shukria, who had to stop study after Class VIII due to poverty.

Her mother Kohinoor Begum said, "We have to still struggle to run the family as income of the shop situated at the village marker is small. Besides, every two years Shukria needs a new artificial leg that costs Tk 20,000."

tion to her poor family.

Affairs Department honaward this year. She got a competition for Joyeeta, to be held in Dhaka soon," officer in Patuakhali.

Mahmuda Begum, a worker of the shop, said she earns Tk 150 to 250 daily and it serves as a contribu-

"Woman and Children oured Shukria with Joyeeta crest, a certificate and Tk 10,000 as prize. We sent her name for the national level said Shahida Begum, district women and children affairs

# Woman witness shot dead by accused

shot dead a female witness in a case filed against him in Sonagazi upazila of the district yesterday morning.

Hazera Khatun, 28.

Hazera was the prime witness in the case filed by her mother against Jubo League leader Jasim Uddin alias Chhoto Jasim, 32, under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, said Md Nabir Hossain, office-in-charge (OC) of

Jasim is joint convener of Bogadana union unit of Jubo League, Jamal Uddin alias Chhoto Jamal, another joint convener of the unit, told this correspondent.

Several villagers, requesting anonymity, told this correspondent that

Aurarkhil village in the union on Friday night and asked her to withdraw the case.

At around 9:30am yesterday, Jasim along with some of his accomplices warned Hazera of dire consequences if she gave deposition against him in the case. At one stage of altercation, he shot Hazera point blank, leaving her dead on the spot,

Police recovered the body and sent it to Feni Sadar Hospital morgue for

Hazera's mother Bibi Ayesha filed a murder case with Sonagazi Police Station, accusing Jasim and six others. The accused went into hiding soon after the

Additional Police Superintendent of Feni Md Saiful Haque visited the spot

## Ayesha from her house at gunpoint at OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A local Jubo League leader allegedly

The deceased was identified as Bibi

Sonagazi Police Station.

Jasim picked up Hazera's mother Bibi

said the OC.

incident, the OC said.

and ordered arrest of the accused.

### BSF picks up two from Sunamganj border

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday picked up two Bangladeshi nationals from Tekerghat border area in Tahirpur upazila of Sunamganj district.

The detainees were identified as Hasan Ali, 32, son of Ramjan Ali of Rajaniline village, and Sobuj Mia, 36, of Lauergharvillage in the upazila.

BGB sources said BSF troops picked up

the two from near zero line when they along with some others were entering the Indian territory to bring coal around 1:00pm.

Lt Col Khondokar Gulam Mohiuddin, commanding officer of BGB 8 Battalion, said they had contacted their Indian counterparts after the incident and inquired about it.

BGB yesterday sent a letter to BSF, asking them to return the Bangladeshis, the CO added.



Locals throng to see a kite festival organised by Dinajpur Ghuri Utsab Committee at Boromath in Dinajpur town

#### Alleged assault on cop, one arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Police arrested a Swechchhasebok League man on charge of assaulting a cop at Dumki Police Station in the district yester-

The arrestee is Abul Bashar, general secretary of Swechchhasebok League Mirzaganj upazila unit in the district.

Officer-in-Charge Habibur Rahman of Dumki Police Station said Bashar recently purchased a piece of land in Jalisha area under Dumki upazila and started building a house on it.

As a local man filed a ship of the land, police asked Bashar to show documents relating to the purchase of the land.

At around 11:00am yesterday, Bashar came to the police station and asked police why they had called him there.

At one stage, Bashar became angry and physically assaulted duty officer Abdul Awal, an assistant sub-inspector of the police station.

The OC said they arrested Bashar on charge of assaulting the policeman. Lawful steps would be taken against him after investigation, the OC added.

Contacted, Abul Bashar declined to make any comment on the issue.

#### Swechchhasebok Dal leader stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A Swechchhasebok Da leader was stabbed to death by unknown criminals in Balaishpur area under Sadar upazila of Laxmipur district yesterday. The deceased, Sohel Rana,

25, was organising secretary of ward No 6 unit of Swechchhasebok Dal under Parbatinagar union of the upazila. Police and locals said

Sohel, an accused in local Chhatra Dal leader Babar murder case, was release on bail two months ago. Shamsul Alam, elder

brother of Sohel, told this correspondent that Sohel went out of his house at around 8:00pm on Friday and did not return at night.

Police said locals spotted the body of Sohel beside the road at Balaishpur village in the morningandinformed the police.

Police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. The body bore stab injury marks, they added.



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad forms a human chain on DB Road in Gaibandha town yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminal who raped an 11-year-old schoolgirl in Gidari union of Sadar upazila on February 28.

RAPE OF SCHOOLGIRL IN GAIBANDHA

## complaint with the police station, claiming the owner- Human chain demands arrest of culprit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A human chain was formed beside DB road in the district town yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the alleged rapist of an 11-year-old schoolgirl.

Cross section of people, including female students of different educational institutions, joined the programme organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Gaibandha unit.

The accused, auto-rickshaw driver Ershad Ali, 28, of Prodhaner Bazar village in Sadar upazila, is neighbour of the victim.

The participants said on February 28, Ershad entered the house of the girl when she was alone at the home and violated her.

Hearing screams, locals rushed to the spot, rescued the girl and sent her to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. However, the accused managed to flee.

They questioned the role of police as Ershad is yet to be arrested in spite of filing a case in this regard.

Amatun-noor Chara, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Gaibandha unit, its Secretary Riktu Proshad and freedom fighter Mahmudul Haque Shahajada, among others, spoke.

## 6 charge-sheeted for burning mother, 3 kids to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Police have pressed charge sheet against six people in a case filed for burning a woman and her three daughters alive in Mirzapur upazila of the district five months ago.

They also recommended acquitting 19 other arrestees in the case as specific proofs were not found against them, said Shyamol Kumar Dutta, sub-inspector of Mirzapur Police Station. The charge-sheeted

accused are prime suspect Mohammad Jahangir Alam, 28, and his accomplices Nur Mohammad Lipu, 24, Abul Bashar, 35, Mohammad Wasim, 28, Mohammad Abdul Mannan, 52, and Mir Asadul Islam, 32.

The victims were Hasna Begum, 30, wife of Malaysia expatriate Mozibor Rahman of Dakkhin Sohagpara village, and their three daughters Monira Akhter, 15, Moli Akter, 8, and Meem Akter, 12, said the SI, investigation officer of the case.

In 2013, Monira denied the marriage proposal of prime accused Jahangir that started an altercation between the two families, said police.

Jahangir along with his five accomplices bought two cans of petrol from a nearby day, said the IO.

one-storey house of Monira and set it on fire at around 2:00am. The four were burnt to death inside the house. Hasna's elder brother

filling station, poured on

On October 7 last year, Mofazzel Hossain filed a case with the police station in this connection the same



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Arson attack victims Hasna Begum and her daughters Monira, Meem and Moli.

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১। চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদেরকে ২৩ মার্চ ২০১৫ইং সকাল ০৯০০ থেকে ১২ঃ৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে একাডেমির প্রশাসনিক ভবনে উপস্থিত হয়ে ভর্তি হতে হবে। ভর্তির দিন এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি পরীক্ষার মূল সনদপত্র ও মার্কশীট এবং একাডেমি কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত প্রার্থীর ছবিটি আনতে হবে। ২। ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীর বর্তমান ঠিকানায় ডাকযোগে প্রেরণ করা হবে।

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৩। ২৩ মার্চ ২০১৫ইং তারিখ নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে যদি কোন প্রার্থী কোন কারণে ভর্তি হতে ব্যর্থ হয় তবে তার ভর্তির যোগ্যতা সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। ভর্তির পূর্বে কিংবা পরবর্তীতে কোনক্রমেই কোন প্রার্থীর বিভাগ পরিবর্তন করা হবে না। ৪। চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের তালিকা হতে ভর্তির পর যদি কোন বিভাগে আসন শূন্য থাকে তবে তা অপেক্ষমান প্রার্থীদের তালিকা হতে পূরণ করা

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