



Farmers irrigate their boro field with *doan*, a manually-run device, at Amira Bandh near Barisal-Jhalakathi road as agriculture in many areas of rural Bangladesh still depends on laborious traditional methods.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

SI sued for torturing underage wife

Rescued from locked house, the victim is now at govt shelter home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Abdul Wares, 40, a sub-inspector of Kawnia Police Station, has been sued under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, five days after the rescue of his tortured second wife Habiba Aktar Marufa, 14, from his locked house in front of the police station.

Mahmuda Begum, mother of Habiba, also a Class VIII student, lodged the case on Tuesday night, said Muhammad Selim

Reza, officer in charge of Kawnia Police Station.

Bangladesh Women Lawyers Association and rights activists continued initiative in this regard since Thursday while the victim appearing at an International Women's Day celebration programme at Ashwini Kumar Hall in the city appealed for security on Sunday, and the district administration's law and order review meeting discussed the matter on Tuesday noon, sources said.

Victim Habiba was handed over to the shelter

home for tortured female victims under women affairs directorate on Sunday afternoon, said advocate Munira Begum, divisional head of Bangladesh Women Lawyers Association.

"Accused Abdul Wares has been closed to the police lines and departmental investigation is going on. After lodging a case, the accused would be suspended and arrested to face trial," Shahnaj Begum, assistant commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP), also in charge of the victim support centre of

BMP, said earlier.

Physically tortured for dowry by her husband Wares, Habiba was treated at Barisal Sher E Bangla Medical College Hospital from June 12 to 16 last year, said the victim's mother Mahmuda Begum. She also showed documents of the treatment.

Right activists have demanded exemplary punishment of the police official accused of torturing woman, marrying a minor aged girl, and taking a second wife by concealing facts.

BCL leader stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A local leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was stabbed to death at Patrokhol Tea Garden in Kamalganj upazila on Tuesday night.

The deceased is Gopal Almik, 18, general secretary of ward No 7 unit of BCL under Madhabpur union and son of Apana Almik, a worker of the tea garden.

He was a student of Srimangal Government College, said police.

At around 8:00pm, Gopal engaged in an altercation with one Polia Mandraji, 34, of the area over SIM card.

At one stage, Polia stabbed the BCL leader indiscriminately, leaving him critically injured, said the victim's father.

He was later rushed to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital where on duty doctors declared him dead.

Polia went into hiding soon after the incident, said police.

Jamaat leader arrested at jail gate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Jamaat leader, released on bail from Pabna jail yesterday, was arrested again at the jail gate.

Md Abdul Latif, 45, Ameer of Pabna municipality unit of Jamaat, was shown arrested in a case for carrying out subversive activities in Ataikula upazila, police said.

Officer-in-Charge Md Ahsanul Haque of Pabna Sadar police station said, police arrested Latif from the jail gate at around 12:30pm in connection with the case.

On January 13, police arrested Latif from in front of Pabna Darul Aman Trust in a case for violence in the town, the OC added.

Save Chhoto Jamuna from grabbers, pollution

Demands human chain in Naogaon town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Local people formed a human chain and held a rally at Liton Bridge intersection in Naogaon district town yesterday, demanding immediate steps to save the Chhoto Jamuna River from pollution and grabbers.

Local organisations--

Nadi O Jalashay Raksha Committee and Alokito Naogaon--jointly organised the programmes.

Addressing the rally, the speakers said a large quantity of fishes recently died as untreated wastes from Joypurhat Sugar Mill polluted water of the 56 kilometers long river.

They also urged the gov-

ernment to take necessary steps to stop pollution and encroachment.

Nazmul Haque Sunny, mayor of Naogaon municipality, Abdullah Kafi, president of Nadi O Jalashay Raksha Committee, and SM Abu Zafar, president of Naogaon Zila Nagorik Parishad, among others, spoke.



PHOTO: STAR

Nadi O Jalashaya Rakkha Committee and Alokito Naogaon form a human chain at Liton Bridge intersection in Naogaon town yesterday demanding steps to stop discharge of untreated waste materials from Joypurhat Sugar Mills to save the Chhoto Jamuna River from pollution and depletion of biodiversity there.

Abducted schoolboy remains traceless for 9 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A schoolboy, who was abducted from Pura Bogra in the town on March 3, still remains traceless.

Police quoted victim's family members as saying that an unidentified gang kidnapped Tanjid Ahmed, a class V student of Power

Development Board Government Primary School, while he was going to the school to play football with his friends at the school playground.

Family sources said Tanjid, 11, returned home at noon after participating in the annual sports of the

school. He again went out of their house at around 4:30pm to play football at the school field.

Victim's father Abdul Majid, an employee of a grocery shop at Tinmatha area of the town, filed a abduction case with Bogra Sadar Police Station the same day.



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