

Assault on teacher sparks protest in Lalmonirhat

Teachers, students form human chain, block road demanding arrest of stalkers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Several hundred students and teachers formed a human chain and blocked Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway for an hour yesterday demanding arrest of the culprits who assaulted a school teacher in Hatibandha upazila under the district on Thursday.

On Thursday night, some identified stalkers attacked and beat Jahedul Haque Khandker, an assistant

teacher of Sindurna Lokman Hossain High School in Hatibandha upazila, leaving him badly injured, police said.

Atoar Rahman Tuhin, 20, Anwar Hosain, 22, Pipul Rahman, 24, and their cohorts had been stalking the girl students of the high school on their way to and from school for the last few days, teachers and students said.

On Thursday noon, Jahedul Haque strongly protested the evil act of the

identified stalkers, they said. The injured teacher was admitted to Hatibandha upazila health complex on the night.

A case was lodged accusing Atoar, Anwar, Pipul and 10 to 12 unnamed ones with Hatibandha Police Station on Friday morning.

"When I was walking at Hatkhola in the upazila on Thursday night the accused culprits and their gang members beat me with bamboo and wooden sticks," said Jahedul.

Speaking in yesterday's human chain, teachers and students of different schools said they will go for tougher programme if police fail to arrest the culprits by today.

Zakirul Islam, OC (Investigation) of Hatibandha Police Station, said, "The alleged culprits managed to flee away from their homes after the incident on Thursday night. Police are trying to arrest the stalkers who assaulted the school-teacher."



PHOTO: STAR

A large number of students and teachers form a human chain on Lalmonirhat-Burimari road in Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminals who seriously injured Jahedul Haque Khandker, a teacher of Sindurna Lokman Hossain High School in Hatibandha upazila, after he protested the harassment of schoolgirls by a few local delinquents on Thursday.

Abducted Saudi expatriate, son still traceless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Saudi Arabia expatriate Dulal Miah and his son have remained traceless since their abduction from Hatibeer village in Bhaluka upazila under the district early Thursday.

Miscreants abducted Dulal, 40, and his son Mosharraf Hossain, 20, a madrasa student, from their house at Hatibeer village early Thursday and a case was lodged with Bhaluka Police Station the next day, said family members and police.

Dulal's younger brother

Shahjahan Miah alleged that Dulal had a dispute with his brothers-in-law over money and they might have abducted Dulal as he filed a case against them on Wednesday.

Referring to family sources, police said Dulal and his wife Shefali Begum had been living in Saudi Arabia for 10 years.

The couple sent money to Shefali's brother Abdul Hamid of Kahalgaon village in adjacent Phulbaria upazila of Mymensingh to buy land for their son.

Following a feud with his wife, Dulal alone returned home about four months

ago and learnt that Hamid had used the total money for his (Hamid's) own interest.

On March 10, Dulal along with his nephew Monir Hossain went to his in-laws' house and asked Hamid what he had done with the money sent from Saudi Arabia but Hamid repeatedly denied to have received money from Dulal.

Then Hamid and his brothers Suruj Ali and Ashu Miah with the help of local people beat up Dulal and his nephew mercilessly, said Hamid's family members.

With serious injuries, they were admitted to Mymensingh Medical

College Hospital.

In connection with the incident, a case was lodged with Phulbaria Police Station accusing 10 people including Hamid and his brothers on March 13.

As Phulbaria police did not take any action against the main accused, Dulal filed a case with a Mymensingh court on Wednesday, said family sources.

Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Bhaluka Police Station, said, "A case has been filed on charge of abducting Dulal and his son. Police are investigating the incident."

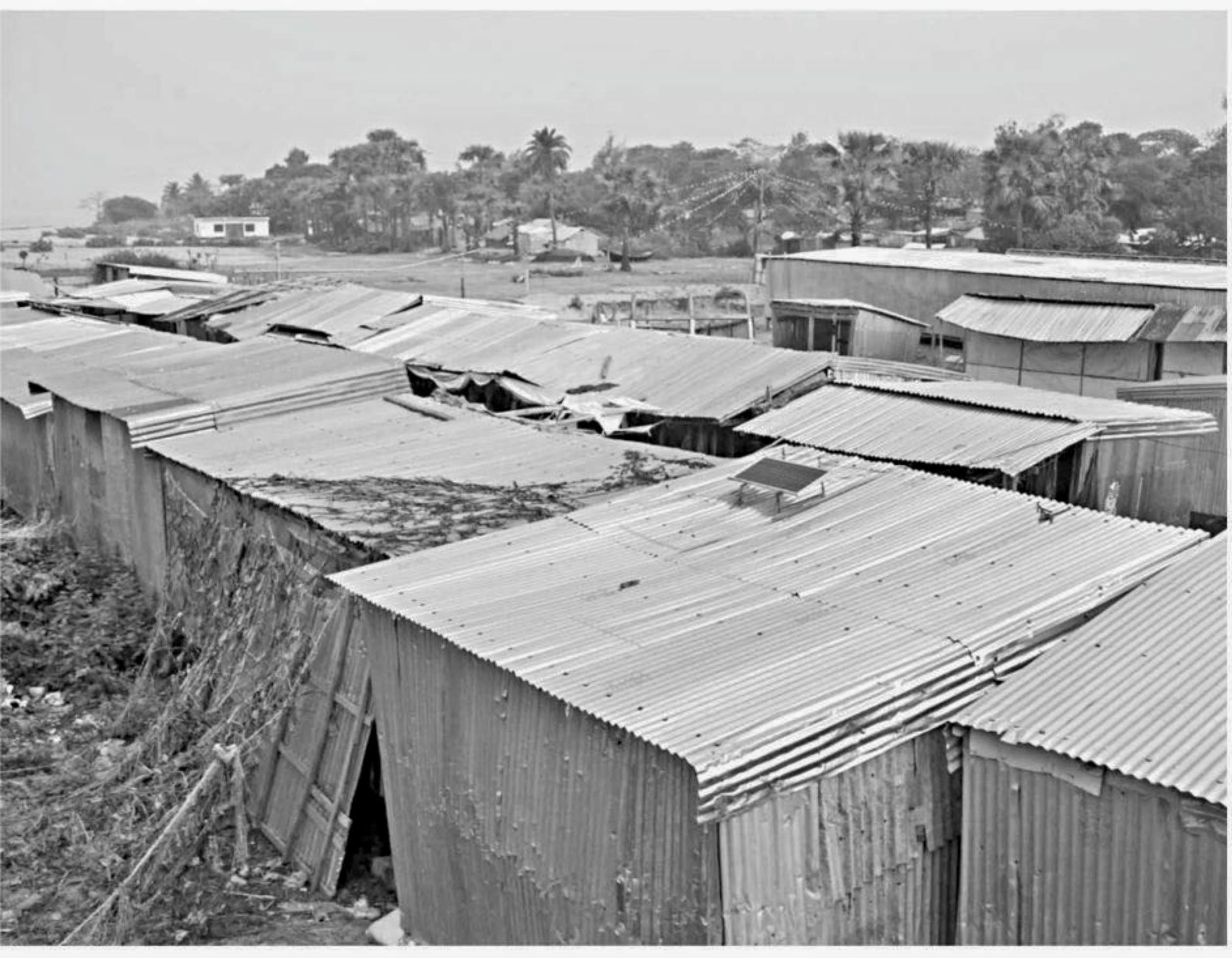


PHOTO: STAR

An illegally set-up makeshift market occupies the government land beside the embankment in Zero Point area of Kuakata sea beach in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district, affecting the beauty of the picturesque tourist spot.

Two shibir leaders held in Panchagarh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Police arrested two leaders of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) in Jalashi area under Panchagarh municipality on Saturday night.

The arrestees are Tofael Prodhon, 29, general secretary of ICS district unit, and Amirul Hasan, 24, office secretary of the unit.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team arrested the Shibir leaders when they reached Jalashi area in Panchagarh municipality, riding a motorbike at around 10:00pm.

Police said the two were wanted in cases for torching two buses and AL offices in Panchagarh Sadar upazila on March 2.

Police yesterday produced the Shibir leaders in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, seeking a five-day remand.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Abul Hasnat Md Abdul Wadud fixed April 22 for hearing the remand prayer and send them to jail.

Grocer shot in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A grocer was shot by an unidentified gang at bypass road in Jessore Airport area on Saturday night.

The victim was identified as Atoar Rahman, 32, son of retired police sergeant Firoj Haider of Nurpur village in Sadar upazila.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Shikder Akkas Ali of Jessore Sadar Police station said the gang opened fire on Atoar at around 10:30pm and left the scene.

Locals took him to Jessore Medical College Hospital. Atoar sustained bullet injuries in the neck, said Abul Kalam Azad, medical officer of the Hospital.

Law enforcers are trying to unearth clue to the incident and arrest the culprits involved, the OC said.

Two held with pistol, bullets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Detectives arrested two criminals with pistol, bullets and sharp weapons at Bhaiyerpukur Bazar in Shibganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The arrestees are Selim Mollah, 32, son of Jamal Uddin Mollah, and Harunur Rashid Mollah, 35, son of late Shamsul Alam Mollah. Both hail from Katgara village in the upazila.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of the Detective Branch (DB) of Police, led by Officer-in-Charge Amirul Islam, raided a rented house at the bazaar in the afternoon and arrested the two. The law enforcers seized a foreign-made pistol, a magazine, three bullets, two sharp knives, 12 Yaba tablets from their possession.

Police said Selim Mollah was wanted in four cases while Harunur Rashid Mollah in a case for murder.

One dies in Sunamganj boat capsized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A man died as a boat capsized in the Kalni River under Dirai upazila of Sunamganj district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdur Rahman, 60, of Ujandhal village in the upazila.

Police said the boat was carrying six passengers from Dhal area to Ujandhal in the upazila. It was caught in a storm at around 9:00am and sank into the river.

Five passengers managed to swim ashore while Rahman drowned.

On information, a rescue team rushed to the spot and recovered the body from the river.



PHOTO: STAR

Houses lie ravaged at Balipara village in Trishal upazila under Mymensingh district as a nor'wester battered the area Saturday night.

Clash over gambling leaves one dead, 25 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A man was killed and 25 others were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers over gambling at Raghobendrapur cluster village in Sadullapur upazila of the district yesterday.

The dead was identified as Abu Taleb, 45, of Tilakpur village in the upazila.

Of the injured, one was taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition while the rest were admitted to Sadullapur Upazila Health Complex.

Police quoted locals as

saying that some youths led by Edilpur Union Parishad (UP) member Noor Mohammed arranged gambling at a Baishakhi fair at Raghobendrapur cluster village.

Two groups of people belonging to Tilakpara and Raghobendrapur locked in an altercation over the issue at around 11:00am yesterday.

Later, the two groups equipped with lethal weapons swooped on each other, leaving Abu Taleb dead and 25 others from both sides injured.

Being informed, police went to the spot, dispersed

the clashing groups and brought the situation under control. UP member Noor Mohammed was also assaulted by local people during the clash, said Hasanur Rahman, chairman of the union.

Police recovered Taleb's body from the spot and sent it to Gaibandha Sadar for autopsy. None was arrested in connection with the incident as of 5:00pm yesterday.

Police have been deployed in the area to avert any further clash, said Officer-in-Charge Zia Latiful Islam of Sadullapur Police Station.

Mudslide kills two in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

Two people were killed as a big chunk of earth from the Padma River embankment fell on them in Bahalabari area of Shibganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Sirajul Islam, 45, son of Nurshed Ali, and Mohammad Dukhu, 35, son of Tofazzal Hossain of Babupur village in the upazila.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Moinal Islam of Shibganj Police Station said Sirajul and Dukhu went to the river dyke in Bahalabari area at around 12:30am to illegally collect geo textile bags, which are used to protect embankment from erosion.

When they were collecting geo textile bags, a big chunk of earth fell on the two, killing them on the spot, the OC added.

As Sirajul and Dukhu did not return to their houses in the morning, family members went to the area and found two spades there. They with the help of locals pulled out the bodies from under the soil.

Being informed by locals, police went to spot at around 9:00am, recovered the bodies and sent them to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad forms a human chain at Shaheed Firoj-Jahangir square in Mymensingh city yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the perpetrators of sexual assault on several women on Dhaka University campus during Pahela Baishakh celebrations on April 14.

BGB detains Indian youth, BSF arrests Bangladeshi

Both held on charge of intrusion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) detained an Indian youth at Balia village in Baliadangi upazila under Thakurgaon district while Indian Border Security Force (BSF) detained a Bangladeshi near Dabri border in Haripur upazila of the district -- both on charge of intrusion yesterday.

A patrol team of Lahiri BGB camp detained Abdul

Haque, 25, son of Mozammel Haque of Dakulua village in Uttar Dinajpur district of Paschim Banga, India, from a house of bordering Balia village around 11:00am, Commanding Officer of 30 BGB Battalion Lt Col Tusher Bin Yunus told this correspondent over cell phone.

He was handed over to Baliadangi Police Station, the BGB officer said.

BSF members of Phulbari camp detained Md Ahsan

Ali, 32, son of Sekandar Ali of Geruadangi village in Haripur upazila of Thakurgaon district, around 6:00am, BGB sources said.

Ahsan, caught from about 150 yards inside Indian territory, was later handed over to Goalpukur Police Station in Uttar Dinajpur district of Paschim Banga, India, on charge of intrusion, BSF officials said at a company commander-level flag meeting held with BGB.