

# Schoolgirl rescued two months after abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police rescued a schoolgirl of the district from Kaliakoir area in Gazipur district on Tuesday, over two months after her abduction.

They also arrested one Mahiful Islam, 23, of Jagatber village under Patgram upazila in Lalmonirhat in connection with the incident.

A resident of the area, the abductee, who was also raped, was sent to Sadar Hospital for medical test yesterday.

Police said the eighth grader was abducted on her way to school on February 8.

The abductors then took her to Kaliakoir area in Gazipur and confined her to a room of a house where she was violated by

Mahiful.

"Mahiful often tortured me if I refused to have sex with him," said the victim.

On February 10, the girl's father filed a case with Patgram Police Station, accusing Mahiful, his associate Abdur Rahim, 25, sister Tasli Begum, 29, and her husband Nabiul Islam, 35, in connection with the abduction.

The accused went into

hiding soon after filing of the case, said Yakub Ali, sub-inspector of the PS.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a house in Kaliakoir area on Monday night and rescued the girl.

They also arrested Mahiful from the spot, said the SI, investigation officer of the case.

Police are raiding different areas to arrest the other accused, said the IO.

## 'Criminal' killed in 'shootout' with cops

UNB, Brahmanbaria

An alleged criminal was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Ujjal, 30.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team conducted a drive at around 1:30am at a local brickfield where a gang, led by Ujjal, was taking preparation to commit a robbery, said Akul Chandra Biswas, officer in-charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station.

Sensing the presence of the police team, the gang opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate. Three police personnel also sustained injuries during the gunfight, the OC said.

Police said Ujjal sustained bullets while his cohorts managed to flee. They (police) took him to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

The law enforcers recovered a pistol, three bullets and 11 crude bombs from the spot.

Police said Ujjal was wanted in a number of cases, including one for murder.



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Aditmari upazila nirbahi officer sets fire to a stage for gambling and obscene dances at Char Kutirpar village in the Teesta basin area of the upazila in Lalmonirhat district.

## Gambling, obscene dances in name of jatra go on

Local administration sets ablaze a pandal in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Gambling and obscene dances in the name of jatra (open air drama) have been disturbing social life at four villages in Lalmonirhat district, and only gambling is going on in 15 villages every night.

Locals said police knew about the anti-social activities but were not taking any action for unknown reason.

Aditmari Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Jahurul Islam Jahir, taking help of village-cops (Gram Police) and the union parishad chairman and members, burned down a stage for gambling and obscene dances at the remote char Kutirpar village of Mahishkocha union of the upazila in the Teesta River basin on Monday morning.

Locals said Abdul Haque,

a leader of an identified gamblers' syndicate, had been arranging gambling and obscene dances in the name of jatra in the remote char area for months. The UNO took action against this offence on a complaint lodged by the villagers.

Local people at Ananda Bazar village in Lalmonirhat sadar upazila alleged that some identified gamblers have been arranging illegal gambling and obscene dances at Ananda Bazar every night for the last few weeks. The same has been going on at Namuri village, the border point of Aditmari and Kaliganj upazila, for the last few months.

Teesta River char Dawabari of Hatibandha upazila, and Panbari bordering village of Patgram upazila have been suffering from the same problem for the last few days.

When contacted, the officers-in-charge of five police stations in the district said they did not know that obscene dances and gambling were being held every night. Police will conduct drive against such activities if they get information, they said.

Aditmari UNO Jahurul Islam said he always takes strict action against social crimes, including gambling, obscene dances and child marriage in the upazila. He is ready round the clock, and just needs to know where to conduct the drive, he said.

The Superintendent of Police (SP) in Lalmonirhat, TM Mozahidul Islam, said he has zero-tolerance for social crimes, especially those involving drugs, gambling and obscene dances.

Action will be taken against the policemen who do not take steps to prevent such activities.



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Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Road at Kanchijuly in Mymensingh city remains a nuisance for pedestrians and commuters as repair work of the important road is going on at a snail's pace.

## Fake DB men arrested in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Law enforcers arrested two fake officers of the Detective Branch (DB) of Police from Krishnapur area in the town yesterday.

The arrestees, Mobarak Hossain, 26, of Melandah upazila in Jamalpur, and Russel Mia, 25, of Phulbaria upazila in Mymensingh, are former members of Ansar and VDP in Mymensingh.

Imarat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Mymensingh DB police, said Mobarak and Russel, posing themselves as DB personnel, intercepted Md Alam, 38, of Diarpur village in Trishal upazila, near Senbari Bazar in the upazila around 12:30pm.

They later phoned Alam's family members and demanded Tk 2 lakh from them for his release. Otherwise, the fake DB men threatened to implicate him in false cases.

Family members informed the DB police of the matter. Detectives raided the area by tracking the mobile phones, arrested the duo and rescued Alam around 2:00pm.

The arrestees were later taken to the district DB office for interrogation, the OC added.

## RIVER DYKE COLLAPSES IN KHULNA 100 shrimp enclosures washed away, 500 families marooned

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Over 500 families have been marooned and hundreds of acres of paddy field and around 100 shrimp enclosures washed away following the sudden embankment collapse on the Shibsha River in Dakope upazila under the district on Tuesday morning, said local public representatives.

Several families have taken shelter in other villages as their houses went underwater.

Three villages under Dakope upazila have been

flooded and a 100-metre area of Nolian Bazar has gone under water, said upazila parishad Chairman Sheikh Abul Hossain.

Several people including Upendra Nath Mistri, Kamola Rani, Panchanan Mondal, Govinda Mistri, Krishna Pada Mondal and their families have taken shelter on Wapda embankment as their houses have been flooded.

Md Firoj Ahmed, assistant engineer of Water Development Board, said the Nolian Bazar protection

embankment does not come within the jurisdiction of WDB.

Local UP members Masum Ali Fakir and Aboni Baidya have engaged hundreds of workers for repairing the embankment but the work is being hampered due to strong current and tidal surge.

Upazila parishad Chairman Sheikh Abul Hossain said he had talked to a few high officials of the government authorities concerned for repair of the embankment.

## Storm kills 11 in 6 dists

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A nor'wester lashed the district on Tuesday night.

Al Faiidi, 3, died when the walls of a house collapsed in Chirirbandar upazila while Nurjahan Begum, 32, died in Parbatipur municipality, police said.

Officials of Dinajpur Palli Bidyut Samity 1 and 2 said around 100 electric poles were uprooted during the powerful storm that started around 11:30pm on Tuesday, disrupting electricity supply across the district.

In Bogra, Belal Hossain, 65, of Sadar upazila and Kazi Badal, 55, of Sonatola upazila were killed early yesterday in a storm that

lasted for only three minutes.

Police said Belal was killed when a wall of his bedroom collapsed on him during the storm while Badal died as a boat he was on capsized in a local water body.

The storm also uprooted scores of trees and damaged several hundred houses and shops.

Shafiqur Reza Biswas, deputy commissioner of Bogra, said the district administration had distributed around Tk 24 lakh, 200 bundles of tin and 179 metric tonnes of rice among the victims.

In Sherpur, a child and a man were killed and 10 others were injured as a nor'wester lashed five upazilas of the district early yesterday.

The deceased are Kazli Begum, 7, of Sheribordi upazila and Haidar Ali, 50, of Nalitabari upazila.

In Gaibandha, 45-year-old Nawab Ali of Sadullapur upazila died after a wall of his mud house collapsed on him. Fifteen others were injured in the storm that swept through three upazilas of the district around 11:00am yesterday.

The storm badly damaged Gideri High School in Sadar upazila, said the school headmaster Abu Bakkar.

In Jamalpur, 18-year-old Nijhum, daughter of Muksed Ali of Bakshiganj upazila was killed when a tree fell on their house during the storm.

District Relief and Rehabilitation officials said the nor'wester damaged some 600 houses at Dewanganj and Bakshiganj upazilas. Many trees were also uprooted.

In Mymensingh, five people were injured during the storm that lasted for 15-minutes. It damaged paddy fields and uprooted hundreds of trees in several unions of Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Two educational institutions were also damaged.

## ACID ATTACK ON SCHOOLGIRL IN RANGPUR Youth to die, 2 get life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A court here yesterday sentenced a youth to death and two other to life imprisonment for throwing acid on a schoolgirl in 2012.

The death penalty awardee is Ariful Islam, 22, of Dakkhin Babukha area in the city, while lifers are Alal Miah and Dulal Hossain of the area.

District and Sessions Judge Monjurul Bachhit also acquitted two other accused—Saddam Hossain and Arefin Siddique, as charge brought against them could not be proved.

According to the prosecution, Ariful along with his accomplices threw acid on Masuda Akhter Moni, 15, a student of Samaj Kalyan Bidyabithi School, and daughter of late Mokbul

Islam of the area, on August 13 in 2012. She lost her eyesight in the acid attack.

Ariful carried out the attack as Moni refused his love proposal.

Moni's elder brother Sohel Rana later filed a case with Rangpur Kotwali Police Station, accusing Ariful.

After examining witnesses and evidence, the judge found the three guilty and pronounced the verdict.



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Activists of different socio-cultural organisations and teachers and students of Darjipara Government Primary School form a human chain on Panchagarh-Dhaka highway at Sher-e-Bangla intersection in Panchagarh municipality protesting attempted rape of a minor girl and demanding punishment of the perpetrator.

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