

Council woman's son shot dead in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified assailants shot dead the son of a ward councilor at Daulatpur in Khulna last night.

Nazrul Islam Nazu was the son of reserved seat councilor Shahida Begum, said police.

His body was found with a bullet hole on the right of his forehead at Natun Rasta intersection, said Shafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Daulatpur Police Station.

"We recovered the body with a bullet-loaded gun tied to his waist," he said, adding that none of Nazu's relatives had gone to the police station to file a case as of 1:00am today.

Nazu has around 18 cases against him filed in connection with robbery, theft and mugging, he said.

Sylhet BCL

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involvement in the murder, said Mosharraf Hossain, officer-in-charge (investigation) of the police station.

Parvez was absconding, said college sources.

BCL is the pro-Awami League student body.

JU teacher

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and Technology, in absentia.

Ruhul was also fined Tk 10,000, in default of which he would have to serve six more months in jail.

The court in its judgment said the punishment would be effective from the day of the convict's arrest or surrender.

During the trial, the court recorded statements of 12 prosecution witnesses, including the complainant, Sheikh Shariful Islam, a Chhatra League leader in JU.

Additional Public Prosecutor Anwarul Kabir told The Daily Star that the comment about the prime minister was tantamount to sedition and the charge brought against the accused was proved beyond doubt.

According to the prosecution, on August 13, 2011, the teacher posted a status on a Facebook page where he talked about deaths in road accidents and accused the government of awarding drivers licences without tests. At one point, he asked "why does the prime minister not die?"

After the status was uploaded, Shariful lodged a general diary with Ashulia Police Station.

On October 2 the same year, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Dhaka range) Monwar Hossain filed a sedition lawsuit with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Dhaka.

On January 29, 2012, Abdus Salam, assistant superintendent of police (Dhaka range) and also the investigation officer of the case, pressed charge against the lecturer.



The commotion during the snatching of a suspect from Rab custody in Kanaikhal area of Natore Tuesday night.

PHOTO: STAR

Lawmaker snatches 'criminal'

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As the Rab men put handcuffs on him, he shouted seeking help from his men.

At that time, MP Shimul, former AL lawmaker Ahad Ali Sarker, Natore Deputy Commissioner Moshir Rahman and several AL leaders were attending a programme organised on the occasion of the first anniversary of local daily Dainik Uttarkantha at its office on the building's second floor.

"Some supporters of MP Shimul interrupted the programme and informed him about Sabbir's arrest. The MP then came downstairs and asked the Rab officer why they had arrested Sabbir," one of the witnesses told The Daily Star over the phone, seeking anonymity.

An angry Shimul told the Rab officer that he would complain against him to the prime minister, according to the witness.

A large number of Shimul's supporters shouted at the Rab personnel, pushed them and snatched Sabbir in a few minutes. They then took him to a room inside the building and kept guard there.

The Rab team stayed put, and its officer kept telling the MP that they had arrested Sabbir and couldn't leave the place without taking him.

Many onlookers took photos and videos of the episode that lasted for around 15 minutes. The Daily Star obtained several video clips in which the MP and the Rab officer were seen arguing over the arrest.

The MP's men, including Organising Secretary of district AL Malek Sheikh and ex-general secretary of district Sramik League Mortuza Ali Bablu, kept shouting at the Rab personnel.

Finally, the Rab team left the scene around 9:00pm without the detainee.

The lawmaker went back to the programme, gave a brief speech and left the venue along with Sabbir, who was spotted without handcuffs at that time, said witnesses.

It couldn't be known how he got rid of the handcuffs.

Interestingly, Rab officer Atiqul later denied arresting Sabbir, and described the argument between him and the lawmaker as a misunderstanding.

"We arrested a criminal named James from Chhayabani Cinema area around 7:00pm and handed him over to police at 8:15pm," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

"He [Sabbir] is a big criminal in Natore town. He might have fled when we caught James. But there were rumours that Sabbir had been arrested," said Atiqul.

Asked why he had such a long argument with the lawmaker and his men, he claimed that plainclothes Rab members went there for a recce.

"We didn't know that the lawmaker was attending a programme there. He came down to the ground floor thinking that we went there to detain his men. When I gave him my identity, he understood the whole thing," he said in stark contrast to what was seen in the video clips.

Atiqul said he didn't even know whether Sabbir was there.

Shimul, who became a lawmaker through the January 5 parliamentary elections, could not be reached despite repeated attempts.

Natore Superintendent of Police Shymal Kumar Mukherjee said he was on leave when the incident took place, but he had heard about it.

Contacted over the phone, DC Moshir said he was on the second floor at the time of the incident. He heard that the Rab men were trying to arrest a person but the man escaped.

"I don't know whether he was a criminal or an accused in any case," he added.

Officer-in-Charge of Natore Sadar Police Station Mizanur Rahman said arrest warrants had been issued against Sabbir in at least three cases.

Seeking anonymity, a local Jubo League leader said Sabbir -- a member of the convening committee of Natore municipality unit Jubo League -- got close to Shimul after the latter became a lawmaker. And Sabbir was seen with the MP in many programmes in Natore.

On condition of anonymity, a local BNP leader said Sabbir was previously an activist of Jubo Dal.

Former Natore Jubo League president Shariful Islam Ramjan said it was

unexpected that a lawmaker would do such a thing to free "an identified criminal" just because the man was his follower.

"I heard that the lawmaker snatched him away. It was an act of interference in law enforcers' activities. This will hurt the image of the government," Shariful, also Natore Sadar upazila chairman, told The Daily Star over the phone.

He alleged that people of Natore were upset by Sabbir's criminal activities, including extortion and kidnapping for ransom.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, several local reporters said Tuesday's incident was not reported in any local or national media as journalists in Natore remained mum for fear of reprisal.

The journalists alleged that they got threats from Shimul's men, who warned them not to file any report on the incident.

Bodi at it again

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Development Committee started around 11:00am at the upazila parishad. Bodi attended the meeting as he is an advisor of the committee.

At one stage of the meeting, Bodi asked the Ulkhia Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Hillol Biswas about the absence of Minhaz. Then some other attendees informed Bodi that he was also absent in some of the previous meetings.

Later, Bodi along with the UNO rushed to Minhaz's room, which is on a different floor of the same building, and assaulted him there. Later, the engineer joined the meeting.

Contacted, Minhaz claimed that Bodi physically roughed him up in the presence of the UNO for not participating in the meeting.

He already informed the higher authorities of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Cox's Bazar about the incident, Minhaz added.

Hillol Biswas could not be reached for his comment despite several attempts.

Rajon murder charge sheet in 3 days

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police will submit a charge sheet in three days in teenage boy Samiul Islam Rajon killing case, Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said.

Ruling out the possibility of forming a special tribunal to try the murder of the 13-year-old, he said any court had the jurisdiction to hold trial of child murders, including Rajon's, under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

The law minister on July 23, however, said the murder case would be sent to a speedy tribunal for its quick disposal.

Rajon died of brain haemorrhage after a group of brutes beat him up in Kumargaon Bus Stand area in Sylhet on July 8 apparently to punish him for

stealing. The body bore as many as 64 injury marks according to the autopsy report.

As of yesterday, locals in Sylhet captured 12 accused and handed them over to the police.

The government has been trying to bring back Kamrul Islam, one of the main accused in the killing case, from Saudi Arabia, the minister said while talking to reporters after unveiling an updated land registration manual of the ministry at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital.

He, however, said there was no legal bar to the trial in Kamrul's absentia.

Replying to a question, Anisul Huq said the government was working to bring back the fugitive killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to the country.

Govt change imminent

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meeting this morning, a staff of the BNP chief's media wing told journalists.

However, The Daily Star correspondent talked to several alliance leaders who attended the meeting. None of them wanted to be named in the report, saying Khaleda has asked them not to talk to the media.

About her meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June, Khaleda said she had told Modi that since the Awami League took over, its leaders and activists had been grabbing properties belonging to the Hindus.

"I have also requested him [Modi] to build relations with the people of Bangladesh, not with any particular party," an alliance leader quoted Khaleda as saying in the meeting.

Asked about the combine's next course of action, an alliance leader said nothing was discussed on waging an anti-government movement. "I can tell you there is no possibility of any such movement in near future," he said.

When National Democratic Party chief Golam Mortaza wanted to discuss the months-long anti-government movement since January, Khaleda stopped him and said she would talk about this after she returns from London later this month, according to meeting sources.

The combine chief also ruled out recent media reports that the Liberal Democratic Party and the Bikolpodhara Bangladesh might merge with the BNP.

Turning to the ruling party, she commented that the real AL supporters cannot do politics now as the party is "infested with parasites".

Khaleda also assured the alliance leaders of holding regular meetings with them from now on and asked

them to work to strengthen the coalition.

Officials scratch

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In developed countries, the police with the help of speed cameras check speeding. No government official could say whether this would be the case on our highways.

If so, it would open a new avenue for business for some quarters as the government would have to spend crores of taka to buy equipment and engage manpower.

"We will sit with technical experts and then chalk out the detail course of action on implementation," said Nurul Islam, director (engineering) of BRTA.

In the last few years, the government took decisions regarding bans on three-wheelers on highways, checking reckless driving and operation of unfit vehicles but could not implement those as the decisions were made without any background work and preparations, said experts.

The unique example of this is the difficulty and challenge the government is facing now to enforce the ban on three-wheelers on highways.

In the name digitalisation, the Road Transport and Bridges Ministry made mandatory some steps but that cost the transport owners thousands but brought hardly any benefits.

Installing retro-reflecting number plates and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags, and digital blue books are two of them.

The reasons behind their implementation were to track and trace vehicle, check vehicle theft or their use in criminal activities, and prevent duplication of number plates and blue books.

CPD critical of US decision on GSP

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"It can't be said that we have no faults at all. Besides, the US is a major market, so it would not be strategically right to make the country an opponent for political reasons."

The economist said the country should not get upset and give up. "We have to pursue the issue. It is our due rights among all the international rules. We can't lose due rights out of anger or resentment."

Prof Rehman Sobhan, chairman of CPD, who chaired the

dialogue, also vented his anger. He said the GSP has been given to countries X, Y or Z but not Bangladesh.

"Obviously, there are many constraints on Bangladesh in terms of what the country should do," he said, adding that there has to be an analysis of compliance behaviour and labour conditions in the supply chain leading to the US.

"Are the workers in all these countries with the GSP status living in the sort of workers' paradise?"

Sobhan said the analysis should be brought on the table and presented to the US government as a comparative analysis of the objectivity determining the decision-making.

The US GSP programme promotes economic development by eliminating duties on up to 5,000 types of products when imported from the 122 countries on the list.

The beneficiaries of the new scheme include South Asian nations such as India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and

Afghanistan.

Although only 5 percent of Bangladesh's exports to the US used to be covered by the GSP before it was revoked in mid-2013, the duty benefit was an opportunity for the non-traditional sectors to widen their market share in the world's largest economy.

Garment, which accounts for 95 percent of Bangladesh's exports to the US, is not one of the products covered by the GSP.

PM lambasts

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Some are pushing for forming a constitution reform commission.... Some of them were once advisers to military dictators, some served under them, some licked their boots and some begged them for mercy. Their conscience was shut up at that time," she told a programme in the capital.

The event was organised to mark the laying of the foundation stone of Tathaya Bhaban (Information Building) on the premises of Department of Film and Publication on Circuit House Road.

The PM's remarks came a day after Concerned Citizen's Group, a platform of distinguished personalities, called for forming a "constitution reform commission" to bring necessary changes to the charter for an effective democratic system.

The proposed commission will also seek to work on how to bring checks and balances between the power of the president and the PM. The group made the recommendations after a roundtable discussion titled "Checks and balances of power to achieve fuller democracy" in the city.

Former chief election commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda, former TIB executive director Manzoor Hasan, former care-

taker government advisers M Hafizuddin Khan and Rasheda K Chowdhury, Executive Director of Policy Research Institute Ahsan H Mansur, Shujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder, eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik and local government expert Tofail Ahmed were present at the discussion.

The premier said, "After assuming office, the government has created the scope for freedom of expression by opening the door to free-thinking... the more democracy they have, the more they demand. They're always demanding more, more and more."

The government has ensured the right of expression of speech, added Hasina. "Everybody is talking... everybody is speaking out their mind. They're getting that scope."

She requested the eminent citizens to recall the situation during the 1991-96 and 2001-2008 tenures of BNP's rule.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, PM's Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Ministry AKM Rahmatullah addressed the programme, among others.

বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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সবার আগে কাবার পথে

"Project Director Office"
Establishment of Fish Landing Centres with Ancillary Facilities in 3 Coastal District at 4 Selected Area
Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation, 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.

বাংলাদেশ

Invitation For Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Fish Landing Centres with Ancillary Facilities in 3 Coastal District at 4 Selected Area. BFDC, 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.		
4	Invitation for	Land Development of Alipur, Kalapara, Upazilla, Patuakhali.		
5	Invitation Ref No	33.03.0000.111. 03.004.14.06 Date: 11-08-2015		
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method		
7	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB		
8	Project/Programme Name	Establishment of Fish Landing Centres with Ancillary Facilities in 3 Coastal District at 4 Selected Area.		
9	Tender Selling Date	17-08-2015 to 03-09-2015 (09.00 am-5.00 pm)		
10	Tender Closing Date and Time	06-09-2015 Time-09. am -11.30am		
11	Tender Opening Date and Time	06-09-2015 Time-12.00am		
12	Name & Address of the office(s)	Project Director, Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Fish Landing Centres with Ancillary Facilities in 3 Coastal District at 4 Selected Area. BFDC, 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.		
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Project Director, Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Fish Landing Centres with Ancillary Facilities in 3 Coastal District at 4 Selected Area. BFDC, 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.		
	Receiving & Opening Tender Document	Project Director, Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Fish Landing Centres with Ancillary Facilities in 3 Coastal District at 4 Selected Area. BFDC, 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.		
13	Eligibility of Tenderer : This invitation for Tenders is open to all eligible Tenderers as mentioned below:- a. The Contractor shall be a Bangladeshi national; b. Experience in completion of similar works of at least Tk. 60 (Sixty) lac under 1 number of contract over a period of last 5 (Five) years shall be required; c. Name, Business Address, Status of the firm with Telephone/Fax No.(if any); d.Tax Identification Numbers (TIN), Up-to-date Income Tax Certificate, VAT Registration Certificate and Trade License (Up-to-date); e. Firms average annual turnover is minimum Tk. 70 (Seventy) lac in the last 3 years; f. Bank Solvency Certificates at least Tk. 20 (Twenty) lac. g. Other required eligibility and condition of the tenderers stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet and Tender Documents.			
14	Brief Description of Works	Land Development of Alipur, Kalapara Upazilla, Patuakhali.		
15	Price of Tender Document	Tk.2,000.00 (Two Thousand) only in cash (Non refundable).		
16	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	1	Land development for fish landing center,	Alipur, Patuakhali	Tk 2.10 lac in the form of Pay order/Bank Draft in favour of "পেশার ও টি উপকূলীয় জেলার ৪টি স্থানে সংসদ অবতরণ কেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প".
17	Name of Official Inviting Tender		Prosanta Kumar Das	
18	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Project Director	
19	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Fish Landing Centres with Ancillary Facilities in 3 Coastal District at 4 Selected Area. Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation, 24-25, Dilkusha, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000		
20	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Tel. No. 02-9564007 Fax. No: 880-2-9563990	
21	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or any of the Tender proceedings			