

Village elder beats woman publicly for disobedience

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A woman was beaten until she lost consciousness only because she did not attend a meeting summoned by a village arbitrator at Soto Latifpur in Kaliakoir upazila in Gazipur district on Monday.

Josna Akter, 45, wife of Bulbul Mia, is undergoing treatment at Kaliakoir Upazila Health Complex.

Md Jalal Uddin admitted to this correspondent over the phone that he with his associates dragged Josna by hair out of her house in the afternoon and beat her with sticks as she "disobeyed" him.

The meeting was called to arbitrate in a long-standing land dispute between Josna and her younger brother Hossen Khan, also in his forties.

"In the morning, I sent my men to inform her about the meeting but she instead sent a message for me to go and meet her, how dare she?" Jalal added.

Josna's neighbour rushed her to the hospital after Jalal and his men left.

Victim's son Nayan Ahmed said Josna was home alone when the incident occurred. Hossen and a neighbour Amena Begum, 50, also participated in the beating.

Jalal, Hossen and Amena went into hiding after the victim's family filed a case against them.

BCL men 'sexually harass' RU students

One 'beaten up' by another group for 'extortion'

RU CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladesh Chhatra League activists of Rajshahi University were accused of sexually harassing two female students on the campus on Monday evening.

The victims, one of them student of philosophy and the other of physics, submitted a complaint to the proctor and Sexual Harassment Compliant Committee of RU yesterday.

It says BCL activists Sujon Pramanik, a third-year student of Islamic history and culture, and Liton Hossain, a fourth-year student of political science, intercepted the two women behind the central library while they were returning to the hall in the evening.

The BCL men passed lewd remarks, made inappropriate gestures and even tried to get closer to them, it said. The women then started to scream. Students rushed to the spot but the BCL men fled.

Both Assistant Proctor Solyman Chowdhury and BCL RU unit President Mizanur Rahman Rana said they would take proper steps. The two accused men were not

available for comment.

Meanwhile, a group of BCL men allegedly tortured a student in a room of Madar Bux Hall early yesterday and tried to extort him.

Kazi Al-Amin, a second-year student of accounting and information system, said BCL leader Robiul Islam Boni, an executive member of BCL at RU, called him to room 303 around 12:00am and demanded Tk 10,000, threatening that he would be handed over to police.

"You have a full beard; so it is easy for us to brand you as a Shibir activist and hand you over to law enforcers," he also said, quoting Boni.

"When I refused, Boni and his aides tortured me showing a pistol."

They freed him one hour later asking him to leave the hall, Al-Amin said.

Boni was unavailable for comment but the RU BCL president, Rana, said Boni called Al-Amin suspecting him to be an Islami Chhatra Shibir activist but he did not demand money.

It was misunderstanding, and the matter was settled, he said.

DNCC mayor orders road repair by Dec

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Anisul Huq yesterday directed its officials concerned to repair all damaged roads by December.

He was addressing a discussion organised by the city corporation at Lakeshore Hotel on law enforcement and traffic management of DNCC areas.

The mayor said drainage problem of posh areas would be solved within the next two years, while it would take three years to solve the problem in Mirpur and other areas.

The traffic department of Dhaka Metropolitan Police blamed damaged roads for traffic congestion in the city. They suggested making rickshaws off-limits on the roads from Satrasta to Mohakhali, Rampura Bridge to Kuril Biswa Road and Wireless Gate to Gulshan-1 to reduce traffic congestion. Regarding safety of citizens, the mayor said it is also the city corporation's duty to ensure safety of the citizens, alongside law enforcement agencies.

For this reason, a control room would be set up in the city corporation, he said, adding that the room would monitor the city through CCTV.

Anisul said they would start the system from next year. He said the city corporation would allocate Tk 7 lakh to set up CCTV in Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara and Niketon areas.

ARSON, VANDALISM CASES

Mirza Fakhrul's bail extended

Bail of Aman, MK Anwar upheld

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday extended till November 2 its bail order for BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir in three arson and vandalism cases filed with Paltan and Motijheel police in last and current years.

The court ordered Fakhrul to surrender before a lower court on that day.

A chamber judge gave the order after Fakhrul had sought the extension on health ground.

The apex court on July 13 had granted bail to the BNP leader for six weeks in the cases. On August 31, it extended the orders for six weeks more.

Meanwhile, SC chamber judge upheld the High Court order that had granted bail to BNP leader Amanullah Aman in 27 vandalism and arson cases filed in last and current years during BNP-led 20-party alliance's anti-government agitation.

The judge passed "no order" on 27 separate petitions filed by the government challenging the HC's bail order in the cases.

Aman's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star that now there is no legal bar to his client to get released from jail.

Meanwhile, the SC judge also passed "no order" on two government petitions against the HC orders granting bail to another BNP leader MK Anwar in two arson cases.

Anwar cannot be freed as he was arrested in another case.



Local arbitrator Md Jalal Uddin beating Josna Akhtar, 45, with a stick in front of the residents after dragging her by hair out of her house in Latifpur of Gazipur's Kaliakoir on Monday, as Josna did not attend an arbitration meeting that he had called.



PHOTO: STAR

Treatment for women's fistula remains unavailed

Discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The available medical facilities to treat women with obstetric fistula remain mostly unutilised while the lives of women who have suffered this childbirth injury get devastated as they become ostracised from society and family, said healthcare experts at a discussion yesterday.

The discussion titled "Dissemination Workshop on National Fistula Strategy" was organised by the Directorate General of Health Services with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in the capital's Cirdap auditorium. According to the UNFPA, obstetric fistula is usually caused during unassisted, prolonged and obstructed labour when the sustained pressure of the baby's head on the mother's pelvic bone damages soft tissues and create a hole -- or fistula -- between the vagina and bladder and rectum and eventually results in incontinence.

Afterwards, due to fear of surgery and stigma, and poverty the affected women remain reluctant to get treatment. UNFPA representative Argentina Matavel Piccin said awareness campaigns are needed to make behavioural change to bring the affected women to hospitals.

Three held

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and Md Abdul Kuddus, 84, of Laxminarayanpur of the upazila-, Prosecutor Zahid Imam told The Daily Star.

The prosecution pressed three charges against the five for their alleged involvement in the murder of at least 111 people in three incidents.

Meanwhile, the tribunal asked the prosecution to submit progress report by November 9 into the allegations against war crimes accused Liakat Ali, an alleged Razakar from Habiganj.

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He said they collected samples from the drums and would send those to three laboratories for chemical tests.

The containers are now in the custody of the port security department, he added.

Dementia patients need special

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disease along with diabetes, stroke, trauma and cancer.

Dr Ashfaqueuzzaman Choudhury, advisor psychiatrist at Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), suggested brain exercise along with regular physical activity, a balanced diet and social interaction.

During a presentation about Sir William Beveridge Foundation's project on the issue, Maj Gen Jiban Kanai Das (ret'd), head of operations of the organisation, said, "At present, there are approximately three lakh people who suffer from dementia in Bangladesh and by 2050 the number will increase to 14 lakh."

He said the foundation is creating awareness about the disease and provided a 24-hour helpline 01733-222-999 for any queries. Fouzia Khan, wife of former scientific officer Mozaffar Husain, a dementia patient, shared how her husband complained of memory loss, headache and inability to do his work properly, and suggested putting the address and phone number of the caregiver in the pockets of the patients as they tend to get lost. Dr Rehman Jilani, founder of Sir William Beveridge Foundation, also spoke.

Ruling AL choking opposition

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including Tariqul Islam, in a bid to push them towards death and subsequently stop its politics. It is not fair and good for politics, he added. The government needs not any probe body or court as the prime minister accused BNP leaders of involving in the recent killings of two foreigners without any investigation, Nazrul said.

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Corrigendum No. 1 Dated 6 October 2015

IFP No: Contract No. CP-02 dated 30 August, 2015
Invitation of Prequalification Application for Contract No. CP-02
Construction of Civil and Building Works in Depot for MRT Line-6

The prospective applicants are hereby informed that the due date of sale/submission of pre-qualification documents for Contract No. CP-02 has been extended as detailed below.

No.	Reference	Description	Revised
1.	Invitation for Prequalification (IFP), Sl. No. 4	PQ Documents on Sale	30 August 2015 to 17 November 2015 from 9.30 hrs to 16:30 hrs
2.	ITA 16.1 (page 24)	Deadline for application submission	18 November 2015, Time: 12.00 noon (BST)
3.	ITA 18.1 (page 25)	Date & time for opening of the application	18 November 2015, Time: 12.30pm (BST)
4.		Other details	All other details published earlier for this PQ on 30 th August 2015 remain unaltered.

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S/L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP / RM / SEM / 08 / 2015-2016 dated 06/10/2015	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: 01. Levamisol HCl BP 02. Kyron T-112B Ph. Gr. 03. Pyridoxine HCl BP 04. Pantoprazole Sodium USP 05. Pyrazinamide BP	Tk. 1000.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 13.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 13/10/2015 at 03.00 PM Opening : 13/10/2015 at 03.15 PM

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