

ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGAINST TEACHER

Locals shut madrasa in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Local people shut a madrasa at Sahadubi village in Birganj upazila of the district on Wednesday, bringing charge of sexual harassment against its superintendent.

Fatematuj Jahra Mohila Madrasa has 120 female students, mostly from poor families.

Md Abu Talha, 30, brother of madrasa founder Mufti Jobayer Ahmed of the village, grabbed the post of superintendent and continued harassing the female students sexually, alleged locals.

In early January this year, the same charge was brought against Talha but local people later settled the issue anyway.

On Monday, several students of the madrasa brought allegation of sexual harassment against the madrasa superintendent.

Being informed, the villagers besieged the madrasa, demanding punishment of superintendent Talha within 24 hours. They later put the madrasa under lock and key.

As the 24-hour ultimatum is over, the villagers besieged the madrasa on

Wednesday afternoon and staged a demonstration there. They later shut the madrasa.

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

"It is reported that Talha often raped his students feeding them sedative tablets. But the victims remained mum as they hail from poor families," said Mala Khan, member of Shivrampur Union Parishad.

Contacted, Jahangir Alam, officer-in-charge of Birganj Police Station, said they are yet to get any official complaint against the offence.



Aggrieved locals shut a girls' madrasa in Birganj upazila under Dinajpur district yesterday following allegation of sexual harassment of female learners by the superintendent of the institution.

Robbers kill driver, take away goods-laden truck

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A gang of robbers took away a goods-laden truck after killing the driver and injuring the helper at Shahjadpur upazila of Sirajganj district early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Jahangir Hossain, 45, son of Abul Hossain of Kumuria village of Bogra district.

Md Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shahjadpur Police Station,

said a gang of four robbers in guise of passengers boarded the Pabna-bound truck from Chandura area of Gazipur district on Wednesday night.

When the truck reached Baghabari Bridge in Shahjadpur early yesterday, the gang strangled the driver Jahangir, injured his helper Md Hasan and took the control of the truck.

The robbers dumped Jahangir's body and injured Hasan in Binnabari area of

the upazila early Thursday and took away the truck, the OC said.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Helper Hasan is undergoing treatment at Shahjadpur Upazila Health Complex, the OC added.

Contacted, OC Rezaul Karim said law enforcers are raiding different areas of the district to recover the truck and arrest the robbers.



The Bangalee River has devoured most of the Debdanga Masipara Government Primary School building in Sariakandi upazila under Bogra district.

River devours two-thirds of pry school in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Students of Debdanga Masipara Government Primary School in Kutubpur union under Sariakandi upazila of the district have been attending classes at a small tin-shed house for over two months as two of the three rooms of the school went under water due to erosion by the River Bangalee in August.

Since then the authorities

are holding classes at the tin-shed house near the school, said teachers and guardians.

Academic activities of at least 100 students at the school are being seriously hampered as the playground and classrooms were devoured by the river, they said.

The students find it difficult to complete their syllabus as the final examination is knocking at the door.

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities concerned are yet

to take any steps to resolve the problem, alleged the guardians.

Umme Habiba, headmaster of the school, said they have been trying to recoup the academic losses of their students by taking classes in a temporary shed by four teachers.

Contacted, Upazila Primary Education Officer Kamrul Hasan said they will inform the higher authorities about the matter.

SNIPPETS

Housewife commits 'suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A housewife allegedly committed suicide at Goadighi village in Haripur upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased was identified as Hanifa Begum, 45, wife of Jalal Uddin of the village. Akhtaruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Haripur Police Station, said Hanifa took poison at her room. She was rushed to the upazila health complex where the on-duty doctor declared her dead. The body was sent to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the OC. The reason behind the suicide could not be known immediately, said police.

Kid drowns in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A five-year-old girl drowned in a pond at Kalikapur village in Atwary upazila of Panchagarh district on Wednesday. The dead is Dipa, daughter of Faridul Islam of Cheprajhar village in the upazila. Locals said Dipa came to her grandfather's house at the village a few days ago. In the afternoon, she fell into the pond near the house while playing on its bank and drowned.

Fire guts generator at TMSS

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A generator of Tengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS) was gutted in a fire at Gokul on Dhaka-Rangpur highway in Sadar upazila of the district on Wednesday night. TMSS sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit around 10:30pm, burning the generator worth about Tk 2.5 crore. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after one hour of hectic effort, said Abdul Mannan, assistant director of Bogra fire service station.

Rat killing campaign begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Nilphamari launched a massive rat killing campaign in the district yesterday. The target is to kill one lakh rats in the ongoing aman paddy season to save crops. An inaugural ceremony was held at the auditorium of the Sadar upazila agriculture office. Dewan Kamal Ahmed, mayor of Nilphamari municipality, inaugurated the campaign. Idris Ali, deputy director of district DAE, said rats eat up several thousand tons of paddy worth crores of taka every year in the district. Farmers killed about 69,000 rats in the rat killing campaign last year. Being inspired by that success, the target of killing of one lakh rats has been set this year. Three farmers and a sub-assistant agriculture officer were rewarded for their significant role in killing rats in the previous year.

BCL man lands in jail

UNB, Magura

A court here on Wednesday sent a man of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) to jail, rejecting his bail prayer in seven cases filed against him. Senior Judicial Magistrate Imtiazul Islam passed the order when the district unit BCL man, Tushar Sheikh, son of Ahmmad Sheikh of Mollapara of the town, appeared before the court, seeking bail in the afternoon. Tushar was wanted in several cases, including those for terrorism, extortion and torching vehicles, said Asaduzzaman Munshi, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Boy electrocuted

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

A teenage boy died from electrocution at Barandali village in Keshabpur upazila of Jessore district yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Saju, 15, son of Ayub Ali of the village. Locals said Saju came in contact with a snapped electric wire while he was repairing the wire in the area around 7:00am and died on the spot. An unnatural death case was filed in this connection.

Man held with liquor

UNB, Munshiganj

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in a drive arrested a man with 56 litres of liquor in Akbarnagar area under Sirajdikhan upazila of the district on Wednesday evening. The arrestee was identified as Mohammad Khokon Miah, 42, son of Yakub Mollah of Bardi village in Narayanganj district. On secret information, the elite force conducted a drive in the area in the evening and arrested Khokon with the liquor, said Mohammad Idris Ali, DAD of Rab-11.

Suspected ALP man's body found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Locals found the decomposed body of a man in remote Sepru para area of Rangamati's Bilaichhari upazilla yesterday morning.

Athu Mong Marma, chairman of Borotholi Union Parishad, quoting locals of Sepru para, said the body could be of a member of Arakan Liberation Party (ALP).

"The man was wearing a uniform similar to a military uniform," he said.

Manjurul Alam, officer-in-charge of Bilaichhari Police Station, said a team of police is on the way to recover the body, but it will take time to reach the spot as the area is very remote.

"We suspect the body might be of a member of ALP," he added.

On October 3, armed criminals, suspected to be ALP members, abducted Abdullah Al Jubayer, 26, of Mirpur-2, Jaker Hossain Munna, 34, of Eastern Housing area of Dhaka, and their local guide Mangsai Mro, 30, when they went to see Chetlang waterfall in Rangamati's Bilaichhari upazilla through Ruma upazilla of Bandarban.



Nirapad Sarak Chai brings out a procession in Cox's Bazar town as part of their awareness campaign marking National Road Safety Day yesterday.

Schoolboy strangled in Jamalpur, killer held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police recovered the body of a schoolboy on Wednesday night, 19 days after he went missing from Alokdia village under Melandah upazila of the district.

The deceased, identified as Md Habibur Rahman, 15, son of Abdul Hakim of village Bojarddipara under the upazila, was a Class IX student of local Shihata Gomij Uddin High School.

Police said Habib went missing around 9:30pm on October 2. Relatives searched for the boy, but could not find him.

Victim' father, Abdul

Hakim, filed a General Diary (GD) with Melandah Police Station on October 5.

As per the GD, police detained one of Habib's friends, Md Parvez, 20, son of Shahin of the village, from his house on Wednesday noon.

During interrogation, Parvez gave a confessional statement to the police, saying he had a homosexual relationship with Habib. Recently, Habib had expressed unwillingness to continue the relationship, police said.

On October 2 night, Parvez took Habib to his house and strangled him

to death, said Khairul Islam, sub-inspector of the police station and also the investigation officer (IO) of the case.

After killing the boy, Parvez buried the body in the space behind his house, the IO said quoting Parvez.

Police exhumed the body of the missing schoolboy from the spot at around 10:30pm and sent it to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy, the IO added.

Victim's father Abdul Hakim filed a murder case with Melandah Police Station yesterday morning, accusing Parvez.

Schoolgirl abducted from Dhaka rescued in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police rescued a schoolgirl from bus stand area in Bakshiganj upazila of the district yesterday, seven days into her abduction from Ashulia area on the outskirts of the capital.

The 13-year-old girl of Dandabor area in Ashulia, is a Class VII student at local Oxford School.

Quoting the victim's family members, police said a masked gang kidnapped the girl while she was returning home from her school on October 15.

Victim's father Manju Mia lodged a general diary (GD) with Ashulia Police Station

on October 18.

On Wednesday night, the girl tactfully managed a mobile phone and informed her father that the kidnapers confined her somewhere in Dewanganj upazila of Jamalpur.

On information, Bakshiganj police raided different areas in the upazila and its adjacent Dewanganj upazila, but in vain.

Later, on suspicion, police searched a Dhaka-bound passenger bus of 'Nabil Paribahan' in the bus stand area around 11:00am and rescued the girl from the bus, said Mosharrar Hossain, sub-inspector of Baksiganj Police Station.

Youth held with arms, ammo

UNB, Comilla

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel detained a young man and seized fire-arms and bullets from his possession from Ulurchar village in Sadar (south) upazila early yesterday.

The arrestee, Mohammad Faruk, 34, son of Khalilur Rahman, is a resident of the village.

Major Khurshid Alam, commanding officer (CO) of Rab-11, said law enforcers, acting on a tip-off, raided the village around 2:00am and arrested Faruk from his house.

They recovered a foreign-made pistol, one magazine, a shotgun and six bullets from his house.

Faruk in an accused in a drug peddling case filed with Sadar (South) Police Station, the CO added.

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