

Teacher held for molesting first grader in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A school teacher was arrested in the capital yesterday afternoon for molesting one of his students in grade 1.

During primary interrogation, the English teacher, Enamul Haq, 23, admitted to Pallabi police that he molested the girl in the school for over a month and the last time he did that was last week.

The father told The Daily Star that his eight-year-old daughter had been acting strangely for the last couple of weeks. She had totally lost her appetite and remained sullen most of the time. After a lot of efforts, the parents came to know about the matter.

"I would have remained silent and send my daughter to another school. But then I thought about other students who could be his next victim and decided to bring him to book," the father said.

The victim's father along with some 50 angry guardians of other students raised a hue and cry in the school in the morning demanding exemplary punishment for Enamul. He later filed a case.

When contacted, the school administration officer said the school authorities want stringent action against the accused if he is proven guilty.



A faction of Gonojagoron Mancha led by Imran H Sarker brings out a procession in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday after the Supreme Court rejected appeals to review the death penalty for Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Salauddin Quader Chowdhury over crimes against humanity they committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

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Teenager makes daring escape from forced prostitution

RASHAD AHAMAD, Savar

A fifteen-year-old girl, who was allegedly forced into prostitution by her elder stepmother, escaped from Daulatdia brothel in Rajbari on Tuesday night.

Fleeing from the brothel, the girl accidentally ended up at Savar Upazila Health Complex on Wednesday morning. She is now at Savar Model Police Station.

Talking to The Daily Star, the girl said she used to live in Kishoreganj with her father and stepmother as her father remarried after her mother's death, and her stepmother lived in the capital.

In June, her elder sister took her from her home with a promise to bring her to the capital and give her a job as a garments worker, but instead she was sold to the brothel, said the girl.

She had been a captive at the brothel until Tuesday when she managed to escape with help from one of the employees of the brothel, said the victim.

She said after escaping around midnight from the

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Remove recruitment barriers

Dhaka asks Riyadh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday requested a 25-member visiting Saudi delegation to remove barriers to hiring Bangladeshi professionals such as doctors, nurses and teachers and skilled and semi-skilled male workers in sectors including construction and agriculture.

The officials at the two-day 11th Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia Joint Commission meeting at Economic Relations Division, which ends today, also emphasised Saudi investors set up a technical training centre here and formation of a joint technical committee to resolve manpower recruitment problems.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Golam Moshit told The Daily Star that the Saudis already decided hiring the professionals. Led by Deputy Labour Minister Dr Ahmed Bin Fahad and arriving on Tuesday, the delegation will hold a meeting with expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry officials at Probashi Kalyan Bhavan today before leaving tomorrow.

Ambulance service of Savar hospital back on track

Locals thank The Daily Star

RASHAD AHAMAD, Savar

The residents of Savar Upazila Health Complex can breathe a sigh of relief now as the health complex appointed a new ambulance driver yesterday.

"We repeatedly informed the officials about the problem but they did not give importance," said a hospital official seeking anonymity.

After The Daily Star published a report titled "No ambulance service for five months" on October 17, the authorities took the problem seriously and immediate action followed, hospital sources said.

The residents of Savar thank the newspaper for publishing such a public interest report as the health complex got the driver immediately as a result of the report, said Rajib Mahmud, a resident of Savar Bank Colony area.

EIGHT JAMALPUR 'AL-BADR' MEN'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL

First witness implicates five in uncle's killing

Says grandfather also blamed a sixth accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first prosecution witness in a war crimes case against eight "Al-Badr men" implicated five of them in the planned abduction and killing of his maternal uncle in Jamalpur during the 1971 Liberation War, saying his grandfather had always blamed a sixth as well.

Journalist Azizur Rahman, 56, of Janakantha said Nurul Amin Mollik was killed for being an Awami League supporter and for secretly assisting

freedom fighters and that the killers included Nurul's cousin Prof Sharif Ahammed.

Sharif, Ashraf Hossain, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Bari, Harun, Abul Hashem, Shamsul Haque and AKM Yusuf Ali face five charges of being involved in crimes against humanity in 1971.

Shamsul and Yusuf were identified by Azizur in the dock while the rest are absconding. A defence counsel started Azizur's cross-examination and pro-

ceedings were adjourned until today.

Azizur said the abduction planners were Ashraf, Sharif, Mannan and Bari.

He said the accused, with others, went to Nurul's house on C&B road in Jamalpur town on July 9 around 3:00am while Nurul was asleep with his son and daughter.

Nurul, sensing their presence, locked the door but opened it a few minutes later after they repeatedly

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With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the *Star Weekend* has an array of interesting articles for you. This week our spotlight features Jaago Foundation and Volunteer for Bangladesh's celebration of their flagship campaign-the Universal Children's Day. There is also an important article about the history and aftermath of the tragic Jail Killing Day, an article on internet safety and a feature on a historic architecture known as the Central Railway Building in Chittagong. Don't forget your copy of *Star Weekend* tomorrow, Friday!

AND THEY WERE ALL YELLOW!

On November 19, every major area of the country was invaded by a group of marauders. They carried with them guns and a terrible, every vehicle or individual passing by the major roads and roads in the country. The marauders were dressed in yellow, all clad in yellow shirts. By noon, people in Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet and other major cities were all dressed in yellow. For the next month and the last time, Jaago Foundation and Volunteer for Bangladesh's flagship campaign - the UCD (Universal Children's Day).

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