

Boy 'killed' by father's former co-worker over previous enmity in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

An eight-year-old boy was killed allegedly by his father's former co-worker following a previous enmity over money in Betjuri area of Sreepur municipality in Gazipur on Wednesday.

Police recovered the body of Shaheen, son of Emdadul Haque from a canal in Betjuri area yesterday morning.

Shaheen was a third-grade student of local Sultan Uddin Memorial Academy.

Police also arrested the alleged killer Pappu, 17, of Dinajpur yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge of Sreepur Police Station Asaduzzaman said Pappu confessed that on Wednesday, he lured Shaheen with chocolates and took him outside their home.

Later, he killed him by pushing him into Betajuri



Implementation of the newly manufactured passenger coaches for Bangladesh Railway is almost at the final stage. Indonesia's train manufacturer PT Inka is expected to supply these stainless steel coaches by the end of July this year. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Thailand for cyber security co-op

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Thailand is eager to work with Bangladesh in the field of cyber security regulation and policy.

Uttama Savanayana, minister of information and communication technology of Thailand said this during a bilateral meeting with Tarana Halim, state minister for posts and telecommunications division of Bangladesh in Bangkok yesterday. The two ministers agreed to create a joint working group on telecommunications cooperation towards signing of a memorandum of understanding.

Dr Savanayana shared Thailand's plan for a digital economy up to village levels and smart phones for all the citizens. In response, Tarana said Bangladesh will work closely with Thailand in realising their common visions of a digital nation and universal access to mobile phones and internet.

Tarana invited Thai telecom sector investments in the infrastructural development of state-owned mobile phone service provider Teletalk, in the upgradation of existing telecom networks, and sharing of the best practices in women's access to mobile technology and reforms in cyber security regulation through technical cooperation.

"Bangladesh's developmental successes can be emulated regionally, especially in micro financing, financial inclusion and women's empowerment," praised Dr Savanayana.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Thailand, Saida Muna Tasneem was present during the meeting.

During her two-day visit, Tarana met with the secretary general of Asia Pacific Telecomm in Bangkok and discussed a number of areas of cooperation including cyber security, special project on empowering women through ICT and hosting of upcoming 17th South Asian Telecommunications Regulations Council Meeting (SATRC-17) in Dhaka in October 2016.

Creative talent hunt contest starts March 7

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A nationwide talent hunt titled "Creative Talent Hunt Competition-2016", will begin on March 7 to pick the best talents among the students of secondary and higher secondary levels, organised by the education ministry.

Students from class VI to class XII of schools, colleges, madrasas and technical institutions will participate in the contest, to be held in five phases - institution, upazila, district, divisional and national.

The students, divided in three groups (class VI-VIII, class IX-X and class XI-XII) will take part in the competition based on four subjects, language and literature, science, mathematics and computer, Bangladesh studies, and will compete in essay competition, storytelling, extempore speech, and written and oral test, according to a ministry press release.

Bangladesh Railway to add 150 coaches to its fleet

REZAUL KARIM

As part of modernisation, Bangladesh Railway (BR) will start adding 150 Indonesian-made stainless steel coaches to its fleet from this month.

This will be the first time BR would include such coaches, which will significantly solve the crisis of bogies and bring dynamism to the Railway department, officials said.

Indonesian state-owned train manufacturer PT Inka (Persero), the first fully integrated rolling stock and automotive manufacturer in Southeast Asia, is expected to supply the passenger coaches by the end of July this year, eight months ahead of schedule.

"They have longer life and less maintenance cost... Currently we have 1,500 coaches, which are mostly old," said Md Shamsuzzaman, project director of BR.

Asian Development Bank is funding the Tk 5.62 billion project. PT Inka will supply 100 stainless steel meter gauge and 50 broad gauge coaches within February 2017.

Indonesian embassy in Dhaka sources said PT Inka will supply 13 units of air-conditioned meter gauge sleeper coaches, 24 units of air-conditioned executive passenger coaches, 36 units of non-AC economy (shovan), 13 units of dining, 8 units of composite power carriage and 6 units of meter gauge first class sleeper coaches.

A delegation led by Shamsuzzaman visited Indonesia and inspected the trial of 100 Meter Gauge passenger coaches during February 11-18 and the results of the inspection were quite satisfactory, sources added. To maintain and assure the production quality to be in accordance with the technical specifications, all the railway coaches will undergo a series of static testing or examination before being handed over, officials said. Due to unavailability of the meter gauge railway line in Indonesia, the examination will be conducted in Bangladesh.

The first railway coach shipment of meter gauge is this month, according to a PT Inka press release yesterday.

As for the broad gauge, PT Inka will supply 4 units of air-conditioned sleeper coaches, 4 units of first class air-conditioned passenger, 4 units of first class sleeper, 25 units of non air-conditioned passenger, 8 units of dining with pantry and guard brake, and 5 units of power supply coaches.

Meanwhile, talking to The Daily Star yesterday, senior officials of BR said the government has now implemented 41 projects for the development of railways and planned to bring a significant progress within the next four years.

CLASH WITH COPS NEAR BU Three cases filed against students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Three cases were filed against students of Barisal University yesterday in connection with Wednesday's clash between the students and police near the campus over a missing cellphone that left 10 people, including three cops, injured.

Four students—Abid Hossain, Ashish Dhali, Ismail Sardar and Luthfar Rahman and Sajib Hossain, sacked staff of fast food shop "Hotplate" were sent to jail. They were detained during the clash.

Shakhawat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kotwali police, said Sub-inspector Satya Ranjan Khashkel filed a case against seven students by name and over 200 unnamed persons on charge of attacking police. Two other cases—one filed by Selim Reja, a cameraperson of Banglavisision, for attacking him and damaging his camera and another by Kamrul Ahasan Rumi, owner of, Hotplate, for attacking his shop.

Witnesses said Sajib, employee of the shop, was sacked by its owner allegedly for stealing a mobile phone set on Monday. Over the issue, Sajib and his one colleague locked in a scuffle on Wednesday noon. Later friends of Sajib, including some BU students, tried to attack the shop. On information, police rushed in and tried to quell the situation. At one stage, the students threw brick chips at the law enforcers that led to the clash, said police.

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