



PHOTO: STAR

A cross section of people join a human chain at Sathatha intersection in Bogra town yesterday demanding punishment of the criminals who killed Sonatan Chandra Modak at Gondagram in Shahjahanpur upazila under Bogra district on Saturday night.

GANG-RAPE ON BUS

5 Tangail transport leaders sent to jail on surrender

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here yesterday sent five of the six transport leaders, who allegedly tried to protect the rapists of a female garment worker, to jail after they surrendered to the court and sought bail.

Judge Hamidul Islam of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Tangail rejected their bail prayers and sent them to jail, court sources said.

The leaders are Ilias Hossain and Selim Uddin, vice-presidents of Tangail District Transport Workers' Union, Jalal Uddin Jal, organising secretary, Md Selim alias Military Selim, publicity secretary, and Abdul Latif, former organising secretary of the union.

Mominul Islam Lablu, joint secretary of the union, did not appear before the court. Victim's husband filed a case against nine transport workers and leaders under

Women and Children Repression Prevention Act with Dhanbari Police Station on Friday night.

He filed the case, accusing three bus staff of raping his wife, a garment worker, on a running bus in Madhupur upazila of the district on Friday last, and six transport leaders of trying to protect the rapists through arbitration, said Khan Hasan Mustafa, inspector (investigation) of Dhanbari Police Station, also investigation officer of the case.

Police arrested the three bus staff on the day of incident. The arrestees are bus driver Habibur Rahman Nayan, helper Abdul Khalek Bhutto, and trip supervisor Rezaul Karim Jewel and . They were produced before the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court in Tangail the following day, seeking a five-day remand.

The court placed Nayan and Jewel on a three-day remand and sent Bhutto to

jail as he gave confessional statement under Section 164. Judge Luna Ferdousi recorded the statement.

Jewel and Nayan also gave confessional statements before the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Hamidul Islam on Monday and Tuesday.

The female garment worker, aged around 23, was returning from a relative's house in Dhanbari upazila of Tangail to her house in Gazipur in a Binimoy Paribahan bus early Friday. She was only passenger in the bus that had three staff onboard.

Around 6:00am, when the bus was on the Tangail-Mymensingh Road in Madhupur upazila the transport workers locked the gate and windows. They also tied her hands and legs and gagged her. Three of the bus staff then took turns to rape before throwing her out of the bus at a desolate place by the road.

Youth gets life for raping girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here yesterday sentenced a youth to life imprisonment for raping a girl.

Judge Sharif Uddin Ahmed of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Tangail handed down the verdict against Chan Miah, 28, of Pakutia Uttar Para village in

Gopalpur upazila.

The court also fined the convict Tk 20,000. In default, he is to suffer six months more in prison.

According to the case statement, Chan Miah raped the girl on August 2, 2008 after getting her alone at her house. As a result, the girl became pregnant and pressed Chan Miah to marry her, but he refused.

SNIPPETS

Four deer skins seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an alleged smuggler with four deer skins in Bandhaghata area under Mathbaria upazila of the district on Tuesday. The arrestee is Al Amin Hawlader alias Jewel, son of Ansar Uddin Hawlader of Pathorghata upazila in Barguna district. On secret information, a team of Rab-8 raided the area and arrested Jewel with the deer skins.

Domestic help electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A domestic help was electrocuted at Abdullahpur village in Beanibazar upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased is Sima Begum, 18, daughter of Molai Miah of Doulatpur village in Nasirnagar upazila. She used to work at Abdur Rahman's house where the incident took place. Sima was electrocuted when she was switching on the television at the house, said Sub-Inspector Morshed Alam of Beanibazar Police Station. An unnatural death case was filed in this connection, said the SI.

8 gamblers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested eight alleged gamblers at Dineshwari village in Birganj upazila of the district yesterday. They are Md Nomir Uddin, 45, Aminul Islam, 25, Jahirul Islam, 35, Narayan Chandra Roy, 33, of Dineshwari village, Jiten Borman, 28, Siraj Uddin, 40, Azizul Islam, 35, and Nur Islam, 32, of Dabra village in the upazila. On information, the law enforcers arrested the eight when they were gambling in the area, said Moshir Alam, sub-inspector of Birganj Police Station.

BNP man lands in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

Three courts in Magura sent a local BNP leader to jail, rejecting his bail prayers in four cases including one for petrol bomb attack that killed five people last year. The accused is Ali Ahmed Biswas, secretary of Magura district unit of BNP. District and Sessions Judge Mahafuza Begum, Additional Sessions Judge Arafat Rahman and Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Imtajul Islam passed the order when Ali was produced before the courts concerned at noon. On March 21 last year, a petrol bomb was hurled at a sand-laden truck in Moghi area under Magura Sadar upazila, killing the five people during a blockade.

Drug peddler jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A mobile court sentenced a drug peddler to three months' imprisonment in Khansama upazila of the district on Tuesday. The convict is Habibur Rahman, 28, son of Entaz Uddin of Dhunat village in the upazila. Police arrested Habibur with liquor from Suborna Khuli village on Tuesday night. He was later produced before the court, led by Executive Magistrate Sajebur Rahman, which punished him, said Krishna Chandra Sarker, officer-in-charge of Khansama Police Station.

Newborn found dead

UNB, Sirajganj

Police recovered the body of a newborn from Bara Hamkuria village in Sadar upazila of the district on Tuesday. Sub-Inspector Hafiz Rayhan of Sirajganj Sadar Police Station said local people spotted the body, floating in a canal around 12:00pm.

Betel trader murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The body of a betel leaf trader was recovered from a forest in Jyotbani village under Birampur upazila of the district at around 3:00pm yesterday. He had gone missing on Tuesday afternoon, said police. The man was identified Abdur Rouf, 40, son of Akbar Ali of Chakgulshan village in the upazila. He was owner of a wholesale betel leaf shop at a bazar in Ketra village in the upazila.

Boy found murdered 5 days into missing

Two friends arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police recovered the body of a murdered schoolboy in Ghatail upazila under the district yesterday, five days after he went missing.

The deceased was Atik Hasan, 14, son of expatriate Billal Hossain of Kutubpur village in Sakhipur upazila and a Class VIII student of Kutubpur Rowshan High School.

Police and the victim's family members said Atik went out of the house on Saturday morning to go school, but did not return.

Finding no trace of the boy, his mother Aiysha Begum filed a general diary with Sakhipur Police Station on Monday.



Atik Hasan

Sakhipur police later detained two friends of Atik -- Rasel, 18, and Wasim, 15 -- of the same village and interrogated them.

Following their confession, a joint team of Ghatail and Sakhipur Police Stations recovered Atik's body with slit throat from a

sal forest at Deopara in Ghatail upazila yesterday noon.

Contacted, Mohammad Kamal Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Ghatail Police Station, said Atik had taken video footage of his friends taking drugs with his mobile phone, and there was a dispute with his friends in this regard.

Centring the dispute, Atik's friends strangled him and then slit his throat, the OC said.

"We are launching drives at different places to arrest the others involved in the killing," he added.

The body was sent to the Tangail Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

All but AL unhappy

FROM PAGE 16

Held along partisan lines for the first time, the UP polls had incidents of violence that also left over a thousand people injured across the country.

As many as 1,364 unions went to the polls in the first two phases.

Elections to another 621 UPs are slated for April 23 in the third phase. Some 743 UPs will go to the polls on May 7 in the fourth phase and around 1,400 more UPs in two other phases until June.

At several press briefings recently, the BNP said the first two phases were marred by widespread vote rigging, capture of polling stations and the use of muscle power by AL men.

The EC did not take any step even though BNP candidates in many places filed complaints with returning officers over electoral irregularities, it alleged.

Around 1,190 chairman candidates nominated by the party contested the polls, but only 108 of them won, EC data showed.

GM Quader, co-chairman of the main opposition Jatiya Party (JP), termed the polls "farjial" and demanded re-elections to the unions where electoral irregularities were "apparent".

The party fielded around 280 chairman candidates in the two phases of the elections. However, only eight of them sealed the victory.

Workers' Party of Bangladesh (WPB) President Rashed Khan Menon, also the civil and aviation minister, alleged that the UP elections witnessed ballot-stuffing on a massive scale. The party had chairman aspirants in 29 unions, but only one of them won.

Shirin Akhter, general secretary of a faction of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), claimed that the polls were not held in a festive mode, rather panic and fear of violence gripped people.

Sharif Nurul Ambia, president of the party's other faction, said people's respect and confidence in the voting system would decrease due to the "controversial" polls.

Only five of the party's around 53 chairman candidates smiled at the end.

Additional Secretary General of Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) Sadek Siddique said the

election commissioners should resign for the EC's "failure to hold fair polls". The party had candidates in 22 unions. But only three of them were elected as chairmen.

The WPB, the JSD and the Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) are the components of the AL-led 14-party combine.

Also, the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) asked whether the government and the EC were out to "put the final nail in the coffin" of the electoral system.

Lawmaker MA Awal, secretary general of the Bangladesh Tariqat Federation, said the "large scale" of violence took place in the elections as the "EC failed to take stern action against the culprits".

Islami Andolon Bangladesh said the nation was not willing to see such "farjial polls anymore".

At different programmes recently, Bangladesh Kalyan Party Chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) Syed Mohammad Ibrahim also lambasted the EC for its role in the UP polls.

While talking to The Daily Star, the other parties which expressed similar stance on the elections are Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Jatiya Party, Jamayate Ullamaye Islam, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Islami Front, Islamic Front Bangladesh, Bangladesh National Awami Party, Khelafat Majlish, Bangladesher Samyabadi Dal, and Bangladesh Nationalist Front.

The correspondents also contacted several leaders of the Zaker Party, but none of them commented on the issue.

Hilsa scarce

FROM PAGE 16

huge demand for it due to the Pahela Baishakh festival."

The price of hilsas weighing up to one kilogramme, if available, has increased by 20-40 percent, said Ajit Kumar Das, president of Barisal Fish Export Association.

Another trader Ali Jasim said the price of the fish has already increased by 50 percent ahead of the Bangla New Year.

More than 2,000-5,000 mounds of hilsa was sold every day at the Port Road wholesale market two months ago, but now there are no such activities there.

বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স লিমিটেড: Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES LTD.
 HEAD OFFICE, BALAKA, KURMITOLA, DHAKA-1229, BANGLADESH, PHONE: 8901600-14, 8901680-94, FAX: 88-02-8901558, www.biman-airlines.com
 Ref: DACC/IV-01/2016 Date: 06 April, 2016
Time Extension
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Joint Venture Partnership for Ground Handling Services with Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited
 The submission date of RFP for Joint Venture Partnership for Ground Handling Services with Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited under reference DACC/IV/01/2016 dated 18th March, 2016 has been extended by 30 (thirty) days i.e. the new closing and opening date of RFP is 18th May, 2016 and time is 12:00 hours LT (0600 hours UTC on 18th May, 2016).
General Manager Customer Services
 Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited
 GD-790

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT)
 Azimpur, Dhaka-125, Bangladesh
 Ph: 58611206, 58614451, Fax: 8613362
 Memo No. NIPORT/Research-944/PRW/2013(part-1)/066 Date: ১১ মার্চ ২০১৬ 4 April 2016
Subject: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
 National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has been allocated public fund under the "Research and Development" component of the Operational Plan "Training Research and Development" of HPNSDP and it intends to procure services in order to conduct the following activities:
 • GOB-NPS-07: "Research Methodology Training (local)"
 NIPORT now invites eligible consulting firms/institutes to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) for the above service. Interested consultants (firms)/institutes are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to provide the service (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among staff). Activities of the package need to complete by the September 2016. The EOI would be reviewed on the basis of the following:
 a) Age of business of consultant (firm) in activities
 b) Availability of key professional staff (list of management, key personnel)
 c) Turnover of the consultant (firm)
 d) Experience of the consultant (firm) in similar field
 e) Experience of the consultant (firm) in other works/assignments
 f) Support service of the consultant (firm).
 Consultants (firms)/institutes may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should clearly mention whether the association is in the form of a "Joint-Venture" or of "Sub-Consultancy". In the case of a joint venture, all members of such "association" should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including the associates to a maximum of four.
 Special Instructions:
 - Incomplete/partial EOIs will be rejected.
 - Interested firm(s) must provide focused information demonstrating that they are qualified to perform the services.
 - The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs, or annul the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).
 A consultant (firm)/institute will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Public Procurement Regulations 2008 (with latest amendments) issued by the GOB.
 Interested consulting firm(s)/institutes is required to submit their EOI along with relevant supporting documents (2 copies) in a sealed envelope to the address indicated below by 4.00pm on April 19, 2016. EOIs submitted through emails should also reach to the e-mail address mentioned below by 4.00pm on the same date.
 Interested Consultants/Institutes may obtain further information at the address below from 9:00am to 4:00pm (except holidays).
Md. Rafiqul Islam Sarker
 Director (Research), NIPORT
 Phone: 58611206
 E-mail: directorresearch.niport@gmail.com
 alam.niport@gmail.com

Robbers kill one, loot house in Laxmipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A man was killed and two others were injured in an attack by robbers in Kamolnagar upazila of Laxmipur district early yesterday.

Police and locals said a gang of 20/25 robbers entered the house of Abdul Wadud Jamadar at Karatitola village, breaking open the door at around 1:30am.

As the family members cried for help, the robbers shot house owner Abdul Wadud, 65, and stabbed his son Abdur Rahman, 40, an expatriate in Saudi Arabia, and Rahman's son Russel, 18. Wadud died on the spot.

The robbers looted valuables worth Tk four lakh and managed to flee the scene as villagers rushed in. Locals took injured Rahman and Russel to Kamolganj Upazila Health Complex. Rahman was later shifted to Noakhali General Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered Wadud's body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Law enforcers arrested one Nurul Amin, suspecting his involvement in the robbery, said Mohammad Kabir Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Kamolnagar Police Station.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Office of the Project Director
 Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project
 Bana Bhaban (Old), Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
 BCCRF Grant No. TF 014026
 Letter No: FD/CRPARP/Procurement(Goods)/42/2016/430 Date: 04.04.2016
e-Tender Notice
e-GP Tender Notice Number: 09/2015-2016
Ref No: FD/CRPARP/Procurement(Goods)/42/2016/424 Date:04/04/2016
 A e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the following goods procurement

| No | Package No | Tender ID No | Description of Goods | Tender last selling (date & time) | Tender closing (date & time) | Tender opening (date & time) |
|----|------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | BFD/G360 | 53123 | Supply and Installation of a 30KVA Prime Power Diesel Generator with Foreign Canopy and Foreign Automatic Transfer Switch at PIU, CRPARP | 24 Apr, 2016 at 17:00PM | 25 Apr, 2016 at 11:00 AM | 25 Apr, 2016 at 11:15 AM |

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal has to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 24 Apr, 2016 at 17:00 pm. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

(Uttam Kumar Saha)
 Project Director, CRPARP
 Bangladesh Forest Department
 Bana Bhaban (old), Mohakhali
 Dhaka-1212