

Two more arrested in Baufal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A human chain was formed in front of Patuakhali Press Club in the district town yesterday, protesting gang-rape of a woman and her college-going daughter.

Bangladesh Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad arranged the programme addressed by Sanjoy Kumer Khaskel, president of the organisation, its secretary Ashok Roy and local journalist Swapan Banerjee.

They also demanded protection for the victims and lawful steps against the culprits.

Meanwhile, a team from a human rights organisation visited the victims' family.

On June 11, the woman, aged about 35, and her college-going daughter were gang-raped in a trowler on

the Tentulia River in Baufal upazila of the district. Law enforcers arrested a Swachhshasebak League leader from the spot.

Baufal upazila unit of Swachhshasebak League later expelled two leaders from the party on charge of raping the woman and her daughter.

They are Nur Alam Mallik, vice president of ward No 1 unit of Swachhshasebak League, and its organising secretary Abdur Rahim.

Of them, Mallik was caught by locals from the spot and then handed over to police.

On Friday, police arrested two other youths -- Sumon and Sohul -- in connection with the incident, said Md Saiful Islam, investigation officer of the case.

Woman gang-raped in Joypurhat, 3 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A housewife was gang-raped in Haribasantapur village under Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat district on Thursday night.

Her husband, a day labourer, filed a rape case with Akkelpur Police Station on Friday, accusing three youth of the village.

Soon after filing of the case,

police arrested the youths. They are Minarul Islam, 25, son of Abdus Salam, Sumon Mia, 26, son of Nabir Khalifa, and Akash Hossain, 22, son of Abdul Mamun, said Sazzad Hossain, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Police, quoting the victim, said the trio entered the victim's house when she was alone. They threatened her with a sharp weapon and raped her.

Housewife tortured for dowry in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Aklima Begum, 25, a housewife and mother of a child, is fighting for life at the Kalapara Upazila Health Complex. She was hacked by her husband for dowry on Friday night.

Police sources said Aklima Begum, daughter of Hakim Gazi of Kumirmara village under Kalapara upazila of the district, got married to Hossen Mridha of nearby Mohammadpur village five years ago.

After marriage, Mridha demanded Tk 2 lakh from Aklima's family to go abroad. Aklima's family somehow

fulfilled his demand but he didn't go.

Mridha often asked Aklima to bring money from her father but she refused to do so. Getting angry, he would often torture her both physically and mentally.

A few days ago, Mridha forced Aklima out of his house. Finding no alternative, she submitted a complaint to the local UP chairman, who arranged an arbitration meeting on Friday afternoon.

Following the decision of the arbitration meeting, Mridha took Aklima back to his house. Later at night,

Markets in N districts see ample supply of mangoes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Fruit traders of Dinajpur and its surrounding districts are earning more profit selling mangoes as markets in the districts are witnessing a huge supply of different varieties of the fruit grown locally.

"We are passing a busy time and making good profit selling mangoes as supply and demand are almost equal," said Rafiqul Islam, a wholesaler mango trader of Kalitola Fruit Market in Dinajpur town.

A similar scenario is also prevailing in other places, especially in rural areas in these districts. "The mango-based trade has changed the rural economic scenario of many districts," the traders added.

During a visit to local mango markets in the district yesterday, this correspondent found a huge supply of different varieties of mangoes produced in Chapainawabganj, Thakurgaon, Rangpur and Dinajpur. Surjamukhi, gopalbhog, haribhanga, superior varieties of mango known for their taste and flavour, along with some other delicious varieties like lengra, have appeared in the markets in abundance, apart from other local varieties.

Price range is between Tk 50 to Tk 90 per kg, the traders said, which is affordable



Traders put famous Dinajpur mangoes into bamboo-made baskets for sending to other districts. The photo was taken from Kalitola, a wholesale fruit market in Dinajpur town yesterday.

for the buyers. Similarly, markets in Joypurhat and Naogaon are also flooded with mangoes.

Besides, large quantities of mangoes are being sent to other places in the country from Dinajpur by passenger-coaches, trains, trucks and private vehicles every day.

Many buyers said some dishonest traders are mixing quality mangoes with low quality ones to make extra profit. But traders said the allegation against them is

false.

Mango is an important seasonal cash crop in north-western Bangladesh, especially Dinajpur, Chapainawabganj, Joypurhat, Naogaon, Thakurgaon and Rangpur. Every season, a large number of people are involved in various types of works in these areas.

"It creates job opportunities for many people and they can earn some extra money," said Imrul Ahsan a horticulturist in Dinajpur Department of Agriculture

Extension (DAE) officials of these districts said the area of land for mango farming is increasing every year and the orchardists are getting high return, producing mangoes. Beside, they can produce other crops on their mango orchards.

Haribhanga mango produced in Rangpur and Gaibandha districts has gained huge popularity among the farmers for its unique taste. It is sold at Tk 80 to Tk 120 per kg, depending on quality and size.

Huge arms, ammo found

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The police officer, however, did not answer when asked how such a vehicle having no plates could reach the scene, crossing so many police check posts in the area.

He also claimed that the recent combing operation and other police actions forced criminals to dump the arms and ammunition into the canal.

Bidhan said national and international quarters could have had a hand in this.

Talking to The Daily Star around midnight yesterday, Mahbube Khoda, officer-in-charge of Turag Police Station, said they were yet to trace the sport utility vehicle and arrest anyone over the incident.

Workers, who were working at a construction site near the canal, said they heard about the recovery in the afternoon. They saw policemen rushing to the spot around 4:00pm. Teams from the fire service followed, they added.

Senior Station Officer Liton Ahmed of the Uttara fire station, who was present during the drive, said the arms and ammunition were recovered from the canal by the fire service divers.

Fire service sources said police informed them of the matter.

Eight fire engines, including eight divers, took part in the operation.

Maj AKM Shakil Newaz, director (operation and maintenance) of the fire service and civil defence, said usually, the fire service plays the lead role in such recoveries. But this time, police led the drive.

Meanwhile, Brig Gen Ali Ahmed Khan, director general of the fire service, told BBC Bangla Service that more arms were likely to be found in the canal.

Talking to reporters last night at the scene, DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia said the arms and ammunition might have been abandoned in the canal by criminals who intended to create panic among people and deteriorate law and order.

He also said they would be able to track the owner of the cache.

The incident happened amid a growing security concerns against the backdrop of recent targeted killings by suspected militants across the country.

A weeklong nationwide crackdown on militants and other criminals had just ended on Friday.

From Mumbai with love

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even leading blood banks in Bangladesh were unaware of. In India, where a robust blood distribution network exists, less than 400 people are known to have the Bombay blood group, a few of whom were traceable donors.

A frantic online and offline search led Kamruzzaman's colleagues and the Arinoba Plastic Industries Ltd, the company he works for, to Vinay Shetty of the Mumbai-based NGO Think Foundation.

SK Tuhinur Alam, one of Kamruzzaman's colleagues, brought the blood from Mumbai around 11:50am yesterday. He went to Mumbai on Thursday to collect the blood donated by Swarna Sawant, Krishnanand Kori, Mehul Bhelekar and Pravin Shinde.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, he said he handed over the blood to the hospital authorities around 12:30pm.

Tuhin, also a director of Arinoba, said they tried to find a match in some 50 donors in Bangladesh, and had spent around Tk 1.5 lakh for the cross-matching.

All their efforts went in vain.

He said their company had already spent around Tk 12 lakh for Kamruzzaman's treatment and would stand beside him.

"We are very thankful to Mr Shetty. We are indebted to him forever," Tuhin added.

On Friday, Tuhin told The Times of India, "We had given up hope that he will live. The bones of his left leg and hand are shattered. His

pelvis is broken too. Doctors told us that only surgery could guarantee his complete recovery."

"We searched up and down the city [Dhaka] and called up uncountable number of hospitals and blood banks, but most had never heard of this blood group. The hospital decided to test his family members and found his sister having the same group. But she was not fit to donate. Our employer, Arinoba Plastic Industries, facilitated this inter-country coordination after learning that Kamruzzaman was the main breadwinner of the family and his ailing mother's treatment was dependent on his earnings. In a way, India is not saving just one life, but an entire family," he said.

It had been an uphill task for Think Foundation to get multiple authorities to allow the export of blood, which is only permitted under special circumstances.

"We had to seek permissions as export is permitted only under licence. We got approvals from the State Blood Transfusion Council, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, Directorate of Health Services and Central Industrial Security Force," The Times of India quoted Shetty as saying.

The blood was transported in a special plastic box with ice gel packs. "Blood has a long shelf life, of about six weeks. Temperature control is the key," he added.

Our New Delhi correspondent contributed to the report.

College girl killed, 8 others hurt as tree falls on temple

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A college girl was killed and eight others injured as a banyan tree fell on a temple at Damol Malipara village under Haripur upazila of the district yesterday. The temple was badly damaged.

The victim, Pinki Rani, 18, daughter of Roben Chandra of Nonduar village under Ranishankoil upazila, was a first year HSC student

at Ranishankoil Degree College.

Police and witnesses said a three-day-long Hari kirtan is being held at the temple. When the devotees were performing kirtan around 1:00pm, a banyan tree adjacent to the temple fell on it (temple), leaving nine people, including Pinki, injured.

On information, fire fighters from Pirganj Fire Service and Civil Defence

Station went to the spot and rescued the girl and the injured people. Pinki succumbed to her injuries on the way to hospital.

The injured are taking treatment at different hospitals in the district.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mostafizur Rahman and Officer-in-Charge of Haripur Police Station Akhtaruzzaman visited the spot in the afternoon.



A large portion of this banyan tree fell on a temple at Damol Malipara village in Haripur upazila under Thakurgaon district around 1:00pm yesterday, killing a college girl and injuring eight others when singing of kirtan (devotional music) was going on there.



Environmentalists accompanied by indigenous Khasi people form a human chain in front of Moulvibazar Press Club yesterday demanding withdrawal of the eviction notice earlier served by the authorities to some 700 Khasi people living in two villages commonly known as Nahar Punjee in the district.

Withdraw eviction notice against Khasi people

Demands human chain in Moulvibazar

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Indigenous people accompanied by environmentalists formed a human chain in Moulvibazar Press Club area in the district town yesterday demanding cancellation of the eviction notice against Khasi people in Nahar Punjee area of the district.

At the programme organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon in cooperation with Khasi rights organisation Kuboraj, Khasi Students Union and Bangladesh Garo Students Union, speakers also demanded formation of a separate land commission to protect the land rights of the indigenous peoples living in plain land areas.

The indigenous people are being deprived of their rights in different sectors including education and job, they said.

Tofazzal Sohul, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon's Habiganj unit, demanded immediate withdrawal of an earlier eviction notice against Khasi people and ensuring the security of the community, espe-

cially those living in Nahar Khasi Punjee.

The Khasi people have an inseparable relation with forest, said Flora Bably Talang, general secretary of Kuboraj.

The speakers demanded withdrawal of all false cases against the indigenous people and allocation of khas land among the landless indigenous people.

Different ethnic peoples played a significant role during the liberation war in 1971 but they are yet to be given constitutional rights, they said.

Earlier on May 30, Moulvibazar district administration issued a notice to some 700 indigenous Khasi people to move from their ancestral lands at the two villages collectively known as Nahar Punjee before June 12.

The authorities accused them of illegally occupying 150 acres of government land and making betel leaf plantations there.

The notice had warned that the authorities would use the police to force out the residents if they fail to move out within the deadline.

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