

**KIBRIA MURDER CASE**  
**BNP leader**  
**GK Gaus**  
**denied bail**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Habiganj court yesterday rejected the bail prayer of suspended Habiganj municipal mayor GK Gaus in former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder case. District and Sessions Judge M Atabullah denied the bail after hearing on the bail petition, said GK Gaus's lawyer Nurul Islam. On January 27 in 2005, former finance minister Kibria was killed along with four others, including his nephew, in a grenade attack at Baiderbazar of Habiganj Sadar upazila when he was coming out after addressing a rally. On December 28 in 2014, Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court of Habiganj sent GK Gaus, also general secretary of the district unit BNP, to prison on his surrender.



Class V student Himu Akhter, left, talking to her fellows on the premises of Purbo Dawabari Madhyapara Government Primary School in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat. The 10-year-old girl has already turned up as a successful students' rights activist in the remote char area. PHOTO: STAR

**Mymensingh**  
**protest**  
**continues**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The villagers in char (land-mass emerging from riverbed) areas of Sadar upazila staged demonstrations yesterday, protesting the proposed list of land acquisition for infrastructure development of Mymensingh division. They also demanded sparing their homesteads and farmlands from the proposed acquisition list. They formed human chains and held rallies at different spots in this regard. The local administration released a list of 4300 acres of land to be acquired. The proposed acquisition area includes vast tracts of farmland and household areas in Char Anandipur, Char Gobindapur, Char Ishwardia, Char Bhawanipur, Char Durgapur, Char Jelkhana and Char Laxmir Algi in Mymensingh Sadar upazila.

**C'nawabganj-**  
**Kolkata bus**  
**service begins**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Chapainawabganj-Kolkata bus service started yesterday. A 28-seat bus, Desh Travels, carrying four passengers, left Dhaka bus stand in the town around 7:00am. The bus will go to Kolkata via Rajshahi-Natore-Kushtia and Jessore, said Shariful Islam, manager of Chapainawabganj Desh Travels. One bus left for Kolkata from the bus stand, he said. President of Chapainawabganj Bus Owners' Association Lutfor Rahman Firoj, President of District Motor Sramik Union Saidur Rahman and Desh Travels Rajshahi zonal manager Masud Rana were present at the inaugural programme.

**Fifth grader strives for students' rights**

S DILIP ROY with ANDREW EAGLE

Class-five schoolgirl Himu Akhter isn't shy to make her voice heard. The student of Purbo Dawabari Madhyapara Government Primary School in a char area of Lalmonirhat's Teesta River is determined that students of schools in remote areas need not accept less than full educational facilities. In many ways, Himu is just an ordinary school-goer. Like many classmates, the daughter of Hamidul Islam and his wife Hazera Banu from Uttar Dawabari shoal in Hatibandha upazila sets off each morning to walk the three kilometres across sandy land before catching a boat across the Teesta River to reach campus. Her family struggles: whereas five years ago they owned 20 bighas of land, river erosion has been responsible for reducing that to four. Himu's father hopes his daughter can complete higher education in order to establish herself in life; and thus far her school results are good. But what distinguishes the ten-year-old the most is Himu's active and vocal commitment to

achieving a properly equipped school. "Char-area schools are always neglected," she says. "We miss out on good teachers, basic provisions like chairs and tables, sporting equipment, infrastructure, even gardens at our campuses. Students from the chars are deprived of an ideal study atmosphere, and nobody speaks for us." Over the last five months Himu has been instrumental in changing the situation. She has earned quite a reputation as a capable student leader. Himu has already succeeded in securing hygienic toilets, a tube well, a garden and more benches for her school. "We were deprived of these facilities but now the school authorities and some NGOs have provided them," she says. According to assistant teacher Afroza Khatun, Himu together with fellow students have brought about a lot of change. "Due to their efforts we have become very careful to ensure dedicated teaching in our classrooms, and the school's infrastructure is improving day by day," the assistant teacher says. "Our school is now better off than any other in the area, thanks in large part to Himu."

Himu's activism stems from a week-long taskforce seminar she attended along with fourteen other students, held by NGO SKS in March 2016 under their Safe School Project. The training aims to motivate students to work towards achieving their rights in schools. "We sit for weekly meetings with our teachers," Himu explains, "to discuss how students' rights will be realised and how the education atmosphere can be improved. I also share teachers' directions and talk to the other students about what they can do." "We have become very aware of our rights at school," says Maidul Islam, also a student of class five. "Himu Akhter has encouraged us to work together and be vocal about our rights, so we can enjoy the same conditions that mainland students have." "Already, thanks to Himu's work," he continues, "SKS has provided a boat for students to cross the Teesta River for free on the way to and from school, whereas before we had to pay Tk 10 per crossing." "Before there was no toilet, tube well or flower garden, and not enough benches,"

agrees fellow class-five student Salma Akhter. "Just a few months ago we had so many problems but now our school is running well." Shafiqul Islam, the project coordinator for the Safe School Project at SKS says the boat and hygienic toilets were donated by the NGO at Himu's suggestion. He says the students of other schools in the area are now building awareness of their rights too, following Himu Akhter's lead. "Himu has made our teaching staff more aware of their responsibility to teach students well," says the school's headmaster Shafiqul Islam. "Moreover other students have been encouraged to start working to develop the school. We are very, very careful to meet their demands." With her sister Shimu Akhter currently studying in class four, and two younger brothers due to attend the same school, Himu has additional reason to wish for the school's development. But beyond that, Himu is driven by a dream that all students in the shoal areas can enjoy rights and facilities equal to those of their mainland counterparts.

**26 more sacks**  
**of cheap rated**  
**rice seized**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A mobile court yesterday seized 26 more sacks of cheap rated rice meant for the poor from Chhoto Joyrampur village in Sadar upazila. The court led by Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abdus Salam raided the house of late Taleb Ali and seized 26 sacks of the item from two rooms. Meanwhile, at least eight people, including Choni and Badal of the village, have been sued yesterday on charge of black marketing the item. On Saturday, 123 sacks of the rice were seized from two warehouses in Nandina area of the upazila.



This monkey, injured by people at Boldiaghat village in Sapahar upazila of Naogaon, was rescued by Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on Sunday. The animal, which had come to the village from across the Indian border, stopped eating due to ailment after the assault and is now under treatment by experts of Naogaon livestock office. BGB officials alleged that the forest department has not taken responsibility of the animal, despite requests, while forest officials said they were unaware of the matter. PHOTO: STAR

**Two CHT dists'**  
**road link**  
**resumes after**  
**six months**

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Road communications between Rangamati and Bandarban resumed yesterday following the reconstruction of a Bailey bridge that collapsed on April 14 this year. Sub-Assistant Engineer Abu Musa of Rangamati Roads and Highways Department said the renovation work took nearly two months at a cost of about Tk 45 lakh. The bridge was opened to traffic yesterday, Musa added. On April 14, the Bailey bridge in Bogapara area in Kauhali upazila of Rangamati collapsed when an excavator of Icon Engineering Ltd, a private construction firm, was crossing it.

**Landslide kills 2 workers**

250 Habiganj families live in panic

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Two day labourers were killed and another was injured in a landslide while they were digging at the base of a hill in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj yesterday. The deceased were identified as Shamsul Haque, 35, of Nishakuri village, and Mashuk Mia, 40, of Khayestha village in the upazila. Critically injured Zahed Mia is undergoing treatment at Habiganj Sadar Hospital. Quoting locals, Officer-in-Charge Abdul Baten of Nabiganj Police Station said Shamsul and Mashuk died on the spot as a large chunk of earth collapsed on them when a group of 20/22 workers were cutting a hill around 7:00am. Police recovered the bodies and sent those to Habiganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC added. Meanwhile, about 250 families of Nishakuri, Khayestha and Shangarsena villages in the upazila, are passing their days anxiously and guarding their hillside homes, fearing that a landslide may occur anytime. Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), Habiganj unit, said indiscriminate hill cutting can unleash landslide anytime. Nabiganj upazila chairman Alamgir Chowdhury said about 250 families, living on and around the hills in the three villages are exposed to landslides that may lead to fatalities anytime.

**THREE YEARS OF ATTACK ON BONOGRAM HINDUS**  
**Trial sees slow progress**

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pubna

Three years into the brutal attack on the Hindu community people at Bonogram of Santhia upazila under the district, slow progress in the cases filed in connection with the incident worries the victims. Several groups attacked on the houses, shops and temples of Hindus in three villages of Bonogram on November 2 in 2013, alleging that a Facebook page of local Hindu youth Rajib Saha, son of Babul Saha, maligned Prophet Mohammad (pbuh). The attackers totally damaged 33 houses, 10 shops and seven temples while 20 policemen were injured as the attackers did not even spare the law enforcers who went to the area to prevent the attackers. Three cases were filed in connection with the incidents, one by Rajib's father Babul Saha against 20 named accused and many unidentified ones for attacking and looting his house while police filed two cases -- one for attacking cops

and the other for maligning prophet in Facebook. After investigation, Detective Branch of police submitted two charge sheets, accusing 10 people for plotting the maligning of prophet through a fake Facebook page while Ataikula police submitted another charge sheet accusing 74 people for attack on cops and preventing their work, on November 21 in 2014. "All the charge-sheeted accused could not be arrested. Besides, the trial of the cases is being delayed due to the filing of petition for revision by the accused against the charge sheets. Court issued warrant and property attachment order against the absconding accused," Anwara Khatun, court sub inspector, told this correspondent. Criminal Investigation Department is investigating the case filed by Babul Saha and they will take decision about the charge sheet, said Md Abdur Razzak, officer in charge of Ataikula Police Station.

**Villagers suffer for**  
**damaged road**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Over 10,000 people of 14 villages in Sadar upazila of the district have been suffering much since Farabari-Puratan-Thakurgaon road was damaged badly due to heavy down-pour during the last rainy season. It is the only link road connecting Akcha Union Parishad (UP) complex and different educational institutions. Students of different schools and colleges who have to use the road regularly to attend classes are the worst sufferers. During a recent visit, this correspondent found that the middle of the road was damaged badly. Vehicles even, rickshaw-vans could not cross the damaged portion. Md Farukh Islam, 28, of Bamonpara village, said the road was damaged about two months ago due to heavy rain. After the road got damaged, the students have to go to their educational institutions on foot as rickshaw-van and battery-run auto-bike could not ply the road, he said. Upazila Parishad engineer Md Nuruzzaman Sardar said they have written to the higher authorities for fund to reconstruct the road but to no effect yet.

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