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Rape suspect flees from Dhaka court while under police custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It took law enforcers 17 days to arrest a man over the alleged rape of an indigenous girl, but less than two days to lose him.

Only 43 hours into his arrest, Rafsan Hossain Rubel fled from police custody around 3:30pm yesterday, thanks to negligence of two policemen who had escorted him to a Dhaka court.

Sub-inspector Emran Ul Hasan and Constable Dipak Chandra Poddar were waiting with him on the premises of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court, police said.

The two cops were suspended for their "negligence in duty", Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star.

SI Emran, also investigating officer of the case, and constable Dipak took Rubel to the court in the morning as the accused was supposed to give a confessional statement before a magistrate.

"When the investigating officer took the suspect to the room of a magistrate, the magistrate asked him to come a little later," according to a report on DMP news portal.

Rubel was kept in a nearby room from where he fled, it added.

On October 25, an 18-year-old indigenous girl was raped in Uttar Badda area, said Rab after arresting Rubel on Friday evening from Airport Railway Station.

Rab sources said they handed Rubel over to the police on Saturday evening.

The crime-busting force in a press release said Rubel was also involved in extortion, robbery and abduction in Badda and Rampura areas.

The arrestee, during primary interrogation, admitted to the crime, said the Rab.

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PHOTO: FERAZ AHMED

Rajshahi Kings batsman Sabbir Rahman punches the air after hitting one of his nine sixes during a BPL-record innings of 122 off just 61 balls, which was however not enough to avoid defeat to Barisal Bulls by just four runs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Another Hindu house torched in Nasirnagar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yet another Hindu house a Nasirnagar upazila in Brahmanbaria has come under arson attack despite patrolling of BGB, Rab and police.

The fresh arson, fifth of its kind in the upazila, took place early yesterday amid a massive outcry over the October 30 hate attacks on Hindu houses and temples centring a Facebook image "hurting sentiments of Muslims".

"Unidentified people set fire to a room where fishing nets were kept in the house of Chhotta Lal Das at Paschim Para under Changapur around 5:15am," Officer-in-Charge of Nasirnagar Police Station Abu Jafar said, adding locals doused the fire.

The incident happened after an eight-member vigilance team formed by locals returned home around 5:00am, said a correspondent from Nasirnagar.

Apart from additional deployment of police, BGB SEE PAGE 11 COL 4



PM flies to Morocco for COP22 today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina flies to Marrakech, Morocco, today to attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP22, which already started just days after the landmark Paris Agreement entered into force and has been ratified by 109 countries, including Bangladesh.

Diplomatic sources say the conference brings a ray of hope and legitimate aspirations for everyone.

Besides, Bangladesh's participation in a high-level segment of the conference also carries a special

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Trump to immediately deport 3m immigrants

Softens promise of border wall with Mexico, says parts of it could be fence; anti-Trump protests rages on

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Donald Trump has said he will deport two to three million undocumented immigrants "immediately" upon taking office.

In his first television interview since winning the presidential election, Trump insisted that he is going to carry out his hardline immigration policy proposals, while insisting that he would build a wall between the US and Mexico.

"What we are going to do is get the people that are criminal and have criminal records, gang members, drug dealers, where a lot of these people, probably two million - it could be even three million - we are getting them out of the country or we are going to incarcerate," Trump told the CBS program "60 Minutes".

"Be we're getting them out of the country, they're here illegally." He explained that once the border is "secure", then the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement will assess the status of the remaining undocumented immigrants in the country.

"After the border is secure and after everything gets normalised, we're going to make a determination on the people that they're talking about who are terrific people, they're terrific people but we are gonna make a determination at that," he said. "But before we make that determination... it's very important, we are going to secure our border."

When asked if he actually intends to build the wall along the southern border, Trump simply replied, "Yes."

However, Trump explained that the wall along the 1,900 mile border would probably not be as grandiose as he promised - describing an iteration of the boundary between the two countries that essentially already exists.

"There could be some fencing," he said. "For certain areas I would [accept

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Head-on crash leaves 7 dead in Bogra

5 policemen among the deceased

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Seven people, including five policemen, were killed and five others injured as two trucks collided head-on at Mohipur in the district's Sherpur upazila early yesterday.

The deceased are constable Shajahan Kabir, 26, of Nilphamari's Domar, constable Alamgir Hossain, 25, of Gaibandha's Gobindaganj; constable Pronab Chandra Roy, 33, of Lalmonirhat's Kaliganj; constable Shamsul Alam, 21, of Sirajganj's Ullapara; and constable Sohel Rana, 33, of Gaibandha's Fulchhari; cleaner of Kurigram police lines Shyamol Kumar Das, 32, of Kurigram; and truck driver Abdur Rahman, 30, of Rangpur.

Three of the injured are policemen. They are Sub-inspector Moinul Islam, 33, Assistant Sub-inspector Rubel Chowdhury, 32, and constable Monowar Hossain, 24.

All the deceased and injured policemen were attached to Kurigram police lines.

Tobarak Ullah, superintendent of Kurigram police, said nine policemen, led by Kurigram police lines Sub-inspector Moinul Islam, in a truck were going to Rajarbagh Police Lines in the capital for

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World's tallest tropical tree found in Borneo



MAIL ONLINE

The world's tallest tropical tree has been discovered on the island of Borneo.

At nearly 309ft, it's as tall as three blue whales stacked end to end.

The discovery was announced five months after what was previously considered the world's tallest tropical tree - a 294ft yellow meranti - was found in Malaysia.

Gregory Asner of the Carnegie Institution for Science at Stanford University revealed the new record breaking tree at a Heart of Borneo conference on November 10.

The tree - which belongs to the Shorea genus -

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7.8 quake shakes NZ

2 killed; residents flee tsunami

AFP, Christchurch

At least two people were killed and more fatalities were feared after a powerful 7.8 earthquake struck New Zealand just after midnight, while residents in coastal areas fled following tsunami warnings.

As dawn broke there was scant information from many rural villages in the

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How Monem Khan got Banani land?

HC asks Rajuk to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the authorities to explain under what authority they allocated more than five bighas of land to Abdul Monem Khan -- the then East Pakistan's provincial governor who had opposed the birth of Bangladesh.

The piece of property at Banani in the capital had been allocated to Monem Khan in 1967 by the then Dhaka Improvement Trust (DIT), which is now Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

The Rajuk authorities were also asked to submit a report in four weeks to the HC explaining who had been involved in allocating the land to Monem Khan.

The HC in the order also directed Dhaka North City Corporation and Rajuk to determine designated greeneries in the area and

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

The rain a few days ago damaged and destroyed a huge area of vegetable farmland in Munshichar of Munshiganj. Several farmers said they would be in great difficulty in paying back the loans they took to invest in the crops.

Court orders 3 cops' arrest for 'crossfire'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A Kushtia court yesterday issued arrest warrants against three policemen, including an officer-in-charge, for their alleged involvement in the killing of a farmer in "crossfire" in 2007.

The court issued the order after hearing a case lodged by the wife of slain farmer Daud Hossain.

The accused are Anwar Hossain, the then OC of Kushtia Islamic University Police Station, and Sub-inspectors Jalal Uddin and Faruk Hossain.

They picked up Daud, a farmer of Krittinagar village in Sadar upazila, from his home in the early morning of January 19, 2007, and took him to the police station where they allegedly demanded Tk 3 lakh from his family for his release, court sources said.

Daud's family members refused to pay the money, citing their inability.

The next morning, they came to know that Daud had been killed in "crossfire". They found his bullet-hit body on Kushtia-Jhenidah highway.

Police then claimed that Daud was a robber. They were taking him to the village to recover firearms he had kept hidden there. As they reached Krittinagar on Kushtia-Jhenidah highway, Daud's cohorts opened fire on the police van, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate with gunshots. Daud was caught in the line of fire when he jumped from the van to flee, police claimed.

His wife Romeja Khatun filed a case against the three police officials on February 2, 2007.

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