

Rape victim kid's ordeal of interrogation

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The five-year-old girl, who is yet to fully recover from the bruises caused by rape two and a half months ago, faced daylong interrogation on Sunday, following her return to Jamirhat home in Parbatipur under the district from Dhaka Medical College Hospital the day before.

"Still my daughter has serious problems. She can't walk alone and has frequent urination. But police called her to Parbatipur Police Station on Sunday and interrogated her all day long. The OC told me to take her again if police asks," said the girl's mother.

"Earlier police went to Dhaka to take statement of my daughter.

"Doctors of Dhaka Medical College Hospital told us to take the girl to Dhaka after 15 days. She will have to undergo another surgery after three months," said the mother.

Meanwhile, a large number of locals are thronging to see the girl.

Many of them have expressed shock at the behaviour of police.

"The girl is still sick. Why did police call her to police station and keep her there the whole day? Instead, they could come to her home to talk to her," said Ujjal Roy, a resident of Jamirhat village.

Contacted, Mostaq Hossain, OC of Parbatipur Police Station, said they would not call the girl again.

The five-year-old girl went missing on October 18 afternoon and next day family members rescued her in a critical state from a turmeric field near their house. She was taken to a local hospital and then to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

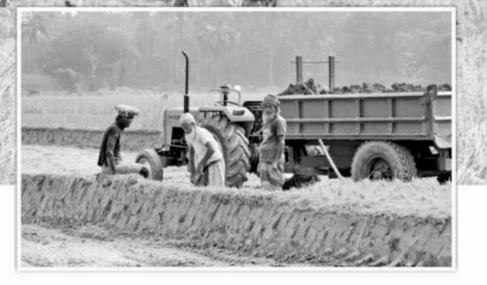
On October 24, she was referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where she was treated at One Stop Crisis Centre.

Her father filed a case with Parbatipur Police Station on October 20 accusing Saiful Islam and Afzal Hossain. Police arrested Saiful on October 26 while Afzal is still at large.



A local influential person has set up a brick kiln on an agricultural land in Amtali upazila of Barguna defying law while workers, inset, dig earth from a farmland for making bricks there.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN



Brick kilns on agri lands

AL leader sets up brick field in Barguna defying law

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, back FROM BARGUNA

A brick kiln is being set up in Amtali upazila on about four acres of land by a ruling party leader, violating the law that prohibits setting up of a brick field on agricultural land.

This correspondent saw over 100 labourers digging earth and building a chimney at Ghotkhali village on December 27 last year.

Amtali upazila Awami League vice-president Md Mazmul Ahsan Nannu is setting up the brick field named Akon Bricks.

"I took permission from the offices concerned, including the deputy commissioner, to set up the kiln," said Nannu, also former mayor of Amtali municipality. But he declined to show any document in this connection, saying, "I will not tell you more about the matter."

According to the Brick Making

and Kiln Establishment (Control) Act 2013, nobody can set up a brick kiln on agricultural land, but a section of influential people have done so in the district.

Farmer Abdul Jalil Mollah said, "I have a piece of land near the kiln and I get 90 to 100 maunds of Aman paddy per acre of land. But we will not be able to grow paddy as the field will become unfit for cultivation due to the affect of the kiln."

Another farmer said many locals are forced to give their lands on lease for 12 years to the owner of the kiln as he is politically and economically powerful and influential.

Amtali Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Mushfiqur Rahman said, "I don't know about the matter. I will look into it and check all relevant papers."

Expressing his ignorance about

the matter, Deputy Commissioner Dr Md Bashirul Alam said he would ask the UNO to look into it, and action would be taken if any illegality is found in this regard.

One Colam Faruque set up a brick kiln named M/s South Bricks, covering eight acres of agricultural land at Khailyan village beside the Patuakhali-Kukata road in the upazila in 2014. Two more kilns were set up in Tiakhali area of the same upazila last year.

Kamalapur Union Parishad Chairman Abdus Salam has also set up a brick kiln at Dharandee village occupying about six acres of agricultural land. Another kiln was set up covering five acres of land in the same village.

Around 20 brick kilns have been set up on agricultural land in Amtali upazila.

Farmers eye bumper sugarcane yield

Secret recruitment at Barapukuria coal co?

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Sugarcane growers in Jessore region are optimistic about getting bumper production of their produce this year due to favourable weather conditions and other timely necessary inputs.

According to Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Jessore a total of 316 hectares of land have been brought under sugarcane cultivation in the district this season.

Farmers in the region said as there is no sugar mill in Jessore all of their produce are not used for sugar production.

Although a number of sugarcane growers' sell the item at Mobarakganj Sugar Mills in Jhenidah, many sold their produce to local vendors for making juice.

Farmer Bablur Rahman of Jamtola village in Sharsha upazila said last year he cultivated sugarcane on one bigha of land spending Tk 15,000 and earned Tk 70,000.

DAE officials said a grower can cultivate 30,000 sugarcane plants on one bigha of land while hawkers sold a single sugarcane stick at Tk 25 and a glass of juice at Tk 20.

Farmers in the district are cultivating sugarcane, mostly of Ishwardi-16 variety, used for making juice, and Ishwardi-27 for producing sugar and molasses.

Sugarcane growers are making a good profit as the cash crop is selling for good prices at local markets, said Kazi Habibur Rahman, an official of DAE in Jessore.

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A secret recruitment at Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd (BCMCL) triggered a protest by the nearby villagers who are being allegedly deprived of getting jobs there despite year-long agitation.

The BCMCL authorities on Sunday finalised 15 people's recruitment on temporary basis, mostly relatives of the mine's officials.

Yesterday, villagers in Barapukuria Bazar area protested the alleged nepotism of mine's officials which broke the tradition of the mine, Moshir Rahman Bulbul, a leader of Poribesh O Sampad Rakkha Committee, a platform of villagers affected by the coalmine, said.

"We noticed such nepotism practice here for the first time," he said.

On November 21 last year, villagers staged agitation demanding jobs at the mine.

On Sunday, the coalmine authorities secretly finalised the casual jobs of 15 people. But, there was no circu-

lar in newspapers for manpower recruitment. Even, no aptitude test was held for them as they were close to the officials of the mine.

Of them, Md Sohul, son of Nurul Islam of Charfasion upazila in Bhola, is a close relative of SM Nurul Aurangib, managing director of the mine, while Khairul Alam, son of Abu Syeed of Magura, is a close relative of Safayet Ali Mia, a deputy general manager of the mine.

Sources said the officials finalised the recruitment just a day before joining of Abul Monsur Mohammad Foyjullah as chairman of Petrobangla on January 2.

Villagers of coalmine area get top priority in getting jobs, said Bulbul. He also warned of greater agitation to realise their demand.

This correspondent tried to reach Aurangib, but he did not receive the phone.

Md Sharif Islam, general manager (admin) said he cannot talk on such an issue.

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(শুধুমাত্র ঢাকা মহানগরীর জন্য)

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