

15 get life for killing farmer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Tangail*

A court here yesterday sentenced 15 people to life imprisonment for killing a farmer in Mirzapur upazila in 2006.

Judge Waheduzzaman Shikder of Special District and Sessions Judge's Court in Tangail delivered the verdict in a crowded courtroom, Court Inspector Anwarul Islam said.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 10,000 each, in default, they will have to suffer two years more in jail.

The convicts are Illias Miah, 33, Shabaz Khan, 37, Dulal Mia, 56, Babul Mia, 37, Innoh Ali alias Yunus, 51, Mohammad Feroous, 33, Parvez Mia, 41, Liton Mia, 37, Shahadat Hossain, 39, Noni Mia, 61, Bishu Mia, 61, Delwar Hossain, 46, Babu Mia, 33, Mamun Mia, 36, and Ashraf Ali, 52.

Babu Mia and Mamun Mia were tried in absentia, Anwarul said.

The court acquitted five other accused of the case as the allegations brought against them were not proved. They are Tota Mia, Jharna Akter alias Shamsunnahar, Monakka Bibi, Munsub Ali and Anwar Hossain, he added.

They all hail from Hilora village under Mirzapur upazila of the district.

According to the prosecution, the convicts beat farmer Tofazzal Hossain, 35, of the village with sticks and sharp weapons on May 22 in 2006 as a sequel to a dispute over a piece of land. Tofazzal died at Kumudini Hospital the same day.

Golam Kibria, younger brother of Tofazzal, filed a murder case accusing 21 people with Mirzapur Police Station the same day.

Police later submitted a charge sheet against 23 people. Three of the accused -- Rafiqul Islam, Moni Mia and Akkas Ali -- died during the trial process.

Special Public Prosecutor in Tangail Multan Uddin appeared for the state while advocate Mohammad Shamsuddin defended the accused.

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Women behind silent agri revolution

SHYKH SERAJ

International Women's Day was observed throughout the world on March 8. The theme this year, set by the United Nations, is "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030" while another theme titled "Be bold for change" got popular in the social media.

Women are making significant contributions in different fields, alongside helping a silent revolution in the agriculture sector of Bangladesh. Through hard work mostly behind the curtain, they are contributing to the economic growth and sustainable development of the country. They have emerged as bold agents of change.

I have seen many success stories of women, an increasingly growing number of them are changing the lot of families. With perseverance, creativity and determination, women are gaining success and consequently, dignified positions.

Dear readers, women are the backbone of the development of rural and national economies. They comprise 43% of the world's agricultural labour force, which is up to 70% in some countries. Although they have a great contribution in agriculture, 77 percent of rural women in Bangladesh are far from being empowered. It is imperative to end all forms of discrimination against women and girls everywhere. When women are empowered and can claim their rights to choice and access to land, leadership and opportunities, the economy grows, food security is enhanced and prospects are improved for

current and future generations.

On the one hand, globalisation and technological and digital revolution have brought new opportunities for us.

On the other hand, there are issues arising out of shifts in labour pattern, unstable livelihoods and income, new fiscal and trade policies and environmental impacts, which must be addressed in the context of women's economic empowerment.

There is no scope to undermine the contributions of agricultural entrepreneurs like Jessore's Hamida Begum and Barison, Narsingdi's Selina Jahan and Zaheda Begum, Joypurhat's Rehana Begum and Rangamati's Baby Chakma.

Being inspired by their success in promoting agriculture, many others have come forward, playing a significant role in ensuring food security.



Shykh Seraj talks to workers at a potato field.

PHOTO: STAR

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A CSRL survey, based on sustainable development in rural livelihood, says, during the last decade, the number of women labourers in farming sector has increased to 8 million from 3.7 million -- a tremendous rise of around 116%.

On the contrary, male labourers' participation in the farming sector decreased by 10.4%.

At present, there are a total of 10.2 million women labourers who are directly contributing to the economic development of Bangladesh.

Of them, 77% are from the rural areas. They are playing a vital role in developing agriculture sector and ensuring food security

while staying involved with farming, forestry, livestock rearing, poultry and fishery etc.

There is also the issue of climate change including irregular rainfall, floods, droughts and cyclones, whose effects have a greater impact on rural women and make their life difficult.

During a special interview, I talked with Nobel laureate economist Dr Amartya Sen on the rise of Bangladeshi women in the work field against many difficulties.

"The government as well as many NGOs have supported women's causes while the political atmosphere of Bangladesh helped women's empowerment. Women played a vital role in the

1971 Liberation War," said Amartya Sen.

"My observation is that in the families where women's voice is evaluated with importance, children are well fostered. This is proven all over the world.

"When a woman's buying capacity increases, her decision is valued in the family," he added.

With utmost respect for the women, who are becoming self-reliant, I would say that now it is the demand of the time to give due recognition to women workers and provide them reasonable wage. And the women entrepreneurs should be provided sufficient patronisation to go ahead with their initiatives.

Demise of rare species mole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moultribazar*

The authorities have taken initiative to preserve the body of the rare species black mole that succumbed to its injuries on Friday, foiling efforts to save it at Bangladesh Wildlife Service Foundation in Sreemangal upazila of the district.

The mole was injured when locals captured it at Phulcherra village in the upazila on Thursday.

The mole's body is being preserved in formalin to be displayed at Lawachara forest department office, said Mihir Kumar Doe, divisional forest officer of wildlife and conservation department of the forest department.

The mole is classified as vulnerable on the Red List of International Union for

Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and their population is on the decline, he said.

"The English name of the mole is Himalayan mole or Eastern



mole and its scientific name is eurosaptor micrura.

"This species, found in Nepal, Bhutan, India and Bangladesh, is very secretive, nocturnal and fossorial. It is purely a forest floor

dwelling mammal," he added.

Swapon Deb Sajal, director of Bangladesh Wildlife Service Foundation, said as locals of Phulcherra village in Sreemangal upazila tried to dig into a hole in the earthen wall of one Thomas Nafak's house on Thursday, the animal came out and scuttled across the yard. The mole got injured while being captured by the villagers.

"The mole weighs 100 gram and around 4.5 inches long. It has cylindrical body with a short neck. The mole is black and completely covered by velvety fur, Sajal said.

"It is found in the central and eastern Himalayas usually between an elevation of 1,500 metres and 2,400 metres. It mostly eats earthworms and insects and their larvae," he added.

'Arrest Nazmul's killers'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jamalpur*

Local people demanded immediate arrest of the accused in Nazmul Hassan murder case filed with Sarishabari Police Station on January 21.

The victim was Nazmul Hassan, 32, son of Samsul Haque of Sengua village in Sarishabari upazila.

They made the call at a human chain in the upazila town yesterday.

Addressing the rally, the speakers said two month into the murder, police are yet to arrest the killers.

Nazmul was beaten to death allegedly by his neighbour Sorab Hossain and his men over a disputed land on January 20.

Woman 'killed' at in-laws' house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pirojpur*

A housewife was allegedly murdered in her in-law's house at Sadar upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was Ruma Akter Meem, 22, wife of Raju Karigor, 25, of Deborkathi village in the upazila.

Ruma's maternal uncle Jahangir said his niece got married with Raju, son of Siddique Karigor, around five years ago. Three years later, Raju got involved in a love affair with another girl. As Meem came to know about the matter a conflict was created between them.

Jahangir also claimed that Raju, a motor-bike driver, and his mother Eliza Begum made Meem abort her baby before birth.

A man from Raju's village informed Meem's relatives that she had hanged herself from the ceiling of the kitchen. They rushed to the house and found Meem lying on the floor.

Jahangir alleged that Meem's in-laws murdered her.

Police from Pirojpur Sadar Police Station (PS) sent the body to the morgue for autopsy. They also arrested Raju and his parents.

Jahangir filed a case with the police station yesterday, accusing Raju and his parents, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Masumur Rahman Biswas said.

The arrestees will be produced before a court in Pirojpur on Monday, the OC said.

2 foundation stones for one building!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Faridpur*

Two foundation stones have been laid for Dangi Union Parishad building at two different places under Nagarkanda upazila in the district.

The first stone was laid at Bil-Gobidapur area three and a half years ago by Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, then Member of Parliament of Faridpur-2 and Deputy Leader of National Parliament, on September 14 in 2013. She also laid the second stone for the same building at Vubukdia area on March 8 in 2017.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Nagarkanda Abdul Aziz said the second stone was laid at Vubukdia as the local government ministry took the decision to erect the building there.

Pledge not to catch jatka

Speakers stress state recognition to fisherwomen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bhola*

Speakers at a rally on Saturday stressed the role of fisherwomen in preserving hilsa and increasing its production.

The day-long Fishers' Women Congress 2017 was held at the deputy commissioner's office with the slogan "We are women, we also can".

The programme aims at involving the fisherwomen and their wives in hilsa management process. Financed by USAID, Enhanced Coastal Fisheries in Bangladesh (Ecofish) project has been supporting the initiative.

Seven successful women were given a cheque of Tk 25,000 each, said Deputy Director of Economic Growth Office in USAID Nathan Sage.

Over 100 fishermen and their wives vowed, "We won't catch jatka for nine months. Remain happy for 12 months". They promised to engage in alternative works during the ban.

Addressing the rally, Principal of Bhola Government College Parveen



Seven successful women pose for photograph with guests at Fishers' Women Congress 2017 at Bhola deputy commissioner's office on Saturday.

Akhter said women living on catching fish have been enduring much hardship fighting with storms and tidal waves.

"You are enriching national economy. We want dignity for your labour. We want state recognition of your work," she said.

About 15 lakh women in coastal areas are directly involved with hilsa production and 279 hilsa preservation teams have been formed with them

since 2015.

Rima Begum of the same upazila said a savings cooperative has been formed in their area with 40 wives of fishermen. Their savings is now Tk 44,000. When it reaches Tk 50,000, Ecofish will contribute Tk 25,000 to the cooperative.

Fisherwoman Tarujan Bibi said they have been following government rules in catching fish but are yet to get fishermen's card from the government.

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জাতীয় শিশু দিবস ২০১৭

১৭ মার্চ জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান - এর জন্মদিন জাতীয় শিশু দিবস উপলক্ষে জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘরে চিত্রাঙ্কন প্রতিযোগিতার আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। প্রতিযোগিতার শ্রেণি বিভাজন নিম্নে দেওয়া হল:

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