

Two children
raped: 2 men
arrested

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Two children were raped in Pirojpur and Bandarban.

Police arrested a young man on charge of raping a five-year-old girl in Kawkhali upazila of Pirojpur on Sunday, reports our correspondent.

The arrestee is Faizul Islam, 25, of Nangguli village in the upazila.

Police said Faizul took the girl to a nearby abandoned house while she was playing there and raped her in the afternoon.

Following a case filed by the victim's father, police arrested Faizul at night, said Md Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Kawkhali PS.

The arrestee was produced before Pirojpur Judge's Court that sent him to jail yesterday.

The girl was sent to the civil surgeon's office for medical test, said the OC.

Meanwhile, a man was arrested the same day on charge of raping a minor indigenous schoolgirl in Sadar upazila, reports our Bandarban correspondent.

The victim is a Class I student of a local primary school.

OC Rafiq Ullah of Bandarban Police Station said Niten Chakma, 32, who used to live in a sublet room of the girl's house, raped her when she was alone at the house around 1:00pm on Thursday.

Sweet abode at last

690 people who lived on begging get house under govt project

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

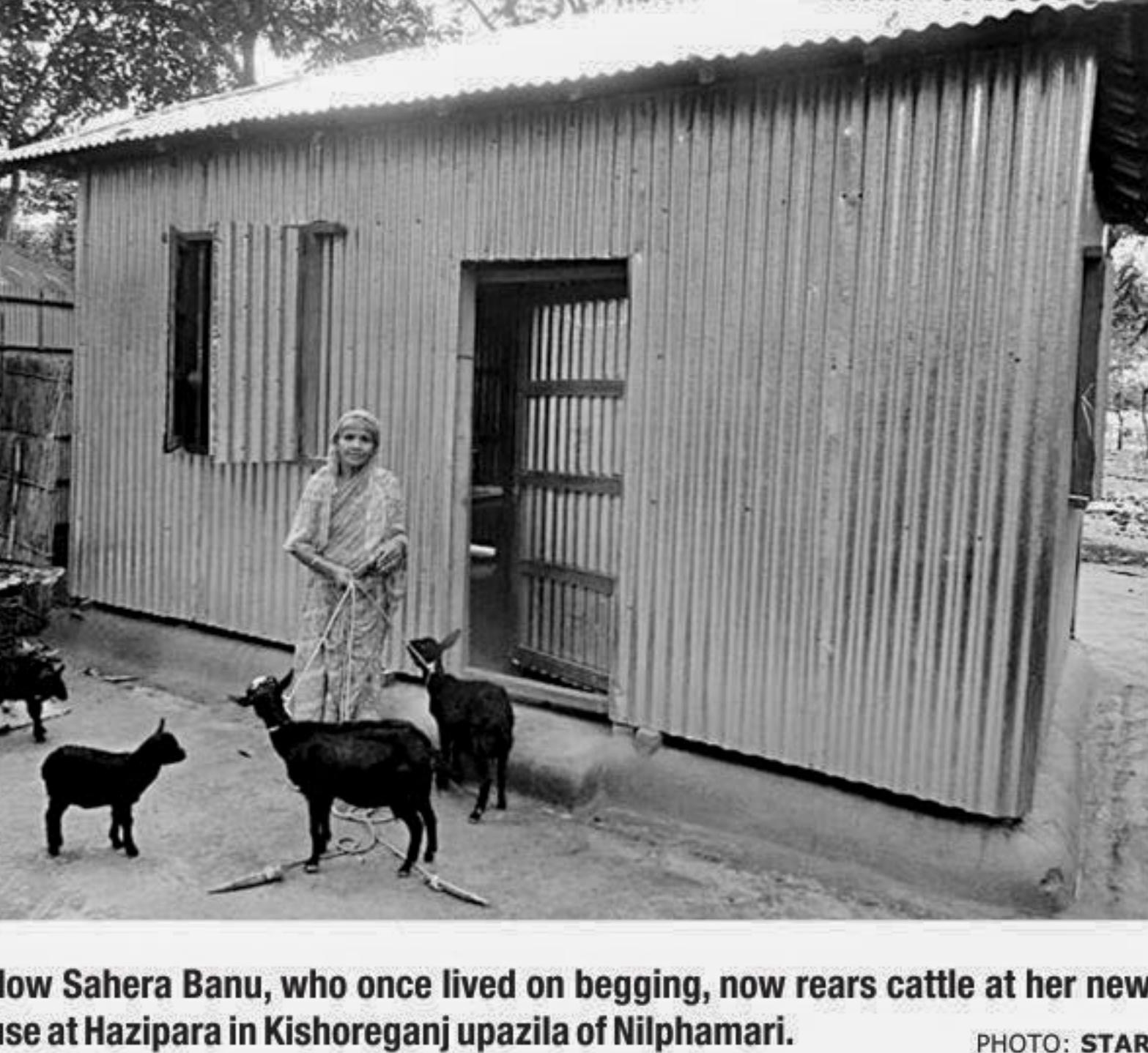
As many as 690 people who lived on begging got new houses under Ashrayon-2 Project, government's first housing programme for them, in Kishoreganj upazila under the district.

The government had undertaken the project in 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Locals donated land to the landless people to build a house having four windows, a door and a latrine and thus a new dimension is added in the project.

According to the office of upazila nirkhali officer (UNO), the government initiated the project at a cost of about Tk 5.18 crore after the upazila was declared free from beggars with promise of giving rehabilitation facilities on July 5 in 2014.

Upazila Chairman Rashidul Islam said the enlisted beggars were made



Widow Sahera Banu, who once lived on begging, now rears cattle at her new house at Hazipara in Kishoreganj upazila of Nilphamari.

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The poor people were made members of 'Ekti bari, ekti khamar' project and included in social safety net programmes like 40-day employment generating programme, test relief and food for work.

members of 'Ekti bari, ekti khamar' project to provide them with loan and training on income generating activities like cattle rearing.

They were also included in various social safety net programmes like 40-day employment programme for poor people, test relief and food for work.

Chief Secretary of Prime Minister's Office Md Abul Kalam Azad visited the upazila in 2015 to see progress of the project.

Beneficiary Jahaton Bewa, 65, who lost her day labourer husband 20 years ago, said "I became helpless with three daughters and started begging for livelihood after my husband's demise."

"I am now happy as I got two goats for rearing under the programme," she said.

Another beneficiary Jorimon Bibi, 60, said, "I used to sleep in others' cowshed at night, but now I have a new house on two decimals of land donated by local resident Mozam Ali."

UNO Mehedi Hasan said, "As 50 percent of the beggars in the area do not own land, we persuaded local land owners to donate one to two decimals to each of them so that the house and latrine can be set up, and many responded to our call, which is really unique."

Law on land use okayed

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The advisory council would primarily provide policy support to the Urban Development Directorate and other regulatory bodies, he added.

There would be a 25-member executive council, led by the housing secretary, for running day-to-day functions related to the issuance of such clearances. Relevant experts would also be in this body.

"The executive council will place proposal to the advisory council for approval and implement the advisory council's decisions," the cabinet secretary said.

Alam said there were many issues which had not been mentioned in the draft law and that those would be elaborated in the rules that would follow.

He said people would require permission to set up houses in rural areas too. Every year the country

loses one percent of agricultural land, which must be stopped, he said.

Replying to a query, the cabinet secretary said the law would bring coordination among the bodies dealing with land.

EXPERTS' SAY
Ishrat Islam, professor and head of the Urban and Regional Planning Department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), and AKM Abul Kalam, founding chairman of Urban and Regional Planning Department of Jahangirnagar University, said the law would be good for the country.

"We hail the cabinet decision. We have long been trying to have this law. The government, non-government organisations and people will be benefited from the law," Prof Kalam told The Daily Star.

He said this law would resolve many problems related to develop-

ment activities. "Once the law is enacted, special plans can be implemented regionally, like the setting up of economic zones. It will also boost coordination among the ministries and division over the use of land, which is very complex," he said.

"Strategic plans can be chalked out for forest land, hill areas and coastal belts. Nobody would be able to develop land at his or her whim," said Prof Kalam.

Echoing Kalam, Prof Ishrat said major policies and plans should be considered in formulating rules of the law. All the major plans, like seven- and five-year plans, vision-2021, and environment and disaster management-related laws and policies, among others, should be considered.

"With this law, we will have a national land use policy where there will be plans for both urban and rural areas," she told The Daily Star.

'Arrest killer of banker Arifa'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

People of all walks of life in the district town formed a human chain yesterday demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killer of a bank official who was brutally hacked to death allegedly by her husband in Dhaka on Thursday.

Representatives of Udichi, Tib and Chhatra Union, and local traders took part in the programme in the town's Doyamoyee intersection around 11:00am.

Arifunnesa Arifa, 27, daughter of late Anisuzzaman, was married to Fakrul Islam Robin, 28, son of late Mukta Mia four years ago. Robin is unemployed.

Some months after their marriage, Robin got addicted to drugs and frequently asked for money from Arifa for purchasing drugs. When she refused, Robin tortured her mentally and physically, said Al-Amin Bulbul, elder brother of the victim.

Unable to bear the torture, Arifa divorced Robin six months ago.

Arifa was brutally hacked in broad daylight in front of her rented house on Central Road in Dhaka on Thursday morning.

800 sacks of govt rice seized at Ashuganj mill

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized 800 sacks of rice which bore seals of the food department from a rice mill in Alamnagar area of Ashuganj upazila of the district.

The law enforcers also detained five people, including the owner of the rice mill, from the spot.

The arrestees are Kamal Mia, owner of Mecca-Madina Rice Mill, Muslim Mia, Abdus Sattar, Rana Mia and Jasim Uddin.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-14 raided Mecca-Madina Rice Mill around 9:00am and seized 800 sacks of rice (each carrying 50 kg rice). Major Sheikh Nazmul Arefin, commander of Rab-14 Bhairab camp,

MURDER OF DINAJPUR PIR, AIDE Another arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested another accused in the case for killing pir Farhad Hossain Chowdhury and his female aide in Bochaganj upazila under the district from Bhurungamari upazila of Kurigram early yesterday.

The arrestee, Shafiqul Islam Babu, 28, son of Azimuddin of Doula (Shahpara) village under Bochaganj upazila, was directly involved with the killing, claimed the law enforcers.

Acting on a tip, a team from Rab-13 in Rangpur conducted a raid at Joymonirhat village under Bhurungamari upazila early Monday and arrested him from there, ATM Atiqullah, commander of Rab-13, told a briefing yesterday.

Earlier, police arrested Md Isaq Ali, 55, a pif of Pathardubi village in the same upazila, and Saidur Rahman, a khadem (caretaker) of Kaderia Mohammadi Khanka Sharif, a shrine founded by Farhad Hossain at Doula village of Bochaganj in 2010.

Farhad, 65, and his female caretaker Rupali Begum, 19, were shot and stabbed to death inside the shrine on March 13 night.

Earlier on Friday, Dinajpur Superintendent of Police Hamidul Alam said Isaq Ali was the mastermind while Khadem Saidur Rahman and five other people of Doula village directly took part in the double murder.

Police declined to disclose the details of other members of the killing team until there are arrested.

CHT people still deprived of education

Says Santu Larma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The people in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) are deprived of education due to non-implementation of the peace agreement, said Jyotirindro Bodhipriyo Larma alias Santu Larma.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the farewell programme for Higher Secondary Certificate candidates from Rangamati Sijak College. Principal Suvas Dutta Chakma presided over meeting.

"Unqualified teachers are appointed in primary schools, so the students cannot learn from them. As a result, they drop out from the primary level," Santu Larma said.

Jatka catching unabated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

items with my personal earning," Nayon said.

Shahidul, another fisherman of Ranapasha village in Nalcity upazila, said "We defy the ban as we have no alternative work to get rid of our hunger."

Local fishermen said about one hundred boats are engaged in jatka catching on Bishkhali river every day.

Rajapur Upazila Fisheries Officer Mukta Rani Sarkar said about 250 fishermen, out of 1100 in the upazila, have been brought under the VGF programme.

Out of about 4630 seasonally jobless fishermen in the district, only 1012 people have been brought under the programme, said Prithi Kumar Mallik, deputy director of fisheries department in Jhalakathi.

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Strengthening and Consolidation of Community Based Adaptation in the Ecologically Critical Areas through Biodiversity Conservation and Social Protection Project

Paribesh Bhaban, E/16 Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Date: 21/03/2017

Memo No. 22.02.0000.045.14.025.17-

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment and Forests			
2	Agency	Department of Environment			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Strengthening and Consolidation of Community Based Adaptation in the Ecologically Critical Areas through Biodiversity Conservation and Social Protection Project (Strengthening and Consolidation of CBA-ECA Project).			
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Invitation for	Tender for Construction of 1 (one) Village Conservation Center (VCC), Installation of 2 (two) Solar Based Irrigation Plant, Supply & Installation of 11 (Eleven) Hand Tubewells and Supply of 10 (Ten) Engine Boat.			
7	Invitation Ref No	22.02.0000.045.14.025.17/			
8	Date	21 March 2017			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT)			
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	UNDP and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Dhaka			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable			
13	Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	Strengthening and Consolidation of Community Based Adaptation in the Ecologically Critical Areas through Biodiversity Conservation and Social Protection Project (Strengthening and Consolidation of CBA-ECA Project).			
14	Tender Package No.	W1, W2 and GD1, GD2 (4 packages)			
15	Tender Package Name	W1. Construction of 1 (one) Village Conservation Center (VCC), W2. Installation of 2 (two) Solar Based Irrigation Plant, GD1. Supply & Installation of 11 (Eleven) Hand Tubewells, GD2. Supply of 10 (Ten) Engine Boat.			
Date		Time			
16	Tender Publication Date	21 March 2017			
17	Tender Last Selling Date	08 April 2017			
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	09 April 2017			
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	09 April 2017			
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address			
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Deputy Project Director, Strengthening and Consolidation of CBA-ECA Project, Department of Environment, Room # 507, E-16 Agargaon, Dhaka 1207			
	- Receiving Tender Document	Deputy Project Director, Strengthening and Consolidation of CBA-ECA Project, Department of Environment, Room # 507, E-16 Agargaon, Dhaka 1207			
	- Opening Tender Document	Deputy Project Director, Strengthening and Consolidation of CBA-ECA Project, Department of Environment, Room # 507, E-16 Agargaon, Dhaka 1207.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
21	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	3 years hands on experience in the relevant works with all valid documents; Shall have experience of completing at least one similar nature of work.			
22	Brief Description of Works	i. Construction of one Village Conservation Center (VCC) at Sonadia Island Ecologically Critical Area (ECA), Cox's Bazar. ii. Installation of two solar based irrigation plant at Hakaluki Haor. iii. Installation of 11 hand tube-well in different locations of Hakaluki Haor in Sylhet, Moulvibazar Districts and Cox's Bazaar Districts iv. Supply of 10 wooden boats fitted with engine			
23	Brief Description of Physical Services	i. VCC: Supply of specified furniture and fixture, repair and maintenance for 3 (three) years ii. Solar Irrigation Plant: Training of the users, Repair and maintenance for 3 (three) years iii. Hand Tubewell: repair maintenance for 1 (one) year iv. Boats: repair maintenance for 1 (one) year v. The above mentioned construction, installations and supply will take place in Ecologically Critical Areas (ECAs) where local community as Village Conservation Group (VCG) will be engaged in monitoring and utilization of the structures, installations			
24	Price of Tender Document Tk	Tk.2000.00 (Taka Two thousand only) (non refundable)			
25	Package no.	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
	W1	Construction of one Village Conservation Center	Sonadia Island, Mosheshkhali, Cox's Bazaar	100,000.00	7 months
	W2				