

Elderly man beaten dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An elderly man was beaten to death allegedly over a land dispute in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj yesterday.

The deceased was Khorshed Alam, 60, a farmer of Gonta village.

Police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between Khorshed and his neighbour Abul Hossain over the ownership of the land.

As a sequel, Abul's men beat up Khorshed mercilessly when he went to the disputed land yesterday.

Khorshed succumbed to his injuries on way to the hospital, said Officer-in-Charge Fazle Ashik of Tarash Police Station.

Six get life for abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Joypurhat court on Sunday sentenced six people, including a woman, to life imprisonment in connection with a case for abducting a boy for ransom in 2011.

The convicts are Ferdaus Hossain, Abdul Kader, Soymuddin Mia, Ibrahim Hossain, Abdur Rahim and Fahmida Begum. They all hail from different villages in Duppachina upazila of Bogra.

Of them, Ibrahim and Rahim were tried in absentia.

Joypurhat Additional District and Sessions Judge Dr Mohammad Abdul Mazid also fined the convicts Tk 20 lakh each. In default, they are to suffer two years more in jail.



People wade through the flooded yard beside a house in Kuakata municipality of Patuakhali yesterday as heavy rain coupled with tidal surges submerged most of the area and lack of proper drainage system compounded the problem.

PHOTO: STAR

Rain paralyses life in Patuakhali

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Heavy rainfall and tidal surge disrupted normal life in coastal areas of Patuakhali, including tourist spot Kuakata, during the last couple of days.

Over 100 coastal islands in different upazilas of Patuakhali have been flooded by tidal surge and heavy rainfall, reports our correspondent.

Several thousand fish enclosures and ponds are affected due to the situation.

Patuakhali Met office reported a record 120 mm rainfall in six hours from 6:00am to 12:00noon yesterday while 140.60 mm rainfall was recorded in 24 hours from Sunday noon.

Most areas of Kuakata municipality have gone underwater.

Over a hundred hotels and motels near Kuakata Zero Point

face waterlogging due to the heavy rain that badly affects over 1000 families living in the area.

"We are facing waterlogging for a week due to heavy rain. Most of the roads and yards of the houses, hotels and motels have gone under water, much to the sufferings of locals as well as tourists," said Abul Hossain, a trader at Kuakata Rakhine Market.

Md Shah Alam, councillor of ward No 3 of Kuakata municipality, said waterlogging persists due to lack of sufficient drainage.

The authorities should take proper steps for development in the municipality area, including building of drainage system, said Mizanur Rahman Bullet, former president of Kauakata Press Club.

Abdul Bareq Mollah, mayor of Kuakata municipality, said they could not develop sufficient drainage system and culverts due to lack of fund.

At least 18 dwelling houses were damaged and three people including a child got injured as a four-minute-long tornado hit remote Char Lakkhi and Khalifar Char villages in Rangabali upazila under the district at 10:00am yesterday.

The injured are Rojamoni, 2, daughter of Younus Howlader, Rahima Begum, 40, wife of late Shahjahan, and their son Jahidul Islam, 20, all of Khalifar Char.

Our Jhalakathi Correspondent reports: Four fishermen went missing in the Bay of Bengal near Charnizam area of Monpura in Bhola after their trawler sank in a storm on Sunday evening, said Shahin Khan, officer in charge of Monpura Police Station.

They are Kamal Majhi, 58, Bachchu, 45, Akash, 35, and Saiful -- all from Charmontaj under Charfashion in Bhola, he said.

Fifteen fishermen including the four went to catch fish in the sea on Sunday afternoon. Eleven of them were able to come to the shore after the trawler sank.

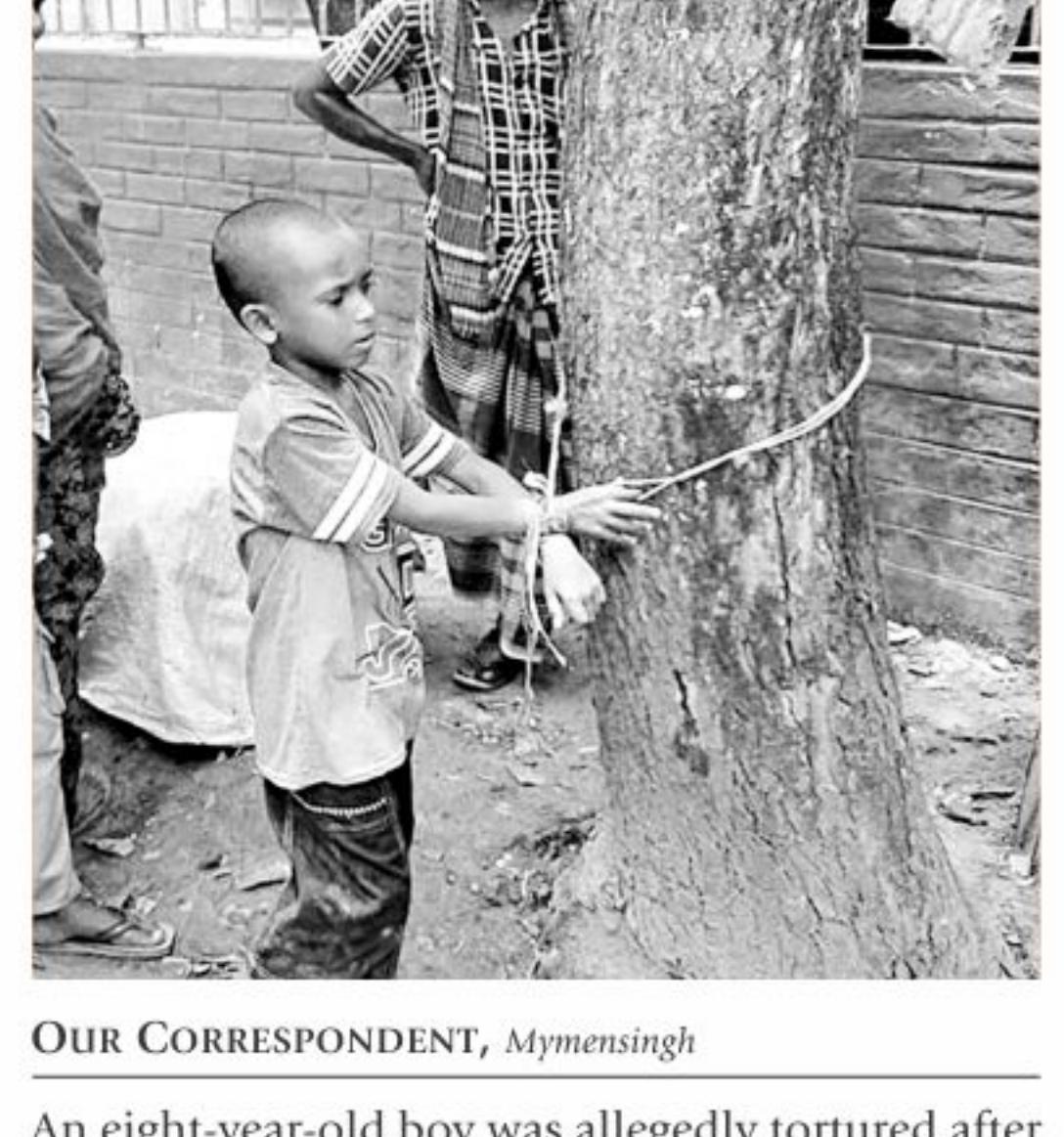
The trawler was rescued from Dalchar of Monpura yesterday morning.

Police and fishermen continued their search for the missing fishermen.

Our Manikganj Correspondent reports: Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) suspended launch services on Paturia-Daulatdia and Aricha-Kazirhat routes from 12:30pm yesterday to avoid any untoward accident amid the ongoing rough weather, said Faridul Haque, traffic inspector of BIWTA's Aricha office.

"The decision has been taken as the Padma turned turbulent due to the stormy weather," he said.

Boy tied to tree on theft charge



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An eight-year-old boy was allegedly tortured after being tied to a tree by a grocery shop owner on Sunday, on allegation of stealing cigarettes in Madan upazila of Netrakona.

The victim, Mazharul Islam, is son of day labourer Azharul Islam of Chawlk Morolpara village.

Police said Mazharul went to the grocery shop of Shanto Munshi on Sunday noon.

As the boy allegedly picked up a packet of cigarettes, shop owner Shanto caught the boy and tied him to a roadside tree.

The shop owner later slapped the boy several times and kept him tied to the tree for nearly an hour, OC Mohammad Mazedur Rahman of Madan Police Station quoted villagers as saying.

Fearing public wrath, Shanto went to Madan Press Club and admitted to the journalists that he tied up the boy to a tree but denied torturing Mazharul.

Azharul said Shanto tortured his son over a false allegation and demanded proper investigation in this regard.

Man kills wife over second marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A woman was killed allegedly over her husband's second marriage at Pashchim Charakhalia in Jhalakathi's Rajapur upazila.

Police recovered the victim's hanging body from her husband's house in the village.

Deceased Minu Begum, 35, wife of Alamgir Sharif of the area, was mother of two children.

Investigation report confirmed that Minu was hung after killing, said SI Chan Mia of Rajapur Police Station.

A murder case was filed.

Minu might have been killed over her husband's second marriage, said OC Sheikh Munirul Gias.

Police arrested Alamgir in this connection.

The couple started staying in Chittagong after their marriage 20 years ago but Minu and her two sons were sent back to the village home by the husband five years ago, said the victim's father Abdul Mannan.

Alamgir recently married another girl in the port city where he worked, said Mannan.

"My daughter went to Chittagong last week and came back with her husband," he said.

Boat-only transport a reality of monsoon life

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

In around 100 villages across three Moulvibazar upazilas the monsoon months leave small 'nouka' boats as the only practical means of transport. With heavy rainfall all roads in the area of Hakaluki Haor, including the Kulaura to Barlekha highway are submerged. At such times, for getting to school, the office or the market boats are the only option.

"During the rainy season, vehicular movement is usually suspended, even on the highway, for high water levels," says Komru Mia, an auto-rickshaw driver from Joypasa village in Kulaura upazila. "With Eid fast approaching, drivers in the area's are missing out on an income due to the flooding. Boats are the only way to get around."

"People are entirely dependent on boats here," says Bimol Da, an NGO worker from neighbouring Juri upazila. "And the boatmen know it! They take the opportunity to charge exorbitant fares of Tk 100 or more, which we are all forced to pay as there is no alternative."

"I realise a tidy profit thanks to the long-term flood, which will be helpful for covering my family's Eid expenses in about a month's time," says one Juri boatman, Munem.

According to Juri's upazila nirbahi officer Mintu Chowdhury, at least 22 villages in that upazila have been dependent on boat transport for the last two weeks or so. SM Abdullah Al Mamun, the upazila nirbahi officer in neighbouring Balekha upazila meanwhile says boat communication there is essential as the highways to both Juri and Kulaura are closed due to inundation.

The situation has a particular impact upon visitors to the area including tourists, many of whom are unaware of the reality of life in the haors. "I have visited Hakaluki before," says Md Moin Uddin from Bogra, "For the first time I tried to visit with my family. We are five members so I booked a rental vehicle, but when we reached Kulaura we found that the vehicle cannot go anywhere because even the main roads are flooded. The alternative is to travel by boat, but boat rental prices are high."

According to local business proprietors tourism to Hakaluki during the period is popular; but this year enjoyment has turned sour for many, due to the road closures. Profits for many tourism-related businesses are adversely affected.

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International Quotation Notice for Import of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice (Package-02) under 2017-2018

International quotations in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 (fifty thousand) (±5%) Metric Tons of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice. The particulars of international quotation are furnished below:

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1	Ministry/division	:	Ministry of Food
2	Agency	:	Not applicable.
3	Procuring entity name	:	Director General of Food.
4	Procuring entity code	:	Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	:	Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice.
7	Invitation Ref No.	:	13.01.0000.093.46.21.17-1800
8	Date	:	24/07/2017

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9	Procuring method	:	International Request for Quotation.
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20	Name and address of the office(s)	:	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
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21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	:	Not applicable.
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