

BCL man loses membership for beating journalist

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushiya

Bangladesh Chhatra League's (BCL) Islamic University (IU) unit has suspended membership of an activist on charge of beating a journalist.

The suspended activist is Mithun Hossain Kabir, a fourth year student of information and communication technology department, BCL IU unit President Shahinur Rahman and General Secretary Jewel Rana Halim said in a statement yesterday.

Kabir and his accomplices beat up Shah Alam, IU correspondent of the daily Independent, at Sheikhpara bazar beside the campus on Friday evening over a previous matter, campus sources said.

Youth stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A shop employee was stabbed to death and another injured seriously in an attack by criminals in the town on Friday.

The deceased was Mohammad Sourov, 25, of Natokghar Lane area in the town. He was an employee at a shop of Gangianrpar area.

Critically injured Mohammad Hasan, 22, was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH).

Monsur Ahmed, OC of Kotwali Police Station, said Sourov and a group of youths locked in an altercation over previous enmity in Balashpur Kosaipara area.

At one stage of altercation, they stabbed Sourov, leaving him critically injured. Later, Sourov died at MMCH.

Police arrested Emon, 20 in this connection.



Modongouri Government Primary School in Kulaura upazila under Moulvibazar remains flooded for up to months during the monsoon every year, much to the disturbance of classes of around 200 students.

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School closed for 5 months a year for monsoon flood

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

Modongouri Government Primary School in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila, which has around 200 students enrolled, has been closed for more than a month due to flooding. It's usual. Situated on low-lying land, the school is unable to run classes for between three and five months each year.

"We have suspended classes due to the excess water," says the president of the school's management committee Abdul Kadir. "The school is five-feet below the level of the road. It is in the Hakaluki Haor area. It's normally closed for up to five months a year due to submergence.

"The safety of our students must be our priority," Kadir adds that the teachers may hold some classes on one side of the school that is on higher ground, if they wish. He says the committee has appealed to the authorities for the school to be developed with a two-storey building that could also serve as a flood evacuation centre, but that no action has yet been taken.

"I'm an alumnus of the school," says local shopkeeper Saif Uddin. "I passed class five

there in 2000. Since childhood I've seen that this school closes every year for several months. The site is prone to flash flooding when water from nearby hills collects there. As students we used to wait eagerly for the rain to start. We knew it would be an unscheduled holiday. But on the other hand, students can hardly achieve good academic results for the disruption."

"Classes were supposed to commence on 1 July," says one of the school's guardians Monir Uddin. "Due to the flooding it wasn't possible. Actually, many people won't send their children to this school because it is so commonly closed."

Nadir Mohammad, 75, is among the oldest residents of Modongouri village. "For at least twenty years the school has had this problem. My granddaughter Samira Begum is a class-two student there now; but she has lost her interest in study. She says she won't read her textbooks because the school will be shut anyway."

Modongouri Government Primary School is an institution with a long history. It was first established in 1882 in the Dighipar area in Bhuksimul union. It was only in 1994, when the school was moved to its current premises

that flooding became a problem.

This year rainfall and flooding across the north-east have been far more than usual. "The situation is exacerbated by the heavy rainfall in Assam's Borak Valley," says the Water Development Board's executive engineer in Sylhet, Sirajul Islam. "As a result the Kushiara river has burst its banks with floods reaching a dangerous level, especially at Sewla Point. Until the rain eases there can be little respite from the floodwaters."

The responsible government education officers have advised The Daily Star that 152 primary schools in Moulvibazar district are currently closed due to flooding, while in Sylhet district a further 161 primary schools are likewise closed. The corresponding figures for high schools in the two districts are 48 and 32 respectively. But while this year's flooding might be extreme, Modongouri primary school has the unenviable distinction of being submerged every year.

"I will take immediate action to resolve the issue," promises Kulaura's Upazila Nirbahi Officer Chowdhury Golam Rabbi when apprised of the situation in Modongouri.

13-yr-old rape victim in ICU

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A 13-year-old rape victim has been put in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, alleged rapist Md Zakaria, 20, son of Anwarul Islam of Khorabari village in Parbatipur upazila, is yet to be arrested two days into the incident.

Family members said Zakaria picked up the girl from her home on Friday afternoon when he found her alone. He took her to a nearby abandoned house and raped her.

Hearing the hue and cry, villagers rushed to the spot and rescued the girl bleeding profusely. Zakaria, however, managed to flee the scene.

She was rushed to Parbatipur Upazila Health Complex and then shifted to Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital as her condition worsened.

Doctors conducted several surgeries till late night, but her bleeding could not be stopped. Later the hospital authorities put her in the ICU.

Dr Yasmin, gynaecologist of the hospital, said condition of the victim improved a bit after 2:00pm yesterday. The girl was getting blood, she said.

The girl lived with her maternal grandmother as her father was mentally sick. Her mother left her and got married for second time.

ASP Mahfuzzaman Ashraf said they are trying to arrest the culprit.

College girl raped in captivity

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A court here yesterday sent a man to jail on charge of raping a college girl keeping her confined to his abandoned house in Sakhipur upazila under the district for over six months.

Badal Miah, 35, son of Dorbesh Ali of Ratanpur village, claims that he is a leader of Joy Bangla League, locals said.

Badal, arrested on Friday in Mirzapur upazila, was produced before the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Abdullah al Masum that sent him to jail following his confession statement, police said.

Badal, father of two children, had a good relationship with the victim's family and has been staying in their house. Badal's wife and children stay in Dhaka.

The girl told Badal about her affair with a youth and requested him to arrange their marriage. Badal agreed but said he would need money for that. The girl then stole Tk 1.3 lakh from her maternal uncle's house, her brother said.

Badal took the girl to his unused house on January 11 where he has been raping her, keeping confined there. Locals rescued the girl on July 30.

The girl alleged that Badal kept her confined to the house for six months 17 days and raped her on several occasions after giving her food mixed with drugs.

Meanwhile, a case was filed yesterday against a boy and a couple over rape of a schoolgirl in Basail upazila on Tuesday.

The girl's relatives said one Ashik, 18, son of Abdul Karim of Kalian village in adjacent Sakhipur upazila, along with his two accomplices picked up the girl, 14, a Class VIII student, while she was on her way to school on Tuesday.

Gulnazar's dream of education shattered



Junior Dakhil Certificate examinee Gulnazar Begum sorts out remains of textbooks in her burnt house at Ashurkhai village in Nilphamari's Saidpur upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Tears rolled down from Gulnazar's eyes as she was sorting out her burnt textbooks that were gutted during a fire incident on Friday night.

The fire burnt all the belongings including the lone tin-roofed house of her family and compelled them to live under the open sky.

Gulnazar Begum, 13, who is scheduled to appear in the upcoming Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations from Pashchim Belpukur Majapara Girls' Madrasa, is eldest among three children of Golzar Hossain, 35, of Ashurkhai village in Saidpur upazila.

Gulnazar's mother Hawa Banu said her daughter is a bright student and she came first in all her previous exams.

"My daughter has a dream to be

educated with a goal to bring solvency to our poverty-stricken family," Banu said.

Banu said her husband works as a day labourer in the capital and could not spend much for their daughter's education.

Abdul Wahed, who voluntarily helped the family, said Gulnazar repeatedly appealed to him to bring out her textbooks from inside the burning house but he failed to save those due to strong blaze.

Habibur Rahman, superintendent of Pashchim Belpukur Majapara Girls' Madrasa, said as Gulnazar is a brilliant student of the institution, he will try to manage old books for her.

On Friday night, a fire originated from an earthen oven and engulfed the entire house.

College boy kills self

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A college student committed suicide as his mother turned down his demand for a motorcycle in Joypurhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

The ill-fated youth, Shahnewaz Jim, 20, son of Shahnaz Parvin and late Shahjahan Ali of Bhetigram village under Joypurhat Sadar, was an honours first year student of management at Joypurhat Government College.

"My son Jim repeatedly demanded a motorcycle, but I told him to wait till completion of his college study for getting it," said Shahnaz Parvin.

"Jim locked the door of his room from inside today [Saturday] noon. On suspicion, I with the help of villagers broke open the door and found him hanging from a ceiling fan," she said.

Three drug peddlers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police arrested three alleged drug peddlers with 25 kilogram of hemp from Junail Pakkhimari area in Madarganj municipality yesterday.

The arrestees are Sohel, 35, son of Samsul Haque Mollah of Durmuth in Melandah upazila, Shaha Ali, 32, son of Ansar Ali of Digirchar Farazipara village in Islampur and Sumon, 38, son of late Abdul Karim of Charnadagari village in Madarganj.

On information, police waylaid a private car carrying four passengers in the area and arrested the three with the hemp around 7:00am. However, their cohort managed to flee the scene.

A case was filed, accusing the three, said Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Madarganj Police Station.

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Sylhet Gas Fields Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)

বিদ্যুৎ ও জ্বালানি নিরাপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

Ref. no. SGFL/RCFP/17-18/FP-03 Date: 02-08-2017

1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
2.	Agency	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A company of Petrobangla).
3.	Procuring entity name	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, (SGFL).
4.	Procuring entity district	: Sylhet.
5.	Invitation ref. no.	: SGFL/RCFP/17-18/FP-03 dated 02-08-2017.
6.	Invitation for	: Tender for Supply of Lot-1: Spare parts for thermal oil circulating pump and Lot-2: Spare parts for loading station.

KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement method : Open tender method (OTM), Single stage one envelope system.

FUNDING INFORMATION

8. Budget and source of funds : Own source of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Project name : N/A.

10. Tender publication date : N/A.

11. Tender last selling date : 19-09-2017.

12. Place of tender selling : Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrobangla (13th Floor), 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.

13. Date & time of selling of tender document : The tender document will be available for sale from 08-08-2017 to 19-09-2017 during office hours on all working days.

14. Tender closing date & time : 20-09-2017 and 12-00 hrs (BST).

15. Tender opening date & time : 20-09-2017 and 12-15 hrs (BST).

16. Place of tender receiving & opening : Sylhet Gas Fields Limited P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152, Bangladesh.

If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance the same will be received/ opened on the next working day at the same time and Venue.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17. Eligibility of Tenderer : Bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents of all countries except the country/countries having no diplomatic relation with Bangladesh.

18. Brief description of Goods : Lot-1: Spare parts for thermal oil circulating pump. Lot-2: Spare parts for loading station.

19. Price of tender document : Taka 2,000.00 or US\$. 25.00 (non-refundable).

20. **Special Instruction:**

a) The Tenderer may bid for one or more or all of the lots of materials. But all the items under a particular lot must be quoted. Partial offer of any lot is not acceptable.

b) Tender must remain valid for 120 days from the date of opening of the tender.

c) Tenderer shall furnish with the Tender an acceptable Tender Security in the form of Demand Draft or Pay Order or Bank guarantee (as per format provided in the Tender Document) issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh or by any scheduled foreign bank operating in Bangladesh or by any reputed foreign bank duly endorsed with full obligation and liability by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in the amount as under:

LOT No	Description of Goods	Tender security amount
Lot-1	Spare parts for thermal oil circulating pump	Taka 32,000.00 or US\$. 400.00
Lot-2	Spare parts for loading station	Taka 24,000.00 or US\$. 300.00

d) The Tender Security must remain valid for one hundred and forty eight (148) days from the date of opening of the tender.

e) The scope of supply, terms of supply and information require to be furnished by the Tenderers, etc. are included in the tender document.

f) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tender(s) will be rejected and returned unopened to the Tenderer.

g) The Tender must not be submitted by Fax or E-mail.

h) This tender notice will also be available at Petrobangla Website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and SGFL Website: www.sgfl.org.bd

21. Name of Official inviting tender : Md. Mozammel Haque Khan

Designation of Official inviting tender : Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

Mobile no. 01730006940, E-mail: dgmp@sgfl.org.bd

23. Address of Official inviting tender : Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152, Bangladesh.

24. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to reject any or all tender or annul the tendering process at any stage prior to award of contract without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected Tenderer(s).

Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

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