

Physically challenged girl 'raped' in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A physically challenged girl, aged around 12, was allegedly raped by her neighbour in Komlapur area of Savar on Thursday.

Quoting victim's family, police said one Abdul Jabbar, 57, raped the girl inside her house when her parents were outside on Thursday evening. As her parents came home she told them about the incident.

Victim's mother yesterday filed a rape case with Savar Model Police Station accusing Jabbar, said Officer-in-Charge of Savar Model Police Station Mohshinul Kadir.

The victim was sent to One Stop Crises Centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said the OC, adding, they are trying to arrest Jabbar.

BCL men beat up teacher in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists of Sylhet city unit beat up a teacher of Britania Women's College in front of the college in Taltola area yesterday.

Asad Chowdhury, a teacher of the philosophy department, also an alleged former Islami Chhatra Shibir leader, took treatment at Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Witnesses said six to eight BCL activists led by Sylhet city unit Organising Secretary Sajal Das attacked

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Speakers at a seminar on "Strengthening Civil Society and Promoting Localization Agenda" at a hotel in the capital. Bangladeshi NGOs for WHS (World Humanitarian Summit) and COAST organised the event in observance of World Humanitarian Day yesterday.

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NGOs struggling to secure funds

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Development activists yesterday at a seminar said the country's local non-government organisations are facing difficulties in securing sufficient fund due to a lack of access to resources, hindering their society-oriented activities.

The NGOs also lack opportunity to form partnership with donor agencies, they said.

They said representatives of these local NGOs are a vital part of the country's civil society. They need to be provided with more space for strengthening civil society voice in a bid to strengthening democratic practice.

Non-government organisation COAST Bangladesh arranged the seminar on "Strengthening Civil Society and Promoting Localisation Agenda: World Humanitarian Summit/Grand Bargain Policy Outcome and its Implementation in Bangladesh" at a hotel in the capital, marking World Humanitarian Day, which was observed globally yesterday.

Over 30 representatives of different local and international NGOs attended the seminar.

Rasheda K Chowdhury, adviser to a former caretaker government, said "civil society" has become a kind of buzzword nowadays. "At this point of time, civil society voice is shrinking, democratic practice is shrinking," she said.

To strengthen civil society voice at local level, global agenda like sustainable development goals have to be contextualised locally, she said.

In addition, the capacity of grassroots-level NGO representatives has to be enhanced as they are an important part of the "civil society", she said.

Moderating the seminar, Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of COAST Bangladesh, said as many as 575 local NGOs are operational in the country at present. These NGOs are providing various social services to the community

based on micro-finance, he said.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said without the government's cooperation, local-level NGOs would not be able to run their activities properly.

Therefore, the relationship between NGOs and the government is very crucial, she added.

Talking about the challenges faced by local NGOs, Shova Rani Das of Sheva Artho Samajik Unnayan Sangsta of Tangail said local NGOs constantly face fund crisis to implement projects in their areas.

Foyezullah Chowdhury of

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NEWS IN brief

BCL factions clash at Chittagong College, injuring 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three students were injured as two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), trying to establish supremacy over each other, clashed at Chittagong College yesterday, said police.

The injured were Md Mobashwer, a master's student of economics; Mamun, a second-year student of Islamic history; and Helal Uddin, a third-year student of Islamic history, said police. They were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Durga Puja celebration committee formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 13-member convening committee was formed yesterday for the celebration of this year's Durga Puja and Shyama Puja at Ramna Kali Mandir and Ma Anandamoyee Asram in the capital.

Dr Ganendranath Biswas and Utpal Saha were made convenor and member secretary respectively of the committee. Durga Puja will be celebrated across the country in the last week of September.

8 Jhut depots gutted in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Fire gutted at least eight jhut (scrap fabrics from garment factories) warehouses in Konabari of Gazipur city yesterday afternoon.

The fire originated at a depot owned by one Abdul Halim in the area and soon spread to the adjoining ones, said Aktaruzzaman Liton, assistant deputy director of Gazipur fire service.

Two fire fighting units from Joydebpur fire station and two from Kaliakoir fire station doused the blaze after an hour.

All the goods were burnt to ashes. The reason behind the fire could not be known immediately.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rahat Khan Choudhury, wife of Anwar Hossain Khan Choudhury, a former lawmaker, passed away at 6:00pm yesterday.

Her first Namaz-e-janaja will be held at Gulshan Azad mosque in the capital after the Esha prayers today.

She will be buried at her family graveyard at Bahadurpur under Nandail Police Station in Mymensingh after the Zohr prayers tomorrow.

She was the younger sister of former education minister ASFK Sadique.

31 Myanmar nationals sent

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in Bangladesh, according to sources at UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Anticipating a large scale inflow of Rohingyas after fresh army deployment in the Rakhine state recently, Border Guard Bangladesh has intensified surveillance and patrol along the border, BCB sources said.

Affidavit
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No formalin in produce

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"We've found through investigations that there's no real basis for such [assumptions]," said the chairman of BFSFA that was launched in February of 2015 to oversee and ensure food safety under the Safe Food Act, 2013.

Since inception, the BFSFA has framed five rules relating to food safety.

He said egg is an important nutrition source and it is full of essential vitamins and minerals.

During their investigation, BFSFA did not find any artificial egg in the market, as reported by various electronic media outlets, said Mahfuzul. "The scientist who gave an interview [regarding the existence of such eggs] did not play a responsible role. We have sought an explanation from him and warned him."

Ensuring food safety is a complex and challenging task as a lot of stakeholders are involved in the supply chain of food. Some 18 ministries and 486 agencies are linked to ensure safe food, he said, adding that the BFSFA's focus is on

creating awareness on food safety under the law and offenders cannot get bail according to this law.

"We are trying to create awareness among people based on scientific information and evidence," said Mahfuzul, urging journalists to contact the BFSFA before publishing or broadcasting any item related to food safety.

The BFSFA chief requested journalists to bring out real issues, rather than spreading confusion.

At the press meet, FICCI President Rupali Chowdhury said the BFSFA should motivate people in producing safe food. At the same time, people who adulterate food should also be punished.

MCCI Secretary General Farooq Ahmed said Bangladesh is one of the fastest growing food manufacturing and exporting countries in the continent.

"So, we all have to comply with local and international rules to ensure food safety," he said.

Among others, BSTI Director Standards ANM Asaduzzaman spoke.

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How a law

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killers' sons are here. Then I asked how do the murderers remain at large? Then I was told about the indemnity ordinance," he said.

"Our family never hides history from us. So we were briefed about the brutality," he said, recalling that the children of his age then did not know anything about Bangabandhu.

He could not even speak about his grandfather in the school for security reasons.

Law Minister Anisul Huq, who was the chief prosecutor of the Bangabandhu murder case, was the keynote speaker at the seminar moderated by Dr Mizanur Rahman, former chairman of the National Human Rights Commission.

The panellists include Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, lawmaker Fazilatunnesa Bappy, Chairman of the Centre for Genocide Studies at Dhaka University Prof Delwar Hossain, and Executive Editor of Daily Janakantha Swadesh Roy. Trustee of CRI and State Minister for Power and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid, CEO of the Memorial Trust Mashura Hossain and Curator of the Museum Nazrul Islam Khan also spoke.

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