

Three arrested over rape of garment worker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested three youths in connection with the rape of a garment worker in Mirpur area of the capital.

The arrestees are Rony, 28, Rubel, 30, and Bepari Babu, 30, said Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Shah Ali Police Station.

The accused allegedly took the woman to a nearby rickshaw garage while she was returning home from a market in Gudaraghat area of Mirpur-1 on Saturday around 8:30pm, the OC said.

Later, Rony reportedly raped her while his two cohorts assisted him, OC Anwar added.

Law enforcers detained the accused in Gudaraghat area after the victim filed a case against the three on Saturday night with the police station, the police official said.

Medical test of the victim was conducted at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday morning, said Sub-Inspector Atikur Rahman, also investigation officer of the case.

A Dhaka court later sent the three accused to jail after they were produced before it, SI added.



This landfill in Kawnia area under Barisal City Corporation (BCC) overflowing with garbage. This is the only landfill site of the city corporation. According to BCC officials, the city produces around 100 tonnes of waste materials every day. The photo was taken yesterday.

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PM urges IMO to recruit more Bangladeshi seafarers

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to recruit more Bangladeshi seafarers in foreign vessels.

The prime minister sought the cooperation when visiting IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim met her at her office.

After the meeting, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters.

The prime minister said Bangladesh wants more IMO engagement in the development of coastal shipping sector across the Bay of Bengal, he said.

Drawing the attention of the IMO secretary general to ocean pollution, the prime minister said pollution is causing harm to Bangladesh's sea resources.

Mentioning that developing countries like Bangladesh need capacity building, Hasina said Bangladesh is manufacturing high quality inland vessels and ocean-going ships.

Kitack Lim praised Bangladeshi seafarers saying Bangladesh, a IMO B-category member, is doing well in IMO as the country has huge potential in this sector.

Two GB staff hacked by "borrowers' relative"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Two Grameen Bank officials were hacked on Saturday allegedly by a relative of borrowers when the former went to their Dharmahata residence in Charghat upazila of Rajshahi to remind them of repayment.

Nur-un-Nabi, second officer of the bank's Nimpara union branch; and Mehrab Hossain, its centre manager, were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, said Nibarun Chandra Burman, officer-in-charge of Charghat Police Station.

Both of them sustained injuries to left hand when Mohammad Sohel, son of Rizia Begum, one of the borrowers, attacked them with a dagger, said Masud Rana, manager of the branch. He said Rizia Begum, her daughter Bebi Begum and her daughter-in-law Bristi Begum borrowed Tk 60,000 from the branch one and a half years ago. "They didn't repay any instalment of the loan yet."

The manager filed a case against Sohel.

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AKHAURA-AGARTALA RAIL LINK Dhaka, Delhi officials sit today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Top officials of Bangladesh and India will sit today in Dhaka to work out a comprehensive plan to expeditiously implement the Akhaura-Agartala rail link, which will facilitate New Delhi to connect with its seven north-eastern states, as well as boost economic development between the two countries.

The high-level meeting will also review the progress regarding restoration of the erstwhile railway linkage projects, which Dhaka and New Delhi consider will open up a new of travel, investment and business opportunities and greatly enhance people-to-people contact in the region.

Officials said the two countries are also set to reopen the defunct transborder rail routes connecting Bangladesh with India, Nepal and Bhutan.

The Indian delegation arrived in Dhaka yesterday to join the meeting.

Diplomatic sources said the meeting will undertake a complete review of railway cooperation between the two countries and ways and means to improve connectivity and services.

Rail communication between India and Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) on all seven routes, including the Akhaura-Agartala, was suspended after the 1965 Indo-Pak war. The two countries have so far restored three of the seven routes.

Dhaka and New Delhi took up a project of 15.054km long railway track at a cost of US \$145 million to connect Akhaura and Agartala about seven years ago to provide a major boost to development and economy of the landlocked north-eastern region of India and eastern Bangladesh.

The total project cost would be borne by the government of India. Of the total track, a stretch of 5-kilometre would be on the Indian side and the rest in Bangladesh, was due to be completed by 2017, but it was delayed due to delay in releasing of fund as well as complexity in land acquisition.

India's Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has already released fund to the tune of Rs. 98 crore to expedite land acquisition process.

After establishment of the rail track, the travel time between Agartala and Kolkata, via Bangladesh, would be reduced by a third, from 1,613km through mountainous terrain to a mere 514km, said diplomatic sources.

Handle Biranganas with care

Workshop places recommendations for govt to prepare guidelines on writing about them

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop in the capital yesterday stressed the need for comprehensive guidelines to conduct research on Biranganas (war heroines), write stories about them and collect their testimonies.

The issue of Biranganas has to be dealt with utmost care and ethics taking into consideration the sensitivity of the issue, they said.

Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB) in collaboration with the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs and Durham University, UK, organised the workshop in Cirdap auditorium.

Organisers said the workshop was arranged in light of a book, "The Spectral Wound: Sexual Violence, Public Memories and the Bangladesh War of 1971". It was a

follow-up of similar workshop held in November, 2016.

Both the events aimed to come up with a set of recommendations to be placed before the government for making the guidelines, they said. Cover jacket of the book was unveiled during the yesterday's workshop.

At the yesterday's programme, Nayanika Mookherjee, the author of the book and a faculty of anthropology department of Durham University, placed a set of 16 recommendations before the government for the proposed guidelines.

She said while collecting testimonies and conducting research on Biranganas, a researcher or interviewer should not focus only on the violent episode they faced during the 1971 Liberation War. Rather, priority should be given on their life at present, she said.

In addition, interview of only those should be taken who are willing to participate, she added.

RIB Executive Director Meghna Guhathakurta stressed the need for collaborative work between the government and the non-government organisations on the issue.

Speaking as the chief guest, Aparup Chowdhury, secretary of liberation war affairs ministry, said at present there are 185 gazetted Biranganas in the country while 65 more are waiting to be enlisted.

Alongside ensuring their monthly allowances, the government is also working on to prepare guidelines to deal with the sensitive issue, he said.

Rights activist Hameeda Hossain, RIB Chairman Shamsul Bari and Liberation War Museum Trustee Ziauddin Tariq Ali, among others, spoke.

Firefighters douse a fire in a human hauler in front of Chittagong city's Almas Cinema yesterday. The blaze started after the overheated engine caught on fire. No casualty was reported.

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Clean Dhaka

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He said people could complain over improper cleaning through the DNCC app -- "Nogor" or reach him directly through Viber and Whatsapp.

DSCC on the other hand opened a helpline -- 09611000999 -- for complaints over waste management during the Eid vacation.

DSCC Chief Waste Management Officer Commodore Shafiq Alam said on the Eid day there will be an emergency response team who will rush to the spot for solving waterlogging.

"We're also distributing leaflets and requesting local Imams to encourage people to slaughter sacrificial animals at designated spots," he added.

First aid for road victims now in Chandina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TraumaLink, an NGO providing emergency primary treatment to road accident victims, yesterday expanded its first aid services in Chandina area on Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

With the expansion of its services on 15km stretch of the highway, TraumaLink is now operating on 55km of Dhaka-Chittagong and Dhaka-Aricha highways, said TraumaLink in a statement yesterday.

The voluntary organisation utilises an emergency hotline number -- 16465. Anyone in the localities can call the number 24/7.

After getting a call, volunteers rush to the accident spot and rescue the people in emergency and use their skills and basic medical equipment for saving lives and then help them transport to the nearest health facility.

The NGO has so far responded to 315 incidents and provided treatment to around 500 people, it said.

Marking the expansion of its services, TraumaLink held a programme in Chandina area yesterday.

Paritosh Ghosh, superintendent of Highway Police in Comilla, was present as the chief guest.