

# Custody battle turns violent

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

A mother tried to snatch her son from her ex-husband inside the premise of Rajshahi Bar Association yesterday. The incident eventually led into a scuffle between the two groups, resulting in the woman and the ex-husband's brother being admitted to a hospital.

Heera Begum, 35, along with some 'hired goons' attacked her around 2:00pm when her ex-husband Hridoy Islam, 33, and his elder brother Akteruzzaman, 36, was sitting at the office of lawyer Mozammel Haque along with his nine-year-old son, said police.

Heera snatched her son from him while around four to five persons started beating the brothers, said police quoting witnesses. In retaliation, the brothers also beat her up, they added.

Heera and Akteruzzaman were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, said Hafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Rajpara Police Station in the city. The others fled the scene, he added.

Hridoy divorced Heera in 2008, so after the son was born, said Hridoy's lawyer Mozammel Haque. Later, Heera filed a case with an executive magistrate's court seeking custody of the boy, he added.

On March 1 this year, the court dismissed the case stating that she could not raise her son better than her ex-husband as she was a drug addict and was engaged in drug peddling, said the lawyer.

On April 24, Heera filed another case seeking custody of her son. Hridoy took his son to the court yesterday for attending a hearing of the case.

Both Heera and Hridoy said they would file cases over the clash, said the OC.

The boy is at the hospital now beside his mother. They are under police observation, he added.



Protesting atrocities on Rohingyas in Myanmar, Shishuder Jonno Foundation forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

# Habiganj boat capsizes kills four

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar**

At least four people – three women and a child – were killed as a boat capsized in the Khowari river of Habiganj yesterday around 8:30pm.

Several others also went missing, said Mohammad Yasminul Haque, officer-in-charge of Habiganj Police Station.

The two deceased are Abala Sarkar, 47, wife of Sudhan Sarkar from Bairpoo area of the town, and Muska Rani Das, 4, daughter of Haripada Das of Bhananpur village in Baniachang upazila.

The identity of the other victims could not be known immediately.

Mohammad Ahad Mia, chairman of Makrampur Union Parishad in Baniachang, said they were searching for two others.

The boat capsized in Lambabagh area of the river.

It was heading towards Radhapur from Chowdhury Bazar area of Habiganj town.

# Five killed in four dists

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BSS report. She was crossing the road around 5:00pm.

In another accident, an elderly woman was killed in Banskhali upazila of the district.

Kulsoma Begum, 65, a resident of Shikup village of the upazila, died after being hit by a CNC-run auto-rickshaw near Nazir Ahmad Degree College.

She was declared dead in Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said Mohammad Alaudin Talukder, assistant sub-inspector of CMCH police outpost.

In Mymensingh, a man was killed and two persons injured as an oncoming truck rammmed a motorcycle on Mymensingh-Hahtaghat road in Tarakanda upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Maulana Mosharraf Hossain Jhadi, 40; he died on the spot, said Mazharul Haque, officer-in-charge of Tarakanda Police Station.

The injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

# Youths rape schoolgirl

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh**

A seventh grader was allegedly raped by four youths at Nishindapara village in Phulbaria upazila early Wednesday.

Police are yet to arrest prime suspect Rashed, 17, son of Saiful Islam of the village, and his accomplices.

The 13-year-old came under attack after she came to visit her grandfather's house at the village on Tuesday.

# Sufferings continue

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Due to the reduced number of vehicles ferried, he said.

Seven dredgers were working to make the route normal and two more days will be needed for that, he added.

In addition, ferry transportation on Paturia-Daulatdia route was largely hampered by strong current in the Padma river, as the ferries were taking twice as much time for each way, said Shaiful Islam, a manager at Daulatdia office of BWICT.

Our Manikganj correspondent reported that the buses carrying passengers to Dhaka queued up at Daulatdia side of Paturia-Daulatdia route and waited for around five hours to get on a ferry. Shaiful Islam said at around 5:00pm, nearly 200 private cars and microbuses, 300 buses and more than 350 trucks were lined up on a stretch of five to seven kilometres of the road leading up to Daulatdia dock.

Twenty-one out of 22 ferries were operating on the route, he told the correspondent, adding that the pressure of vehicles might reduce after tomorrow.

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# Responsibility lies with all

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Providing shelter to the refugees is not the point, all the Rohingyas should be sent back to their country with an assurance that they would be able to live there peacefully, said Radul, also the country director of The Hunger Project-Bangladesh.

Dr Tofal Ahmed, former professor of Chittagong University, and Zakir Hossain, joint secretary of Shujan, also spoke.

Meanwhile, Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) expressed grave concern over the recent killing and repression on the Rohingyas, terming it an "extreme violation of human rights".

In a statement, it condemned the role of Suu Kyi for addressing the atrocity against the Rohingya people as an "anti-terrorist drive".

Although Bangladesh and Myanmar signed a bilateral treaty in 1978 to recognise Rohingyas as the citizens of Myanmar due to pressure from the international community, the Myanmar government is yet to give the recognition, said the statement issued yesterday.

Many countries condemned the torture against the Rohingyas, but the Myanmar government has been terming them "Bengali terrorists" and spreading propaganda that the Rohingyas are not their citizens, it said.

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# India's support

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Bangladesh government for not taking any visible step to mount pressure on the Myanmar authorities.

The BNP leader alleged that through the UN and some Muslim countries are raising their voice against the repression, the Bangladesh government is not taking any strong stance.

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