

Man stabbed to death by daughter's 'stalker' in Pabna

He tried to stop her being kidnapped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A man was stabbed to death when he tried to prevent an alleged stalker from kidnapping his daughter from home in Bera upazila of Pabna yesterday.

The "stalker" also hit a woman with a sharp weapon as she came to save the victim. She is undergoing treatment at Bera Upazila Health Complex.

The deceased is Moazzem Sheikh, 43, a rickshaw-puller. Quoting the victim's family and locals, Mozaffar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Bera Police Station, said Sobuj Hossain, 25, of the same village, had long been asking Moazzem's daughter, also wife of an expatriate in Saudi Arabia, to make a relationship with him.

Around 9:00am on the day, when Sobuj was abducting her, brandishing a knife, Moazzem tried to resist him. Sobuj then stabbed Moazzem, killing him on the spot.

He also stabbed one of Moazzem's neighbours Hasna Begum as she came to rescue Moazzem, the police official said.

The OC added that they were trying to arrest Sobuj and rescue Moazzem's daughter.

The victim's brother, Jahangir Hossain filed a case against 12 people, including Sobuj, with Bera Police Station.

Police arrested Sobuj's father and his two uncles in connection with the incident.

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consideration of humanity.

She is also working hard as to how to send these poor people of the Rakhaine state of Myanmar back to their homes, he said.

"The global leaders highly praised the prime minister's five point proposals placed at the UN General Assembly for resolving the Rohingya issue.

She and her party expect that the Rohingya issue would be resolved through these proposals," the minister added.

Replying to a query on bilateral discussion in absence of the UN, he said the government proposed Myanmar to discuss the matter along with the UN.

Among others, Awami League Organising Secretary Enamul Haque Shamim, Prime Minister's Assistant Private Secretary-2 (APS-2) Saifuzzaman Shekhar, district Awami League President Sirajul Mostafa and General Secretary Mujibur Rahman were present.

Refugee racket gang active

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Police Station, said a case was filed in this connection.

SEVEN DETAINED IN SATKHIRA

UNB From Satkhira reports: Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) detained seven Rohingya people, including two minor children, from Hijaldi border area in Kolaroa upazila yesterday morning.

Nayek Subedar Omar Faruk of Hijaldi camp, said a team of BGB detained them while they were roaming around the area in the morning.

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The team also found, in some cases, that they are forced to give money although they have valid documents.

The ACC team comprises a deputy director and two assistant directors. It submitted a report to the director general (administration) of the commission.

Siddirganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdus Sattar Miah said those who

are involved in such crimes might have made "wholesale allegations" against police.

He, however, told the ACC team that the police personnel patrolling the area might be involved in collecting Tk 50 to Tk 100 from tawlers, according to the ACC report.

Sattar assured the ACC of taking actions and staying alert to prevent such incidents.

Budgetary fund sought for workers' social security



Speakers at a workshop organised by OSHE Foundation at The Daily Star Centre.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A standard living and an effective social security scheme should be ensured for all workers -- informal and formal, speakers at a workshop said yesterday.

In order to ensure social security for each worker, the government should allocate budget for it every year, they also said.

Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation (OSHE) organised the workshop titled "National Workshop on Social Protection Floor for Worker: Framing Campaign Goals for 2020" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Dr SM Morshed, vice chairman of OSHE, during the discussion said social protection is a constitutional right. "But many workers don't know about the social protection funds [that are] allocated for them by the government."

Workers should be made aware of how and where they need to go to apply for their rightful benefits, he advised.

Abu Mufakhir, programme coordinator of Asia Monitor Resource Centre, observed that governments of different countries allocate more funds for the military than for the social protection sector and they prefer private sectors to

assume the responsibility of such protection.

Pointing at systemic flaws, he said sometimes the workers covered under the protection scheme cannot even get their benefit due to bureaucratic tangles.

Shah Md Abu Zafar, a labour leader, said the prime objective of a social protection scheme is to assist a worker drawing minimum wage cope with her or his living expenses. "But the salary of a garment worker is not enough to meet the needs."

Although a number of formal workers have some sort of social protection, the informal ones do not have any, he complained.

Providing compensation to families of accident victims is unbefitting, Shah said, adding that each worker should be provided a lifelong financial security by the government or the employer.

Rezaul Haque, joint secretary of Ministry of Labour and Employment, said government employees are covered under social security programmes and the same benefit needs to be ensured for all workers in the country.

AR Chowdhury Ripon, executive director of OSHE, moderated the programme while worker representatives from both formal and informal sectors attended the session.

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