



Pulling up his pants, a boy crosses an inundated portion of a lane in the capital's south Kutubkhali area. Not just this one, most of the lanes in the area remain submerged due to an inadequate drainage system. The photo was taken on Friday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

KUNIO HOSHI MURDER

Police find arrested 'Neo-JMB' man's link

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"Neo-JMB" operative Mohaddes Ali alias Dorji Bijoy, who was arrested on October 19 in Bogra, was involved in the killing of Japanese national Kunio Hoshi.



Kunio Hoshi

He was also involved in the killings of Khadem Rahmat Ali of Kaunia upazila in Rangpur, and Dr Deepti of Gaibandha district.

Khandakar Golam Faruk, deputy inspector general (DIG) of police of Rangpur Range, told a press conference at his office in Rangpur yesterday.

Police are to file a complementary charge sheet against Dorji Bijoy in connection with the killing of Kunio Hoshi.

Police had gathered information but could not include his name in the charge sheet as his details were unavailable, said the DIG.

They would appeal to the court for taking Dorji Bijoy on remand in Deepti murder case first, said the DIG.

A Rangpur court on February 28 this year sentenced five JMB men to death for killing Kunio Hoshi. They were Masud Rana, 30, Ihsak Ali, 34, Liton Mia, 32, Shakhwat Hossain, 30, and Ahsanullah Ansar, 25.

Two accused of the case were killed in "gunfight", said police.

CTG CITIZENS' INFO

One year on, database yet to be completed

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It has been more than a year, but the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) is yet to complete the citizens' information database.

According to CMP sources, manpower crisis and a lack of logistical support are the major reasons behind the delay.

The CMP took the initiative in July 2016 in an apparent bid to curb militancy.

So far, around 13 lakh forms have been distributed against 78,58,700 city dwellers under 16 police stations in the port city. And, around four lakh filled-up forms have been collected.

Currently, police personnel of the police stations have been entering the information into the online database, Citizen Information Management System (CIMS), launched by the Police Headquarters (PHQ) in July this year.

However, the CMP could not input one-third of the collected data into the CIMS due to inadequate manpower and logistics, said police officials.

Saleh Mohammed Tanvir, CMP's additional commissioner (crime and operation), said, "Due to a slow internet connection, we faced some problems initially."

He said the police stations have been provided with 30 computers, scanners and dedicated internet connections to speed up the process.

"Prior to the launch of CIMS, we entered data of around 40,000 citizens in another database developed by us. Now we're entering the previous information into the CIMS," he added.

He said the database is controlled centrally by the PHQ. "Due to security reasons, the work cannot be outsourced. The officials of the respective police stations are entering the data by themselves."

While talking to this correspondent, several officers-in-charge of the police stations said information of around 20 to 25 citizens can be entered into the CIMS in a

day. They have to do the work in addition to their regular activities.

Abdul Warish, deputy commissioner of CMP (north zone), said, "Around 1.1 lakh information forms have been collected under four police stations in my jurisdiction. Also, data of around 15,000 forms have already been entered into the database."

Apart from that, data of around 19,500 forms were also entered under CMP's south zone while around 9,000 and 17,000 were entered into the database by CMP's port and west zone respectively, according to CMP.

However, many of the police officials alleged that residents were submitting incomplete and incorrect data.

"Many of the residents don't provide actual or complete information...It is causing the delay as we have to verify the information," said Mohammed Alamgir Hossen, officer-in-charge of Akbarshah Police Station.

On the other hand, residents complained that the format of the form is not friendly and it requires too many information.

Mahfuzul Bari, a landlord in Jamalkhan area, said, "Some of the information at times are not easy to provide. For example, many of the house helps work part-time and it is hard to get their detailed information."

When asked, OC Alamgir of Akbarshah Police Station said, "We are working to make people aware about the necessity of submitting their information through community policing," he added.

Contacted, Iqbal Bahar, CMP commissioner, said, "The distribution of forms among the city dwellers is almost done. However, we are lagging behind in entering the data. We are working on it."

"Additional manpower and logistical support have been provided to the police stations to end the mammoth task as soon as possible," said the CMP boss.

He did not, however, clearly say when and how the additional manpower and logistical support were provided.

PKSF 'Dev Fair' begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-day "Development Fair" organised by Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) begins at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre today.

Various products manufactured by people involved with PKSF will be displayed at the fair that will remain open from 10:00am to 8:30pm.

Besides, seminars on different topics will be held there, organisers told a press conference at Jatiya Press Club yesterday. PKSF Chairman Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Managing Director Abdul Karim and Deputy Managing Director Golam Touhid were present.

Ninety government and non-government organisations will take part in the fair.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith will be present as the chief guest and Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury a special guest at the inaugural ceremony.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Md Rabbul Alam, cash in-charge of Premier Bank's Banani branch, died at his Mirpur residence in Dhaka on Friday. He was 57.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a host of well-wishers, says a press release.

Rabbul had been suffering from cancer for a long time. He was buried in his native village in Thakurgaon the same day.

Dr HBM Iqbal, chairman, Premier Bank Ltd, expressed his condolences to the bereaved family.

Comilla economic zone created 50,000 jobs: Mustafa Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal yesterday said employment for around 50,000 people were created as an economic zone had been established in Comilla.

He said this during a conference of school teachers at Comilla Sadar Dakshin Upazila Complex.

The minister also said an IT Park would be set up in Comilla, and land for it was already acquired. When the IT Park will be completed, there will be more jobs, he said.

Citing Bangladesh as a role model for development, Mustafa Kamal said, "Today there was no alternative to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for continuity of development."

Comilla Sadar Dakshin Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Rupali Mondal presided over the conference, while local lawmakers and other Awami League leaders also spoke.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 12th death anniversary of MM Rezaul Karim, a diplomat, columnist and social worker.



Karim played an active role during the Liberation War in 1971 while serving as a political counsellor at the Pakistan high commission in London.

After the war, he served Bangladesh with distinction as ambassador in several countries.

Friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

UN APIS steering body session starts Nov 1

UNB, Dhaka

As the first step for implementing the master plan of Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (APIS) of UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), a two-day session of the APIS steering committee will begin in Dhaka on November 1.

The steering committee session, which is expected to be attended by over 100 representatives from UN ESCAP member countries, will take some important decisions for implementing four pillars -- connectivity, internet traffic management, e-resilience and broadband for all as stipulated in the master plan, said an official on Saturday.

Bangladesh was elected president of the Working Group of APIS of UN ESCAP at the second meeting on the Working Group of APIS held in Guangzhou of China in August, 2016.

"Bangladesh has been playing a significant role as Chair of the Working Group on the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (APIS)," said State Minister for ICT Zunaed Ahmed Palak.



A bagha ayer (dwarf goonch) caught in the Padma yesterday. The fish weighs around 55kg. A fisherman netted it off Shimulia ghat in Munshiganj and sold it to a wholesaler of Karwan Bazar for Tk 50,000. The small one, an ayer or long-whiskered catfish, is of the same species, but they do not grow as big as bagha ayer. PHOTO: FARHANA MIRZA



Students wash their hands with soaps on the Zila Parishad premises in Sylhet yesterday. The District Administration organised the programme, marking Global Handwashing Day, themed "Garbage Management, Potentiality of Improved Sanitation".

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

A 'murder' passed off as suicide

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The Daily Star talked to investigators and officers of PBI to know why the story is now going into a different direction. The officers spoke based on the confessional statements the new arrestees gave before the court and some other evidence.

The PBI investigation is still going on.

Among the evidence, police had gathered two SIM cards of Mizan, one of Grameenphone and the other of Banglalink. But the previous investigator did not collect detailed call records of the GP SIM though he checked those of the Banglalink SIM.

From the GP call records, PBI identified Ahsan Habib, who passed HSC examination three years ago from Rajshahi Barendra College, and arrested him in Dhaka.

On October 20, Habib confessed before a Rajshahi court that he along with three friends strangled Mizan. They raped Sumaiya and smothered her with a pillow. Then they hanged Mizan's body to the ceiling to divert their crimes.

Based on his statement, PBI arrested three others -- Rahat Mahmud, 21, a second-year student of geology and mining of RU, and Borhan Kabir Utso, 22, a fourth-year student, and Al Amin, 20, a third-year student of zoology, of Rajshahi College.

On October 23, Borhan also gave a judicial statement confessing to the killings.

Both Borhan and Habib stated the four of them were known to each other while stay-

ing in Rajshahi and Habib was a friend to both Rahat and Mizan.

They said Rahat got angry at the victims when Sumaiya broke up with him and started a new relationship with Mizan months before the murders. They planned the crime when they learnt that Mizan was going to stay with her in a hotel in Rajshahi.

On April 20, 2016, Mizan and Sumaiya checked into the hotel identifying themselves as a couple.

Two days later, on the night of April 22, the four bribed hotel employees to enter the couple's room. Mizan was not at the room at that time. Rahat forced her to call him.

When Mizan came to the room half-an-hour later, the four killed them both.

Sumaiya's father Abdul Karim filed a case in this regard with Boalia Police Station.

Speaking on the issue yesterday, Deputy Inspector General of PBI Banaj Kumar Majumder said, "Detection of the double-murder was difficult for previous investigators as the investigation warranted many technological supports."

PBI engaged several units of police in Rajshahi and Dhaka to investigate the case, he said.

Inspector Selim Badsha, the previous investigator of the case, yesterday said he could not tell right now how he missed checking the call records of the GP SIM card.

"I reported what I found. PBI will explain if they have different findings," he said.

Worker stabbed dead by fellow in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A construction worker was stabbed dead by one of his fellows in Chalokchar village of Arahazar upazila in Narayanganj over sharing of money.

The dead is Sagor Miah, 25, son of late Kajol Miah of Majlishpur village in Feni.

Police arrested Sumon Miah, 25, the fellow.

Arahazar Police Station Officer-in-Charge MA Haque quoted witnesses as saying that the two had an altercation over the issue during construction work on a road in the village.

At one stage, Sumon brought a knife from a nearby fruit shop and stabbed Sagor, leaving him dead on the spot, said the OC.

The body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for an autopsy, he added.