

Affair ends in suicide

Grandfather dies of cardiac arrest after the tragedy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patna

Two teenagers, who were in love, allegedly committed suicide while an elderly man died of cardiac arrest after seeing the body of his grandson, within a span of twelve hours in Patna's Santhia upazila.

The victims are Rabul Islam Russel, 16, son of Siddikur Rahman of Bahaliakandi village, his grandfather Masud Mullah, and Sadia Akter Ritu, 16, daughter of Abu Sayed of the village.

Quoting locals, police said Russel and Ritu, also students of Class IX at Abdus Sattar High School in the upazila, had been in a relationship for quite some time but none of their families knew about it before their untimely death.

Ritu's parents married her off about two months ago and since then she had been

living in her in-laws' house in adjacent Ataikula upazila.

Russel hanged himself from the ceiling of his room on Tuesday evening when he came to know that Ritu had come to visit her parents' house.

Seeing Russel's body, his grandfather Masud felt severe chest pain and was taken to Santhia Upazila Health Complex where he died around 9:00pm the same night.

Meanwhile, after hearing news of Russel's death, Ritu went to her room and later she also hanged herself from the ceiling of the room early Wednesday.

Officer-in-Charge of Santhia Police Station Hasan Emon said they recovered the bodies from their respective houses and sent those to Patna General Hospital for autopsy on Wednesday.

US lawmakers

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Myanmar, requires a report on which individuals' names are to be added to visa bans and targeted sanctions, and instructs the US Treasury Department to only vote for international financial assistance programs that do not partner with enterprises owned by the Myanmar military.

A companion bill to the Senate package is also being introduced in the House of Representatives, also with bipartisan support, increasing the measure's chances of eventually becoming law.

Members of Congress have been clamouring for a strong response to the plight of the Rohingya, and the Trump administration has been weighing labelling their treatment "ethnic cleansing."

JMB suspect arrested

Shraon logs and books on jihad seized from his possession

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

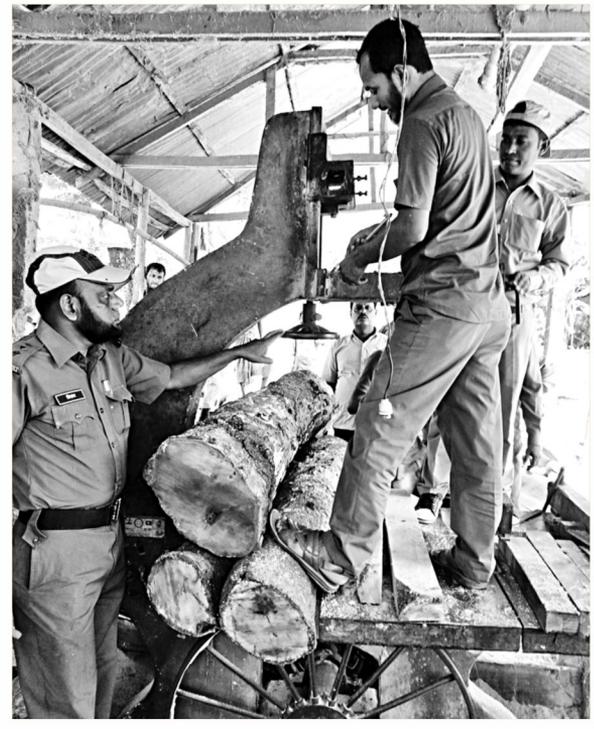
Law enforcers detained a suspected member of banned militant outfit Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from Mymensingh's Trishal upazila yesterday.

The arrestee, Jahangir Alam alias Shraon alias Abu Saam, 24, a first-year student of Computer Science and Engineering Department at Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), is son of Nurul Islam of Chandpur Sadar upazila.

A team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Mymensingh, acting on a tip-off, raided Karanbari Intersection in Trishal municipality around 12:00noon and detained him while he was roving suspiciously, said Assistant Director Gauram Deb, adding, Jahangir came here to recruit new members for JMB.

They also seized some leaflets and books on jihad from his possession, the DO said.

Shraon was being interrogated at Rab office as of filing this report, said the elite force sources.



Forest department officials seize logs at a sawmill during a raid in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar recently. The photo was taken at Chowdhury Bazar.

Laden Bahini chief shot dead in Laxmipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noida

The bullet-hit body of chief of terror gang Laden Bahini was found in Laxmipur Sadar early yesterday.

Deceased Masum Billah alias Laden Masum, 36, of Laharkandi village, was accused in 28 cases, including five for murder, said OC Md Mokhtar Hossain of Chandraganj Police Station.

Laden's wife Faiza Akhter said Laden, Saiful, Manna and Rakib were held from Tejgaon area in Dhaka on Saturday.

On information, she went to Tejgaon Police Station and gave a large sum of money to a police officer for releasing her husband.

After taking the money, police adopted a dilly dally tactic in releasing him. Laden said, adding that police filed a case against Manna and Rakib and sent them to jail.

She added police took her husband and Saiful from Dhaka to Laxmipur and killed them in a planned way. She said police cooked up the story of gunfight.

Getting tip-off about gunfight between two local gangs, led by Kaizer Akhter and Shahadat, a police team went to Boter Pukur Park area. Sensing their presence, the miscreants fled the scene, said the OC.

Later, police recovered the bullet-hit body of Laden from the area, he said.

They also recovered four firearms, 22 bullet cartridges and two bombs, said the police official.

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Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/division	Environment and Forests (MoEF)
2	Agency	Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Sholoshohar, Chittagong-4211
3	Procurement entity	Project Director, *Establishment of Regional Bamboo Research and Training Center (RRBTC) Project at Doman, Niphamari, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Sholoshohar, Chittagong-4211.
4	Procuring entity district	Chittagong
5	Invitation for	Goods/Equipment
6	Invitation Ref No.	22.04.0008.037.26.000.17152
7	Date	03-11-2017
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National)
9	Budget and source of funds	(GoB) Revenue.
10	Development partner	None
11	Program name	RRBTC
12	Project/program name	*Establishment of Regional Bamboo Research and Training Center (RRBTC) Project at Doman, Niphamari.
13	Tender package name	GD-03, Procurement of Equipment, Two (02) Lots.
14	Tender submission date	06/11/2017 at 12:00 noon.
15	Tender last selling date and time	26/11/2017 at 12:00 noon.
16	Tender submission closing date & time	27/11/2017 at 2:00pm.
17	Tender opening date & time	27/11/2017 at 3:00pm.
18	Name & address of the offices for selling tender documents	(a) Project Director's Office, *Establishment of Regional Bamboo Research and Training Center (RRBTC) Project, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Sholoshohar, Chittagong-4211. (b) Bangladesh Forest Research Institute (BFRI), Liaison Office, 25-26, Prestige Home (Opposite to the Chittagong Hotel), Sec-7, Dhaka-1000.
19	Name & address of the office receiving tender document	(a) Project Director's Office, RRBTC Project, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Sholoshohar, Chittagong-4211. (b) Police Commissioner Office, Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP), Laidipinjar, Chittagong.
20	Opening tender document	Project Director's Office, RRBTC Project, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Sholoshohar, Chittagong-4211.
21	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) The tenderer shall have a minimum of last 5 years of experience in the supply of similar equipment and related services. (b) The tenderer shall have other qualifications as per the tender document. (c) The liquid asset or working capital required BDT 22 (twenty two) lakh for contract-1 and one crore 80 (eighty) lakh for contract-2.
22	Brief description of the equipment	Name of Contract: Contract Package No. GD-03 (Two Lots) Serial No. Contract-1 Air Cooler Split Type 2 Ton, Incubator, Oven, Vacuum Suction Pump, Wiley Mill and Laminar Air Flow Cabinet. Contract-2 Asoma Machine (X-ray Analyser), Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, DNA Sequencer for DNA-Fingerprinting, Homogenizer, Experimental Laboratory High Pressure, Microscope- High Magnified Optical (Phase Contrast) and Rotary Evaporator. A tenderer may submit tender for one or more contracts but he/she shall submit tender separately for each contract. Tenderers are required to submit tender in entire quantity in each contract otherwise the tender will be rejected. Evaluation and comparison of tender will be carried out separately for each contract. Tenderer shall have to submit separate tender form, price schedule and tender security for each contract along with their tender. Otherwise the tender will be rejected.
23	Tender document price	Taka 1000.00 (one thousand) for each contract non-refundable paid by Treasury Order or Pay Order from a schedule bank in favour of Project Director, RRBTC Project, Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, Sholoshohar, Chittagong-4211.
PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS		
25	Name of the official inviting tender	Dr. Rafiqul Haider
26	Designation of the official inviting tender	Project Director, *Establishment of Regional Bamboo Research and Training Center (RRBTC) Project at Doman, Niphamari, BFRI, Sholoshohar, Chittagong-4211
27	Contact details of the official inviting tender	Telephone: 880-031-2581029 Fax: 880-31-681596 E-mail: pd.rrbtc@gmail.com
28	Tender security	Amount of tender security: The tenderer must be accompanied by a tender security of: (a) Taka 50,000 (fifty thousand) for contract-1. (b) Taka 4,50,000 (four lakh fifty thousand) for contract-2.
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or annul the tender procedure without assigning any reason whatsoever.	
		• Public Procurement Rules-2008 must be followed.

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26 illegal sawmills pose threat to Kulaura forests

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Twenty-six illegally set up sawmills are contributing to the shrinking of trees in Bhatera Hill and Harajog reserve forests in Kulaura upazila under the district.

Sawmills (license) Rules, 1998, prohibits any such factory within 10 kilometres of any reserve forest but most of these sawmills have been set up within only 100-200 metres of the forests, forest officials said.

There are allegations that the illegal sawmill owners are running their business in exchange of large monthly payments to local influential people and a section of forest officials.

The sawmill owners, in collusion with some employees of the forest department, have been looting trees in Bhatera forest, said a resident of

Bhatera Hill, seeking anonymity.

"Of the 54 sawmills in the Kulaura upazila, only 28 have taken licenses from the forest department. We seized logs from three sawmills on October 10," Abul Kashem, range officer of Kulaura Forest office.

He declined to make any comment about forest officials' alleged involvement in the tree felling.

The 26 sawmills are posing threat to forests as well as local wildlife, said Md Nurul Mohaimin Milton, general secretary of environmental journalists forum.

Chinu Mia, a license holder sawmill owner at Hingajia Bazar in Kulaura upazila, said they are incurring huge loss because the illegal sawmill owners are running their business near forests.

Mustafizur Rahman, former

assistant director of the Department of Environment (DoE) in Sylhet, said the government is losing revenue as many sawmills in the area run without clearance from the DoE.

"A section of locals forming a nexus with some forest department officials are engaged in stealing trees from reserve forests. Valuable trees like mahogany, segun and shishu are felled and made into timber in these illegal sawmills at night and later sold in the black market," said Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon's Sylhet chapter.

"We are becoming vulnerable to natural disasters due to the tree looting in our locality," he said.

Rajesh Chakma, assistant conservator of forest in Sylhet, said they will take legal action against illegal sawmill owners.

Victim feared attack, Kathin Chibar Dan begins

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"My sister suspected that there might be an attack. She called me three to four days ago and expressed willingness to file a general diary, but she didn't do so due to some family issues," Ashraf Ali told The Daily Star.

Ashraf alleged that his brother-in-law Abdul Karim, a businessman, and his third wife Sharmin Akter Mukta, 25, had a hand in the murders as his sister on occasions complained against them.

The bodies of 46-year-old Shamsun Nahar and her son Sajjadul Karim Shaon, aged about 17 years, were recovered by police around 6:30pm on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Ashraf last night filed a case with Ramna Police Station against Karim, Mukta, one of her brothers and several other unidentified people in connection with the double murder, said Masudul Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Following the murder, law enforcers took Karim, security guard of the Kakrai building Abdullah Noman and house help Rashida Begum in their custody. They are also picked up Mukta from her Palan home on Wednesday night for interrogation.

"We are probing the incident taking family feud, business rivalry and some other issues into consideration," said DMP DC Masudul.

Preferring anonymity, another DMP official said Karim, also a film director-cum-producer, married Mukta, an actress, in 2013. He divorced his second wife. Police were trying to trace her.

"My sister was a very pious woman, but her husband used to maintain relationship with many girls. He was angry with my sister as she tried to bar him from doing immoral things," Ashraf alleged.

Kathin Chibar Dan begins

The biggest festival of the Buddhist community to preserve tradition

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The two-day long Kathin Chibar Dan, the biggest religious festival of Buddhists in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), began yesterday in the district through spinning wheel.

Chakma Ran Yan Yan inaugurated the 44th edition at Rajban Bihar around 3:00pm.

Raja Barisier Devashir Roy, chief of Chakma circle, and Goutam Dewan, president of Upazila Upashilpa Karomahid Parishad, among others, were present at the function.

"Every year we hold this Kathin Chibar Dan with religious fervor and festivity to preserve our tradition and customs," said Raja Devashir Roy.

'Plot to keep me off polls'

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The former prime minister also said it seemed to her that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has got a magic wand in her hand.

"With the grace of the magic wand, all the corruption and extortion charges against Sheikh Hasina were withdrawn after she assumed power. On the other hand, similar cases filed against me were revived as I have nothing in my hand."

He also alleged that many important cases have been pending with courts for years, but the proceedings in cases filed against her got a "rocket pace".

"...Why is such hurriedness? Will justice be ensured through such hurriedness?" Khaleda said. "We expected justice and still expect nothing but justice. We hope that we will get justice going beyond all the influence. I am talking about justice repeatedly because the people of the country

do not want that to be ensured in the end. We are also concerned."

Judge Md Akhtuzzaman of the Special Judge Court 5 of Dhaka recorded the self-defence statement and fixed November 9 for the next hearing.

Earlier in the day, the defence submitted two petitions seeking extension of Khaleda's bail.

On August 8, 2011, the ACG filed the Zia Charitable Trust graft case with Tejgaon Police Station, again, including Khaleda, for allegedly raising funds for the trust allegedly from unknown sources through abuse of power.

The ACC filed the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case on July 3, 2008 with Ramna Police Station, accusing Khaleda, her elder son Tarique Rahim and four others for allegedly misappropriating over 1k 2.10 crore that was received as grants for orphans via a foreign bank.