

Madrasa boy stabbed dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A madrasa student was stabbed to death and five others sustained injuries in an attack allegedly by a local gang over purchasing a mobile phone in Brahmanbaria town on Sunday.

The deceased, Delwar Hossain Hridoy, 19, was a student of Kitab section at Jamia Younusia Madrasa in Kandipara area of the town, and son of Younus Mia of Purbo Medda area.

Sub-Inspector of Sadar Model Police Station Ishtiaq Ahmed said Hridoy was locked in an altercation with a group of youths of Jular Bari area over buying a handset on Sunday night.

At one stage, the group swooped on Hridoy and stabbed him mercilessly, leaving him critically injured.

Five of his family members and friends also sustained injuries when they tried to resist the attackers.

Local people rescued them and sent three of them, including Hridoy, to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital, where the doctors declared the boy dead.

Officer-in-Charge Nabir Hossain of the police station said police in a drive detained one of the attackers Tahsin Islam Rifat from Bhaibar area in Kishoreganj yesterday.



Tears roll down the cheeks of the cattle traders in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila as their cows were seized by Border Guard Bangladesh men yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Cattle traders in tears

BGB seizes 27 cows, claims those are Indian

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Tears roll down the cheeks of 21 cattle traders in Sadar upazila as Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday seized their cows, saying the cattle were brought from India.

Thirty-one cows were seized. Of them, four were released as they had valid documents, said a BGB official.

Maqbul Hossain of Khoragach village said he along with his son Ekramul Islam has been running cattle trade by investing a small amount of capital.

"We purchased three cows from Kurigram's Bhurungamari Hat. When we went to Nayarhat cattle market in Lalmonirhat Sadar to sell

them yesterday morning, BGB men seized the cows, declaring those were brought from India," he said in tears.

"If we don't get back our purchased cows, we will lose our capital and face poverty," said Maqbul's son Ekramul.

Another cattle trader Mozammel Haque of the same village said he purchased a cow from Kurigram's Singardabri Hat at Tk 24 thousand and it was seized by BGB men when he was taking it to Nayarhat cattle market for sale.

"I started the business by investing little amount of money and my family is dependent on cattle trading," he said.

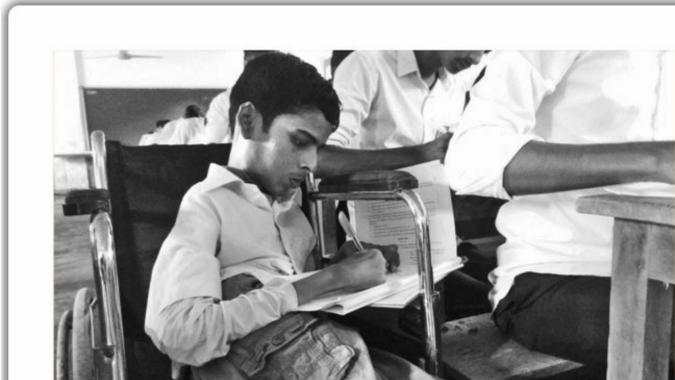
Rafiqul Islam of Barabari village in Lalmonirhat Sadar said he purchased

a cow from Kurigram's Bhurungamari Hat. But it was seized by the border guards on the way to Nayarhat cattle market yesterday morning.

"I along with other cattle traders showed cow purchasing documents but BGB men didn't accept those due to unknown reason," he said, adding that he invested a small amount of money borrowed from an NGO.

Lt Col Golam Morshed, commanding officer of BGB-15 Battalion, said the self-claimed cattle traders did not show valid documents on purchasing of cows. The border guards seized the cows as they were Indian cattle.

The documents of Kurigram's Bhurungamari Hat are fake, he said.



Physically challenged Samrat appears in the Junior School Certificate examinations at the Govinda Government High School centre in Basail upazila of Tangail. The photo was taken on November 2.

PHOTO: STAR

Indomitable Samrat

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

A boy has proved that physical disability is no barrier to gaining knowledge if one has determination and mental strength.

Physically challenged Mohammad Samrat, 14, a student of Abdullah Baki High School, is taking part in this year's Junior School Certificate (JSC) examinations at the Govinda Government High School centre in Basail upazila in the district.

Samrat, youngest of four children of Habibur Rahman and Shukuri Begum of Tenguriapara village, was born with deformed legs and a weak body like his elder sister.

Since his childhood, Samrat did not want to sit idle but showed his keen interest in going to school for getting education.

"I never thought of educating my physically challenged son, but he remained adamant to go to school. Due to his determination, my wife started taking Samrat to the local primary school," Habibur said.

Samrat passed the Primary Terminal Examination successfully with Grade "A" and later took admission to the high school in Class VI.

When talking to journalists, prior to the JSC examination, Samrat expressed his hope of doing good results. He expressed his determina-

tion to continue studies and his desire to be a teacher.

His father runs a small tea stall in a local market and has a house on two and a half decimals of land.

"We went to many doctors, including Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed in Savar, who told us that Samrat had a complicated disease which is not curable," mother Shukuri Begum said.

"They advised us to feed him nutritious food for increasing his physical strength which we cannot afford with our little income," she added.

"Though physically challenged, Samrat is very strong mentally. As he used to come to school regularly, either crawling or in his mother's arms, the school authorities gave him a wheelchair," said Headmaster SM Abdus Samad.

"The challenged children are not burden for the society at all. They can also run with the mainstream rather than dropping out if they get proper care, including education and training," said Shamsunnahar Swapna, Basail upazila nirbahi officer.

"The teachers have been asked to keep an eye on Samrat so that he does not face any problem during the exams," she added.

Failing to stand insult!

Schoolgirl Surovi killed herself for getting poor mark in geography

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A schoolgirl committed suicide in Milon Palli area of Nilphamari town on Saturday night as she was allegedly unable to bear insulting words by one of her schoolteachers the same day.

The victim, Surovi Roy Bristi, daughter of Wiswa Roy of Devir Danga village, was supposed to appear in the upcoming SSC examination from Nilphamari Government Girls' High School.

While talking to journalist, fellow students alleged that although Surovi obtained good marks in most of the subjects, surprisingly she was given only 2 (two) out of 100 marks in geography.

They said geography teacher Moksumul Hakim Lelin hurled some insulting words and intentionally showed Surovi's answer script to all her classmates.

Although Surovi repeatedly requested Lelin not to do so, he ignored her request, they alleged, adding, Lelin runs a coaching centre on mathematics and often forced them to join there.

Meanwhile, fellow students brought out a protest procession and lit candles at Town Centre for the second consecutive day yesterday, demanding legal action against Lelin.

Victim's uncle Krisna Chandra Roy said his niece committed suicide out of mental shock after being insulted openly by the teacher.

Shahera Begum, headmistress of the school, said it is regrettable if the teacher insulted the victim.

When asked, Lelin said Surovi got poor marks as she couldn't answer properly.

Nilphamari deputy commissioner yesterday directed Sadar upazila nirbahi officer to investigate the matter.

Daily Star journo wins 'best reporters award'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

'Best Reporters Award', offered by Mymensingh Press Club, was given to five reporters from the district at a programme at the club auditorium on Saturday.

The reporters are Md Aminul Islam of The Daily Star, Md Babul Hossain of Ekattor Television and Janakantha, Sheikh Mohiuddin Ahmed of Channel 1 and Ittefaq, Abdus Samad Azadi of Samachar and Ataur Rahman Jewel of Ekushey Television.

The club authority distributed the award for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

As the chief guest, Prime Minister's Media Affairs Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury said the journalists working from district level have to face more challenges than those in Dhaka and there are many dedicated journalists outside Dhaka.

Sugar mill staff for wage hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Workers and employees of Pabna Sugar Mill Ltd staged a demonstration in front of the deputy commissioner's office yesterday to press home their 19-point demand including wage hike.

They also handed over a memorandum to DC Rekha Rani Balo in this regard.

Pabna Sugar Mill Workers' Union President Ibrahim Hossain at the rally said other professionals came under national pay scale from July 1, 2015, but the sugar mill workers have unfortunately not got the pay scale till now.

He also urged the government to ensure national pay scale for the sugar mill workers with effect from July 1, 2015.

The sugar mill workers demanded fixing of their minimum wage at Tk 8500.

If their demands are not met within November, they will go for a tougher agitation, said the workers.

ONE YEAR OF KILLINGS

Santals cry for justice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

The Santals are yet to receive any justice after one year of the killings in the name of eviction as they are from a minority ethnic community.

Speakers said this at a protest meeting organised by Bagda Farm Bhumi Uddhar Sangram Committee yesterday to observe November 6 as Santal killing, arson and looting day.

Hundreds of Santal males and females from Santal villages Joypurpara and Madarpur joined the rally at Sapmara Government Primary School after placing wreaths at a local Shaheed Minar in memory of their slain community members.

They chanted slogans for return of their forefathers' lands at Shahebganj cane farm, which now belongs to Rangpur Sugar Mills.

There has been no headway in the case

filed on November 16 last year, accusing 33 people by name, including Gaibandha-4 lawmaker and Sapmara Union Parishad chairman, speakers said. They said police arrested three people in this connection, but they are out on bail.

They demanded Tk 20 lakh for each killed and Tk 10 lakh for each injured as compensation from the government.

They threatened to intensify agitation if the accused involved in the killings, arson and looting were not arrested immediately.

Bagda Farm Bhumi Uddhar Sangram Committee Vice-President Philimon Baske presided over the meeting.

CPB Advisory Council member Manjurul Ahsan Khan, NAP President Pankaj Bhattacharji and Jatiya Adivasi Parishad President Rabindranath Soren spoke at the meeting.

Another leopard cat killed in road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Another leopard cat of endangered species was crushed to death under the wheels of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Lawacherra forest area in Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila on Sunday night.

About two months ago, another cat of the same species died in same fashion at the same place, said Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Mihir Kumar Doe.

Not only such cats, a number of animals are often killed in road accidents in Lawacherra forest area, but very few of the incidents came to light.

Earlier, a 10-feet long rock python was killed on August 18 after an intercity train ran over the python while it was crossing the rail tracks in the forest area, forest officials said.

In another incident, a rare fishing cat and a monkey were killed on May 28, while a Eurasian wild boar died on April 16 in the same fashion.

Tabibur Rahman, assistant conservator of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Department in Moulvibazar, said wild animals need a corridor as they come out from the jungle at night in search of food.

Many vehicles use the 15-kilometre Kamalganj-Sreemangal road and rail route passing through the reserve forest area, which often causes such deaths, DFO Mihir said.



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Man gets life for raping daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment and fined him Tk 2 lakh for raping his 16-year-old daughter in 2015.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Md Hasanuzzaman delivered the verdict in presence of the convict.

The convict is Md Kamruzzaman, 45, son of Bayet Ali of Natabaria village in Baraigram upazila of the district.

According to the prosecution, Kamruzzaman took his daughter on his motorbike to Sutipara village in Baraigram upazila and raped her on January 22 in 2015. They returned home at 8:00pm.

Kamruzzaman threatened his daughter that he would kill her if she disclosed the matter. But the girl told her mother, who informed the local government representatives about the matter. They handed Kamruzzaman over to the police the same night.

Md Kamruzzaman was a member of security forces.

The daughter filed a case with Baraigram Police Station and police submitted the charge sheet to the court.

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International Re-Tender Notice

Tender No. SGFL/3WELLS/WLS/FP17-18/RE-TENDER		Date: 02/11/2017
1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resource Division.	
2. Agency	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla).	
3. Procuring entity name	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL).	
4. Procuring entity district	: Sylhet.	
5. Invitation for	: Tender for procurement of Wireline Logging Services with equipment for Workover of 3 Wells (KTL-1, RP-2 and RP-6) of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Sylhet, Bangladesh.	
6. Invitation Ref. No.	: SGFL/3WELLS/WLS/FP17-18/RE-TENDER.	
7. Date	: 02/11/2017.	
KEY INFORMATION		
8. Procurement method	: Single Stage Two Envelope Method (International Competitive Bidding).	
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9. Budget and source of funds	: SGFL's own fund.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10. Project name	: Workover of 3 Wells (KTL-1, RP-2 and RP-6) of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.	
11. Tender publication date	: N/A.	
12. Tender last selling date	: 05/12/2017.	
13. Tender closing/receiving date & time	: 06/12/2017 and 12:00hrs (BST).	
14. Tender opening date & time	: 06/12/2017 and 12:15hrs (BST).	
15. Name and address of the office(s):	-Selling tender document : Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocentre (13th Floor), 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. -Selling tender document (others) : Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co. Ltd. (BAPEX), BAPEX Bhaban, 4, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.	
16. -Receiving tender document	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Head Office, P.O: Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh.	
-Opening of tender document	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Head Office, P.O: Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh.	
17. Date & time of selling tender document	: The tender document will be available for sale from 07/11/2017 to 05/12/2017 during office hours on all working days.	
INFORMATION FOR RE-TENDERER		
18. Eligibility of tenderer	: A contractor or a subcontractor that is a national of, or registered in, the following countries are not eligible: Countries, which have no business relations with the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Materials, equipments plants and supplies shall not have their origin in the following countries: Countries, which have no business relations with the People's Republic of Bangladesh.	
19. Brief description of works	: Workover of Three Wells of SGFL.	
20. Brief description of physical services	: Wireline Logging Services providing all necessary equipment and professional experts/operators.	
21. Price of tender document	: Taka 10,000.00 or USD 125.00 (non-refundable).	
22. Name of the official inviting re-tender	: Engr. Nizam Shariful Islam.	
23. Designation of the official inviting re-tender	: Managing Director, Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.	
24. Address of the official inviting re-tender	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocentre (13th Floor), 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. Attn: Deputy General Manager (Procurement).	
25. Contact details of the official inviting re-tender	Tel No. +8801755550034 Fax No. +880255013708 E-mail: md@sgfl.org.bd	
26. Special instruction	a) Tender must remain valid for 120 days from the date of closing of the re-tender. b) Amount of tender security for BDT 17,00,000.00 or USD 21,500.00 in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh or in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee (as per format provided in the tender document) issued by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh or from any reputable foreign bank duly endorsed by a schedule bank of Bangladesh with full obligation & liabilities. c) The tender security must remain valid for one hundred and forty-eight (148) days from the date of closing of the tender. d) Tender(s) submitted after the deadline for receiving of tenders will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. e) The tender must not be submitted by fax or email. f) Exceptions (Technical or Commercial or of other nature) proposed by tenderer (if any) shall be clearly expressed in a separate section of their technical offer. No exception will be accepted in the price bid. g) This tender notice will also be available at Petrobangla website: www.petrobangla.org.bd and SGFL website: www.sgfl.org.bd and CPTU website: www.cptu.gov.bd .	
27. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.		