

Police clueless about Christian woman murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday picked up a domestic help over the mysterious murder of an elderly Christian woman in the capital's Tejgaon area, but they were yet to have a clue about how and why she could be murdered.

Kiron, who used to do shopping for the woman's family, was detained for interrogation, said Mazharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Police Station.

Milgrade Gomes Milu, 65, was found dead in her flat on Friday morning with a deep gash to the throat. She also suffered a knife injury to her right arm.

Her husband Hubard Anil Gomes, 80, who was the only one in the apartment at the time of the murder, told reporters that four to five masked men entered the apartment after he opened the door in the morning hearing knocks. The men blindfolded and tied him up and killed his wife, he added.

The husband is in the suspect list and was interrogated by police on Friday.

The autopsy was conducted at Dhaka Medical College morgue.

Dr Sohel Mahmud, head of the forensic medicine department, however, told The Daily Star that it was difficult for a man in his 80s to cut someone's throat so deeply and accurately. Police said they would conduct DNA profiling of some of the samples collected from the scene and from the scratch marks on Anil's face.

Police said they were investigating whether anyone killed the woman following a dispute over land or other family feud. Meanwhile, victim's brother Henry Gomez filed a case with Tejgaon Police Station on Friday night accusing some unnamed persons.

Around 8:00am on Friday, the couple's part-time maid Khurshi Begum informed other residents of the building that the couple was not opening the door.

When some of the residents started knocking on the door, Anil opened it. The residents saw Milu's body in a pool of blood in the living room and called police.

ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

Challenges lie ahead

Says Prof Ali Riaz

UNB, Dhaka

The process to repatriate Rohingyas living in Bangladesh is likely to face challenges as the forcibly displaced people are unwilling to return to Myanmar immediately in the absence of any safety there.

"I'm not surprised that most of the Rohingya refugees are unwilling to return immediately; presumably the relative security they enjoy in Bangladesh is one factor in their decision while the absence of any future safeguard against persecution is another," Prof Ali Riaz, a political analyst, told the news agency.

He said the inflow of Rohingyas has not completely stopped, which is also an indication that the situation in Myanmar has not changed significantly.

"The issues at the heart of the present crisis, such as the question of citizenship and equal treatment, have not been discussed, let alone resolved," said Prof Riaz of the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University, USA.

He said without any conducive and secure environment, a reliable arrangement for humanitarian support inside Myanmar for the returning refugees, and a path for long-term solution, Rohingyas will have little incentives to return.

"None of these are part of the bilateral instrument regarding the repatriation

signed between Bangladesh and Myanmar. I'm afraid the repatriation process is destined to face serious challenges, even if it starts at all," said Prof Riaz.

This news agency also talked to a number of Rohingyas who arrived in Bangladesh after August 25. They said they are living comfortably in Bangladesh without any fear and willing to stay here.

"I have lost my wife, son, mother, brother, and two sisters. Are you asking me to go back to Myanmar? For whom?" said Ramzan Ali, one of the Rohingyas.

Ramzan said if anybody forces him to leave Bangladesh, he will rather ask him to shoot him [Ramzan]. "I've nothing there. Everything is destroyed," he said.

The United Nations has laid emphasis on the safe repatriation of Rohingyas from Bangladesh to their homeland without any force.

"People should go back, people or refugees should go back to their homes when they feel it's safe and nobody should be forced to move," said Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN secretary-general.

Though Bangladesh has signed a bilateral instrument on return of Rohingyas, it is seeking sustained pressure on Myanmar to resolve the crisis.

Asked about it, Prof Riaz said he thinks Bangladesh has "hastily agreed" to a bilateral arrangement, seemingly under

the "Chinese insistence". He said one of the key weaknesses of the ambiguous arrangement is the absence of any third-party -- there is no third-party guarantor, no mediation process.

Prof Riaz said Bangladesh should have intensified its efforts to involve international community and use that as leverage against Myanmar before agreeing to a bilateral arrangement.

Prof Riaz said the signed instrument, at best, should be treated as a framework, and Bangladesh should work with the international community on the details of the repatriation process before proceeding further with Myanmar.

Asked about the role of the international community, he said their first and foremost responsibility is to provide humanitarian support to the Rohingyas and ensure their safety. "But, it also needs to remain focused on a solution to the crisis," said Prof Riaz.

In this regard, the international community can do three things: first, putting pressure on Myanmar for finding a long-term solution; second, making it clear to China that its expedient policy is prolonging the humanitarian crisis and endangering security to the region; and third, convincing the Bangladesh government to work with them in charting a course when Bangladesh pursues a bilateral arrangement.

8 FFs injured in Kurigram road crash

5 killed in two districts

STAR REPORT

Nine people including eight freedom fighters were injured as a battery-run three-wheeler collided head-on with their auto-rickshaw at Kurigram district yesterday.

The injured were taken to Kurigram Sadar Hospital, of them Abu Yousuf Sarker is admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

They were on their way to attend a Victory Day event at Ullipur upazila, Shirajul Islam Tuku, former chief of Kurigram freedom fighters' unit commander, told our Kurigram correspondent. The three-wheeler fell into a roadside ditch in the Bailey bridge area after the accident.

The driver of the three-wheeler is absconding. No case has been filed, said OC Abdullah Al Sayeed of Ullipur Police Station.

Meanwhile, five people were killed and 15 others injured in road accidents in Bagerhat and Jamalpur districts yesterday, reports our correspondents.

NEWS IN brief

Showkat Aziz Russell elected president of Gulshan Club Ltd

CITY DESK

Showkat Aziz Russell, chairman of Amber Group has been elected as the president of Gulshan Club Ltd.

Showkat got 334 votes in the election held on Friday, says a press release.

Minhaz Kamal Khan, Rita Husain, Chowdhury Moazzem Hossain (Arif), Rafiqul Alam (Helal), Matur Rahman Chowdhury (Dulal), Tahmina Rehman, Dr Md Wahiduzzaman (Tamal), Shirin Shila, Dr Misbahul Alam Khan and Naushad Shahrir Sayeed were elected as the Executive Committee members.



Salim president of Chittagong Seniors' Club

CITY DESK

Dr Salim Akhter Chowdhury was elected as the president of Chittagong Seniors' Club Ltd for the term of 2017-2018.

Manik Bablu, current vice-president of the club, was re-elected for the tenure, while five others were elected as members of the club's managing committee, said a press release.

The club authorities organised an election after its 90th annual general meeting at the club's auditorium on Thursday, according to the release.

The managing committee members are -- Mohammad Abbas, Prof Jasim Uddin, Taher-ul-Alam, MA Kabir Milky and Yakub Chowdhury.



Dr Salim Akhter Chowdhury and Manik Bablu

Correction

In a photo caption published on December 15, 2017, we misidentified the head of a delegation of freedom fighters who left for Kolkata the day before, to attend Victory Day celebrations there at the invitation of the Indian government. The caption read, "The delegation, led by Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain..." In fact, Housing and Public Works Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain led the delegation. We regret the error.



President Abdul Hamid visits freedom fighter Ferdousi Priyobhashinee at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) on Friday. Ferdousi is under treatment for multiple health complications for over a month.

PHOTO: PID

Be worthy

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not forget this for a second, we never bow down to anyone, we will put our step in the world arena keeping our heads high, this will be our promise for today," she said.

Recalling the horrific days of August 15, 1975, Hasina said the defeated anti-liberation force thought that by killing Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members they will be able to distort the history of the country.

After the inaugural speech, she talked to some people who gathered at the venue.

Not invited, AL leader foils it

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Jahangir could not be reached for comments over the phone as it was found switched off. The phone became active for 30 minutes from 5:30pm to 6:00pm, when this correspondent was calling him, but he did not pick up.

Seeking anonymity, many of the locals told The Daily Star that Jahangir is an ad hoc member of Karnaphuli upazila Awami League unit.

"If he had any complaints, he could have informed us. But he resorted to violence and attacked a state programme. The upazila administration will take legal steps after consulting with high-ups..." UNO Bijen said.

He said after the incident, they continued the programme. They accorded reception to freedom fighters, but had to end the programme as there were not

enough people.

The UNO also alleged that though the law enforcers were present during the attack, they remained inactive.

When asked, Md Hasan Imam, inspector of Karnaphuli Police Station, said no such attack took place. "An altercation broke out between the UNO and UP chairman over the invitation as the latter alleged that he did not get it," he said.

Contacted, Karnaphuli Upazila Chairman Faruk Chowdhury said, "The UNO is new here, he does not know everyone..." He did not elaborate and hung up saying that he had to attend a Victory Day programme.

This correspondent tried to contact AL president of Karnaphuli upazila unit Sayed Jamal Ahmed for comments but he also did not pick up the phone.

Dhaka honorary

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With the first arrival of the Portuguese, Chittagong became a very important trade centre from where the Portuguese went to places as far as Kerala, Sri Lanka and even Malacca.

The occasion of the arrival of the Portuguese in the Indian subcontinent 500 years ago is being celebrated this year.

"Bangladesh is a young country but a very old friend of Portugal," he said.

Ambassador Camara also lauded the role of Bangladesh in receiving and supporting the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid, Head of the European Union in Bangladesh Rensje Teerink, the ambassadors of Germany and Brazil and Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed were present on the occasion among others.



Vendors illegally grabbing the space under the foot-bridge at Shahbagh are forcing pedestrians to walk on the roads. Small business owners occupy the spaces under the foot-bridges across the city. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

DU celebrates

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"Hatred" in front of Ducus Building on the campus which was rebuilt by a group of DU students. The concrete pillar, a symbol reminding the nation of Razakars, Al-Badr and Al-Shams which collaborated with the Pakistani Army in 1971, was broken three times in 2008, 2010 and 2013 by some unknown miscreants.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote organised a cultural event at Central Shaheed Minar in the afternoon.

Good initiative

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remaining work is going on in 40 roads.

Also, the central reservation along Gulshan Avenue will be adorned with ornamental and fruit-bearing trees to add an aesthetic look to the public passage.

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শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়াদীনি পেটেন্ট, ডিজাইন ও ট্রেডমার্কস অধিদপ্তর (ডিপিডি) এর অকেজো ঘোষিত কার নং-ঢাকা-মেট্রো-খ-১২-০৯৭৬ (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে) বিক্রয় করা হবে। উক্ত কার ক্রয়ে আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১.	কারের বিবরণ	ঃ	নির্মাতা প্রতিষ্ঠান-টয়োটা (জাপান), প্রস্তুতকাল-২০০৪, আসন সংখ্যা-০৫ (পাঁচ)।
২.	জামানতের (ফেরতযোগ্য) টাকা	ঃ	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (দশ) হারে যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার রেজিস্ট্রার, পেটেন্ট, ডিজাইন ও ট্রেডমার্কস অধিদপ্তর-এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৩.	দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য	ঃ	প্রতিসেট নগদ ১০০০/- টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য) ক্রয় করা যাবে।
৪.	দরপত্র দাখিল প্রাপ্তি স্থান	ঃ	প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা, পেটেন্ট, ডিজাইন ও ট্রেডমার্কস অধিদপ্তর (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), কক্ষ নং-৬০৯, শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়, ৯১, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০।
৫.	দরপত্র দাখিল ক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৪ জানুয়ারি ২০১৮, বিকাল-৪.০০ ঘটিকা।
৬.	দরপত্র দাখিল দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	ঃ	০৭ জানুয়ারি ২০১৮, সকাল-১১.০০ ঘটিকা, পেটেন্ট, ডিজাইন ও ট্রেডমার্কস অধিদপ্তর (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), কক্ষ নং-৬০৯, শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়, ৯১, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০।
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