

11-year-old 'raped' by neighbour

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

An 11-year-old schoolgirl was allegedly raped by a youth in a village of Sharsha upazila in Jessore on Thursday evening.

The family of the girl filed a case with Sharsha Police Station, accusing Monirul Islam, 25, of the same village yesterday.

The accused is on the run, said Mashiur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the police station. Action will be taken after an investigation, he added.

The girl's family said that on Thursday night, she went to a village grocery shop, and from there, Monirul tricked her into his home and raped her there.

Later locals rescued the girl hearing her screams, he added.

She was treated at a hospital.

Monirul is the son of ward-level Awami League leader Kabirul Islam. The Daily Star tried to contact him, but his mobile phone was found switched off.



A youth holds up a high-tension electric cable to let an auto-rickshaw pass under it on a street in the capital's Mohakhali. Several electric poles and a transformer in the vicinity were damaged early yesterday morning when an overhead high-tension cable running across the road was entangled on the top of a cargo vehicle on the nearby Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sarani. No safety measures were visible at the spot to protect citizens from possible electrical accident when this photo was taken around 10:00am.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

NEWS IN brief

Ex-CSP officer Ameeruz Zaman passes away

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Mohamed Ameeruz Zaman, a former CSP and UN official, passed away on February 26, at United Hospital of natural causes, says a press release.

Zaman joined the Civil Service of erstwhile Pakistan in 1957 and after various assignments joined the UN where he worked for about 20 years in various countries. He was also the founder and chairperson of a charitable foundation focused on access to higher education for poor children.

Zaman was also general secretary of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu). A quikhani for him was held yesterday after the Asr prayers at 4 Paribagh (Paribagh Housing Society).

Firoza Begum's 47th anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 47th death anniversary of Firoza Begum, eldest daughter of late Jalal Uddin Ahmed, renowned educationist of Feni and award-winning headmaster of Ataturk High School and Feni Pilot High School.

She passed away on March 3, 1971 at the age of only 33 years while under treatment at a hospital in Rawalpindi due to rejection of blood during transfusion owing to group mismatch, said a press release.

Firoza left behind one daughter and four sons. Her husband was the former director of Directorate of Primary Education, late Dr Saifuddin Ahmed, while retired additional secretary of Bangladesh government Dr Helal Uddin Ahmed is her eldest son.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to pray for the salvation of her departed soul.



Syed Habibul Haque's 16th death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today is the 16th death anniversary of Syed Md Habibul Haque, founder managing director of Crystal Insurance Company Ltd, says a press release.

He was a resident of Chakher, Barisal.

Habibul Haque passed away on March 3, 2002 at Sikder Medical College Hospital in Dhaka. He was a prominent insurance personality who contributed to the development of the insurance industry of the country.

On the occasion, the board of directors, shareholders, executives and employees of the company offered prayers for the eternal peace of his departed soul.



Next polls under govt Says Tofael

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The upcoming parliamentary election will take place as per the country's constitution under the incumbent government, said Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed yesterday.

"We want that each party registered with the Election Commission takes part in the election," he said.

He was addressing a programme arranged by Zahurul Haque Hall Alumni Association of Dhaka University on its campus.

Referring to recent remarks by Ambassador Marcia Bernicat that the United States wants a "participatory election" in Bangladesh, Tofael said the ruling Awami League has the similar goal.

"But the election has to be like the one in the United States... where Barack Obama as an incumbent [president] participated in the election. Also like elections... in India and Australia," he added.

He urged the US envoy to take measures, if possible, so that everyone takes part in a participatory election that will be held towards the end of this year.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor also spoke.

White paper on 'govt graft' to be published Says Moudud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed yesterday said a white paper on corruption of the incumbent government will be published if his party is voted to power.

"This government is not the last one, and it will have to go someday. After that, a white paper on corruption being committed during its tenure will be published," he told a discussion at Jatiya Press Club.

He also said names of ruling party backed ministers, MPs, and businessmen will be included in the white paper with detailed description of their corruptions. "They must be put on trial on that day."

The former law minister said names of the masterminds of share market, hallmark, destiny scam, Bangladesh Bank heist and all other scams that took place in the last 10 years will be published too.

Moudud alleged that big projects are being implemented by the government with big corruption, commission and bribery.

He also alleged that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was convicted for a political reason, and the government is plotting to delay her bail and prolong her stay in jail.

DBA poll vote count resumes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The vote counting of Dhaka Bar Association (DBA)'s 27-member executive committee election that was halted on Thursday due to a scuffle will resume today.

Mahbulul Haque, a member of the election commission of DBA, said vote counting would begin on multiple floors of the association's office in Old Dhaka at 8:00am.

Over 9,000 voters cast their votes on Tuesday and Wednesday. The scuffle started on the second floor of the office just half an hour after the election commission started the counting, at 10:00pm on Thursday.

According to ABM Moshir Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotwali Police Station, the election commission allowed two lawyers from each of the two contesting panels to remain present during the vote counting. The scuffle ensued when an apprentice lawyer Samad wearing the identity card of another lawyer entered the room as one of the representatives, said the OC. But Samad did not mention which panel he was representing. Police caught Samad near the association office early yesterday. A case was filed against him, and a Dhaka court later sent him to jail.

BCL men

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Nur Muhammad Siam, BCL president of the college unit, said they primarily found involved of some BCL men in the attack on Mawla as well and they have informed the matter to city unit BCL leaders.

Before taking any action, they were waiting for the findings of the investigation conducted by the college, he claimed.

He, however, said the incident was over a girl. "It wasn't a political attack, rather a personal one."

Mawla and his friends said BCL activist Jalal had asked Mawla a few days ago not to talk to a girl (who is in Mawla's class) as Jalal has a love interest with her.

Luck runs out

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He also embezzled money from a woman, promising to solve her familial problems by giving her an amulet, the CID official said. "ABC Radio's former RJ [radio jockey] Kibria Sarkar was his ally in the financial dealings," he claimed.

Radbi used to charge Tk 20,400 per two-hour consultation, claiming himself to be a "black magician". He also runs a website and a consultation agency.

Radbi was arrested in a case filed under section-57 of the Information Communication Technology Act 2006 (amendment 2013), said the CID official.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court granted a two-day remand for interrogation after police produced him before it.

Earlier, he was arrested with 20 stolen motorbikes on January 14, 2012, claimed police.

Contacted, ABC Radio's head of programmes Ehsanul Huq Tito told The Daily Star that Radbi used to join the programme as a guest and he was fired in September last year after allegation of swindling surfaced against him.

"When we came to know that they [Radbi and Kibria] were taking personal advantages from the show, the managerial body decided to fire them," he added. "RJ Kibria was also forcibly ousted following the matter after three months."

Regarding Kibria's involvement, Molla Nazrul Islam, special superintendent of CID, said, "We are also looking into the matter."

Scent of a book

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him. While reading in a digital format such as blogs, social media or e-books, it is hard to pay that much attention, Aleem said.

Many of the publishers and booklovers said the book fair also proves that love for books, especially paper books, is increasing and every year, a new generation of book enthusiasts are falling in love with reading.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor told the news agency that the book fair will be extended to the root level for reaching the readers across the country. He also said they had been stressing the improvement of the library facilities and the number of libraries.

He said they will pay a special attention to the specialised libraries on different subjects. "There is no alternative to reading in the library."

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