

Acid throwers still at large

Family members of Shahida express indignation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Family members of an acid attack victim in Kaliganj upazila yesterday expressed indignation as the accused are still at large after over three months of the incident.

The police are yet to prepare the charge sheet against the criminals who threw acid on Shahida Begum of Uttar Madati village in the upazila.

Victim Shahida, 28, is wife of Tofazzal Hossain and mother of two children.

Shahida's elder brother Shahinur Islam filed a case with Kaliganj Police Station on January 19 against Abu Hanifa, 42, son of Jamser Ali, his brother-in-law Khaybor Ali and cousin Rashidul Islam of the village.

Police said the main accused Abu Hanifa, with the help Khaybor and Rashidul, threw acid on Shahida when she was alone in her home at night on January 18. Shahida's husband was in Dhaka, searching for a job at that time.

Locals rescued Shahida and admitted her to Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex. She was referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital and then taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where she was treated with the help of NGO Brac.

Shahida said Abu Hanifa had been giving indecent proposals to her and offering money, but she rejected him directly several times. "As I was very disturbed, I called for village arbitration against Abu Hanifa. He and his men took revenge a few days later by throwing acid on me," she said, demanding exemplary punishment to the attackers.

Shahinur said the accused are politically and economically influential, and their men are still pressuring them to withdraw the case. "We are upset as police have not arrested the culprits," he said, adding that police are delaying in submitting the charge sheet.

Kaliganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Maqbul Hossain said the attackers went into hiding after the incident and police are conducting drives to arrest them. "We did not get any complaint about pressure on the victim's family," he said, adding that police are preparing to submit the charge sheet soon.



A Boro paddy field attacked by neck blast at Collegepara in Sadullapur upazila of Gaibandha. The photo was taken a few days ago.

PEST ATTACK ON BORO IN GAIBANDHA

Worried farmers seek remedy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Pests and worms have attacked vast tracts of Boro crop fields in different areas of Sadullapur upazila, raising fears that it will adversely affect paddy production.

Worried farmers are going to pesticide shops and agriculture experts, seeking a remedy for pest attack, especially neck blast, which is gradually spreading to adjoining areas. Meanwhile, sections of paddy fields have turned white and subsequently dried up.

Farmers complained that no improvement is seen even after spraying of pesticide. Pest attack is continuing, and they are no agriculture experts nearby to advise

them. Many of them are spreading ash to prevent pest attack.

Upazila Agriculture Officer (UAO) Khajanur Rahman said a total of 14,380 hectares of land have been brought under Boro cultivation in the upazila, but he could not say how much land was affected by pest attack.

"Boro-BR 28 paddy on my one bigha of land was attacked by pests. When I sprayed pesticide on it, the crop on the land turned white within a week," said Nasiruddin, a small farmer of Habibullahpur village.

"I will suffer loss as my one and a half bighas of Boro plants have been attacked by neck blast. I am expecting only a little production as I could not save the crop from the pest after spraying pesticide," said Abdul Baki Mandol of

Mohishbandi village.

Faridul Mia of Collegepara said pests attacked fields almost everywhere this time, but farmers are not able to control it. Worried farmers are being cheated by dishonest pesticide vendors, who are selling ineffective pesticide, he added.

Farmers often spray low-priced contaminated pesticide, so the pest cannot be controlled, said Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer Waliur Rahman, adding that many farmers sprayed an overdose of pesticides, which killed the green plants.

Climate change is also a reason for attack by pests and worms, the UAO said. Pesticides should be used at an early stage of pest attack in optimum doses, he said.

NAYAN MURDER

Family seeks arrest of criminals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Family members of slain school student Nayan at a press conference yesterday said the accused who came out of jail on bail are threatening to kill them and the witnesses.

They also demanded immediate arrest of the accused in Maruf Hassan Nayan murder case.

Nayan's elder sister Sharmin Akter Shova read out statement at the press conference at Manikganj Press Club.

Sharmin said Hridoy, 25, and Rakib, 24, of Bandutia area in the town, hacked SSC examinee Nayan on November 26 in 2013. He died the next day.

Police arrested Rakib on April 5, 2015 and Hridoy on April 13. They came out of jail on bail a few days later. An arrest warrant has been issued against Hridoy as he has gone into hiding.

The charge sheet was submitted on November 30, 2015.

The accused have been threatening to kill her family members and witnesses if they give evidence before the court, Sharmin said. Police are not arresting Hridoy as he is protected by some ruling party leaders, she alleged.

Police said the case is under trial.

This correspondent tried to contact Hridoy several times, but his cellphone was switched off. Rakib's contact number was not found.

PHOTO: M REZAUL HOQUE

Stray gray langur rescued in Bogura



The stray langur after its rescue by forest officials in Shajahanpur upazila of Bogura yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

The forest department rescued a stray gray langur from near Shajahanpur Upazila Parishad complex in the district yesterday morning.

Gray langurs or hanuman langurs, the most widespread langurs of the Indian subcontinent, are a group of Old World monkeys constituting the entirety of the genus Semnopithecus.

As the hanuman was roaming in different places, mostly on trees, in Sherpur upazila of Bogura, some people gave it food while some others poked it, causing much disturbance to the stray animal, said Mohammad Subedar Islam, divisional forest officer of Social Forest Division in Bogura.

Informed by locals, upazila forest staff kept the hanuman under surveillance and informed the Bogura district forest office.

Afterwards, Bogura forest office communicated with Dhaka Wildlife Crime Control Unit (WCCU) that sent wildlife inspectors Asim Mallik and Md Abdullah Al-Sadik to

Bogura on Friday.

At one stage, the hanuman came to Majhira Cantonment area in Shajahanpur upazila from Sherpur Friday night.

Yesterday morning, the hanuman was found sitting on a tree branch beside an NGO building near the upazila parishad office and the rescue team of forest officials came to the spot, said eyewitness Mizanur Rahman.

"Around 10:00am, we used a tranquilliser gun to make the langur unconscious. Then we put it into a case and took it to Bogura forest office," said the forest officer Subedar Islam.

"After such a process, an affected animal usually remains sick for a few days. That's why we sent it to Rajshahi wildlife rescue centre for treatment around 12:45pm. After its recovery, we will release it to natural habitat in Jashore," said Inspector Asim Mallik of the WCCU.

"Due to the food scarcity, langurs from their natural habitats in Keshabpur area of Jashore sometimes move to different places of the country, getting on banana-laden trucks. This hanuman could have reached Bogura in such a way," he said.

NEGLIGENCE IN OPERATION

Arrest warrant against doctor, clinic owner

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A court here issued arrest warrants on Thursday against a doctor, his assistant and the owner of a clinic for negligence while operating upon a patient.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Selim Reza gave the order, said Md Maheb Hossain, the victim's lawyer.

The victim is Nasrin Begum, 28, daughter of Hadis Nakib of Bibichini village in Betagi upazila of Barguna.

The accused are owner of the clinic Md Ahasan Habib Shohag, doctor Md Mohiuddin and his assistant Shib Shankar.

Nasrin was admitted to Shohag Clinic in Rajapur town with stomach ache on March 5.

Dr Md Mohiuddin diagnosed the problem as appendix and prescribed surgery.

They mistakenly cut across the lower abdomen and found a large tumour, the victim said.

The doctors hurriedly sent her to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barisal, but she was referred to Dhaka. As her family could not take her to Dhaka, they took her to the same clinic.

Nasrin was sent home after staying two days in the clinic, said Jannati Begum, younger sister of the victim.

"I filed the case on humanitarian ground as the clinic authorities refused to help the patient," victim's lawyer said.

2 motorbike drivers sued for raping madrasa girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Two rental motorbike drivers were sued on Friday on charge of raping a 14-year-old madrasa girl student in Mathbaria upazila on Thursday.

The accused are Rumman Panchayet, 25, son of Yunus Panchayet, and Panna Panchayet, 35, son of Faruk Panchayet of Badura village. They are rental motorbike drivers.

Victim's maternal grandmother filed the case with Mathbaria Police Station.

Victim's grandmother said her granddaughter is a Class IX student at a local madrasa.

"As my daughter stays in Saudi Arabia, my granddaughter lives with me," she said.

She said Rumman and Panna entered her house late on Thursday night and took the victim to a nearby garden. They raped her there, she added.

Neighbours recovered her from the garden, the grandmother said.

The victim was sent to Pirojpur for medical check up, said Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Burnt woman groans in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A homemaker sustained serious burn injuries on the face, head, chest and right hand due to an arson attack at Brindabanpara (South) of Bogura town on Friday.

The victim, Shahanaz Parvin Sima, 38, wife of Abdur Rahman, is now undergoing treatment in the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

An attempted murder case was filed accusing Turu Islam Tutul, 45, son of late Md Sobed Ali, of South Brindabanpara of the town, on Friday night, said Md

Emdad Hosain, officer-in-charge of Bogura Sadar Police Station.

"Police seized a bottle of kerosene from the spot. We are investigating the matter and trying to arrest the accused," he said.

"Tutul made an arson attack on Shahanaz around 2:30pm on Friday, following a previous feud over land purchase," said Manzurul Islam, brother-in-law (husband's brother) of the victim.

"My brother Abdur Rahman works as a construction worker in Dubai. He and his wife Shahanaz paid all the money for the land, but Tutul wanted more money.

As Shahanaz refused to give additional money, Tutul become angry," he added.

Victim Shahanaz Parvin Sima was taken to Bogura Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital around 3:30pm.

"We referred her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as she sustained 55 percent corrosive burn injury and we do not have special treatment facilities for such critical burn injury," said Nirmalandu Chowdhury, deputy director of Bogura Saheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.



Workers as temporary measures place bricks to make Jashore-Benapole national highway operational for vehicular movement before Eid-ul-Fitre. Besides, potholes on the road are being filled up with concrete and tar. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Padma Oil Company Limited (A subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation) Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong	
Tender Notice	
Laying of 6" inch. dia Ms Pipeline (Piping) from Jetty to Ms Tank-26 via Booster Pump House including installation of company supplied Electrical Motor-Pump set (DP) at Baghabari Depot, Sirajganj.	
1 Ministry/division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2 Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
3 Procuring entity name	Padma Oil Company Limited.
4 Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
5 Invitation for	National tender
6 Invitation Ref No.	E&P/CAPEX-57/F-36/P-35/17-18.
KEY INFORMATION	
7 Procurement method	NCT
FUNDING INFORMATION	
8 Budget and source of funds	Own Fund of Padma Oil Company Limited.
9 Development partner (if applicable)	None.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
10 Project name	Laying of 6" inch. dia Ms Pipeline (Piping) from Jetty to Ms Tank-26 via Booster Pump House including installation of company supplied Electrical Motor-Pump set (DP) at Baghabari Depot, Sirajganj.
11 Invitation for tender Ref No.	E&P/CAPEX-57/F-36/P-35/17-18
12 Tender last selling date	21/05/2018 up to 1400 hrs.
13 Tender closing date and time	Date (dd/mm/yyyy) time
14 Tender opening date and time	22/05/2018 1200 hrs.
15 Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Address(s) Date and time
16 Name & address of the office(s)	Address(s)
- Selling tender document (principal)	a) Padma Oil Company Limited, Head Office, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong.
- Selling tender document (others)	b) DGM (Dhaka)'s Office, Padma Oil Company Limited, 6, Paribagh, Dhaka.
- Receiving tender document	a) Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong.
- Opening tender document	b) Manager Maintenance Office, Main Installation, Padma Oil Company Limited, Guptakhal, Patenga, Chittagong.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
17 Eligibility of tenderer	a) A satisfactory completion of similar 1 (one) No. Pipeline Related Work at Government Organization/Oil Marketing/Autonomous body/Well known Private Organization of Tk. 07 (seven) lac over a period of last 3 (three) years shall be required.
	b) The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 10 (ten) lac over the last 3 (three) years.
	c) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk. 5 (five) lac.
18 Brief description of work	As per tender schedule.
19 Tender document price	BDT 2000/- per tender schedule (non-refundable).
20 -Type of payment for tender price	On Cash Payment.
21 -Type of payment for security amount	In the form of PO or DD in favour of Padma Oil Company Limited.
LOT INFORMATION	
22 Lot No.	Identification of lot Location Tender security amount in Taka Completion time in weeks/months
N/A	N/A Head Office Tk. 25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand) 04 (four) months from the date of handing over the site
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
23 Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Md Nurul Amin.
24 Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (E&P).
25 Address of official inviting tender	Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
26 Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 031-633243, Fax: 031-612668, 031-618312, Email: aminpocl@yahoo.com
27 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason whatsoever.	
Engr. Md. Nurul Amin DGM (E&P) Telephone: 031-633243	

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