

HINDU COUPLE MURDER IO changed for failure to make any progress

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The investigation officer (IO) in the sensational Hindu couple murder case in the district last year was changed on Sunday for his failure to make any progress even nine months after the incident.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Sanjit Kumar Roy said previous IO was changed for his failure to unearth the mystery behind the murder and make any progress in the case.

Sanjit said they have already got a clue in the gruesome murder and the mystery behind the murder would be unearthed very soon. He refused to say anything more about the matter for the sake of investigation.

Previous IO Ashoke Kumar Sinha said the change was made at the directive of SP for his failure.

Additional Superintendent of Police (Sadar Circle) Mohammad Rezaur Rahman has been made the new IO, Ashoke said.

The bodies of Anil Kumar Das, 70, a retired teacher of Rasulpur High School in the district, and his wife Kalpana Rani Das, 55, were found in a sack containing some bricks in a well beside their house in Sadar upazila on July 27 in 2017.

Victims' son Nirmal Kumar Das filed a case with Tangail Model Police Station in this regard the next day, accusing unnamed people.

Slain Anil's stepbrothers Ratan Das and Swapan Soumitra were arrested the same night and were placed in remand through a court the next day.

The case was shifted to the DB police on the same day and



Anil Kumar Das

Kalpana Rani Das

they quizzed the duo in their custody.

One Dulu Miah was also later shown arrested in the case. Swapan and Dulu later got bail from the court.

The investigators, however, failed to get any important information about the killing from the arrestees, which frustrated the children of the deceased couple as well as the villagers.

Anil's student poet Rashed Rahman said they want exemplary punishment of those who killed the couple. "The villagers are frustrated as well as panicky as the killers have not been identified yet," he added.

Nirmal said he still does not know who killed his parents although nine months have passed. "I want the killers to get capital punishment," he added.



The scene at a Bailey bridge in Nagarpur upazila of Tangail.

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Bailey bridges cause suffering

The structures on the regional highway break down frequently

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Twelve Bailey bridges on Aricha-Daulatpur-Nagarpur-Tangail Regional Highway have been causing suffering to the travellers during the last 15 years as the structures break down frequently.

Locals told this correspondent that the 60-kilometre highway would ensure smooth movement of passengers and goods and reduce pressure of vehicles if the structures are replaced by concrete bridges.

Of the regional highway, Aricha to Daulatpur area is under Manikganj Road Division while Nagarpur-Tangail area is under Tangail Road Division.

Of the 12 Bailey bridges, eight are in seven kilometres of Nagarpur upazila, two in six

kilometres of Tangail municipal area and two in six kilometres of Daulatpur and Ghior upazilas of Manikganj.

Farmer Atoar Ali of Chashabhadra village in Nagarpur, said the two bridges in his village often break down and become unfit for vehicular movement.

Movement of all types of vehicles was stopped from April 6 to April 13 due to lack of repair work of a damaged bridge at Tengripura village, he added.

Mintu Mia of the same village said two vehicles cannot cross each other over the bridges. As a result, vehicles get stuck on both sides of the bridges for a long time and create traffic congestion, he added.

Pickup van driver Abdul Haq of Tengripura

village said many vehicles of the northern districts use the Aricha-Daulatpur-Nagarpur-Tangail Regional Highway instead of the Tangail-Dhaka Highway. The Bailey bridges cannot take this load, he added.

Shakil Khan said the bridges get damaged due to the movement of stone-laden trucks from Burimari in Lalmonirhat.

Manikganj Road Division Executive Engineer Mahibul Haque said Bailey bridges are usually set up in an emergency and it is not a permanent arrangement.

Tangail Road Division Executive Engineer KM Noor-e-Alam said the government has already taken an initiative to build concrete bridges on the highway. The construction work will begin soon, he added.



Haphazardly dumped garbage in front of Faridpur Medical College Hospital, causing inconvenience to passers-by due to the foul smell. The photo was taken on May 10.

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Indiscriminate garbage dumping

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Garbage is being dumped indiscriminately on roadsides and in ditches for years in Faridpur municipality area, to the suffering of passers-by and locals due to the foul smell.

Municipality sources said there are 16,000 houses in the town, but they collect waste from only 3,800 houses. Of the 350 dustbins in the town, only 200 are now exist and of the nine waste dumping spots in nine wards, two are closed.

On a recent visit to different places in the town, this correspondent found that restaurants and food stores, some diagnostic centres, shopkeepers and residents dump garbage at New Bus stand area, beside Miapara Road, in front of Faridpur Medical College Hospital gate and beside the vegetable market in Pashchim Khakuspur area.

"Some staff of restaurants have been dumping food waste into a pond beside the roads for years, so it is really difficult to run my shop due to the bad odour," said Musha Mollah, a teashop owner in New bus stand area.

"Residents and shopkeeper of this area have been dumping their waste beside the Dhaka-Barisal Highway for one and a half years. Sometimes, workers of the municipality also dump waste there," said Masud Biswas, a tea shop owner at Miapara road area.

"I have been running my shop here for two years, and I see local residents dumping waste in a pond beside the bazar. But municipality workers never collect the waste from there," said Monju Mia, a vegetable trader of the vegetable market in Paschim Khakuspur area.

"Locals have been dumping their house waste in a pond beside Abdul Majid Mia road for years. The owner of the pond built a fence around it to prevent dumping of waste, but they are still throwing waste there," said Md Siraj, a resident of Purbo Khabashpur area.

"People of this municipality have been dumping waste at different places for long. We shall tell them to dump the waste in designated places from now," said Mayor Sheikh Mahatab Ali.

Victim's

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Hasina Khatun, filed the case in the morning accusing Shahjahan and five to six other unnamed people, said Additional Superintendent of Police Hasanuzzaman Molla of Satkania Circle.

"We took cognisance of the case and started an investigation. As a result, we arrested Muridul Alam alias Murad, 27, Md Idrish, 26, Azgar Ali, 28, and Habib Ahmed Shahed, 32 in the areas adjacent to the house of the MD of KSRM," added the police official.

"We have found during primary investigation that the four were on duty at the place of occurrence on behalf of KSRM where nine women were killed in a stamped OC Rafiq informed.

Plaintiff of the case Mohammed Ismail has meanwhile reportedly remained unaccounted for since yesterday afternoon.

Habibur Rahman, member of Ward 7 of Khagoriya Union Parishad and a neighbour of Ismail, said, "We found his house under lock and key and checked out his whereabouts in vain.

"His phone was also found switched off," the UP member added.

On the other side, the injured women who have been undergoing treatment at Satkania Upazila Health Complex alleged that they were not getting adequate health services.

Hosne Ara, 35, Nur Aysa, 50, Rabeya Khatun, 55, and Rokeya Begum, 40, expressed their helplessness when this correspondent visited them yesterday afternoon.

Rabeya told The Daily Star that on that fateful day they received some medicines from a pharmacy, claiming that the KSRM officials directed the pharmacy owner to supply medicines as per their needs.

"But from the morning today [Tuesday] the pharmacy owner stopped supplying the medicines. The cellphone number of a KSRM official is also found switched off," Rabeya alleged.

Sajib Talukder, owner of the pharmacy Bangladesh Medical Hall just opposite the health complex, said he knew the man who had asked him to supply medicines by face.

"I have found his number switched off since morning. So, I have stopped the medicine supply," he added.

Another injured, Hosne Ara, told The Daily Star that no one from KSRM has visited them since the incident.

However, the elder brother of Rina Akhter, who was killed in the stampede, said they had received Tk 10,000 for her burial. He added they did not get Tk 3 lakh, which was promised by the KSRM authorities for the victims' families.

During a visit to the spot, locals were found tightlipped about the incident.

Alamgir Mohammed Abu Sufiyan, one of the volunteers of KSRM, however, said the incident had occurred as several thousand people rushed to get the essentials.

In addition to nine deaths around 25 women were injured in the stampede when more than 30,000 people gathered to collect zakat and essentials provided by KSRM at Anis Bari Jame Mosque ground at Ghatidanga village.

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SC delivers judgment today

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During yesterday's hearing, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told the SC that this court had not interfered in the HC orders that granted bail to barrister Nazmul Huda, a former BNP minister, Mohammed Nasim, now health minister, barrister Mir Helal Uddin, an SC lawyer, and Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku, a former BNP state minister, in separate corruption cases as those cases were filed for not submitting wealth statements to the Anti-Corruption Commission and submitting false information about their wealth.

They (Huda, Nasim, Helal and Tuku) had suffered in jail for more than one year and they were seriously ill and submitted medical certificates to the court, he said, adding that the allegations mentioned in the cases filed against them were different from the allegation brought against Khaleda in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

Mahbubey Alam added that the HC could hear and dispose of the appeal filed by Khaleda challenging the trial court verdict that sentenced her to five years' imprisonment in this case.

Khaleda's lawyer Zainul Abedin told the SC that the arguments made by the attorney general had gone in

favour of his client as the AG placed some instances, saying that the SC had not interfered in the HC orders that granted bail to the convicted in different cases.

The HC on March 12 had granted bail to Khaleda, now in jail, in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

Later, the ACC and the government moved the appeals before the SC challenging the HC's bail order.

On February 8, the Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka sentenced Khaleda to jail after it had found her and five others guilty in the graft case.

The court also sentenced Khaleda's elder son Tarique Rahman, now in the UK, and four others to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment each, and fined them a total of Tk 2.10 crore, saying that all the convicts have to pay the fine in equal amounts.

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In another development, the hearings of 11 cases, including a seditious suit, filed against Khaleda were adjourned by a Dhaka court yesterday until July 1.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Khaleda's lawyer submitted 11 petitions seeking adjournment of hearings of the cases.

In the petitions, Khaleda's lawyer Sanaullah Mia mentioned that his client had earlier filed writ petitions with the HC seeking quashing of the case proceedings.

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