

# Plaintiff turns accused?

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police arrested the plaintiff of an extortion case, filed against eight people including three policemen of Naruli outpost under Bogra Sadar Police Station, in a case for raping a seven-year-old child at Buzrukhbaria village in Sadar upazila early Wednesday.

"On August 20, the child was raped in an under-construction building near the house of accused Shah Alam at Buzrukhbaria village," said Sonaton Chakroborty, additional superintendent of police (ASP, Sadar Circle) of Bogra.

"The next day, the victim's father went to the court and talked to a lawyer about lawsuit. But he was discouraged after hearing that it will require a lot of money. The same day, Shah Alam was fined Tk 30,000 in a family arbitration in presence of an assistant sub-inspector of Naruli outpost," he said.

On Monday, Shah Alam filed an extortion case with Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court of Bogra against eight people including Tariqul Islam, inspector of Naruli outpost, sub-inspector (SI) Jahangir Hossain, assistant sub-inspector Abdur Rashid, the alleged rape victim and her family members.

In his case statement, Shah Alam mentioned that mother of the said girl called him to their house for doing some sanitary work on August 18.

"Later, parents and brother of the girl confined me to a room and took a naked

photo with the girl. Afterwards, the kid's brother asked me to give Tk 1 lakh. I gave Tk 20 thousand and promised to give the rest of the money.

"As I refused to give the money later, parents of the girl and the three police officials of Naruli outpost pressurised me to give Tk 80 thousand, threatening to arrest me in a rape case. Later my father sold our domestic animals and gave Tk 45 thousand to ASI Abdur Rashid on August 26," Shah Alam said.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Shyamsundar Ray recorded the complaint of Shah Alam on August 27 and ordered Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Azizur Rahman to conduct an investigation.

Asked about the alleged extortion by police, inspector Tariqul Islam of Naruli police outpost said, "You can know about this from the court hearing."

After knowing about the extortion case, the girl's father filed a rape case against Shah Alam with the same court on Tuesday and the court asked the police to record the rape case.

Shah Alam's paternal cousin Shaheen said over phone, "Shah Alam has been framed in the rape case as he did not give demanded money to the police. After the case we went away from home to evade arrest."

ASP Sotaton Chakroborty said, "Shah Alam admitted to police that he tried to seduce the child. Talking to a female police officer, the child said Shah Alam raped her more than once."

## Sportswoman arrested with Yaba

Husband sees conspiracy against his family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Husband of a female handball player at a press conference in the town yesterday alleged that one of his neighbours implicated his wife in a false Yaba case for not lending him money.

Earlier, police detained Shabana Akter, 32, wife of Babu Hossain of Fakirpara area in Dinajpur municipality with 16 pieces of Yaba tablets on August 27.

Babu said his neighbour Farhad Hossain asked for Tk 20,000 from him as loan few days ago.

"As I refused to lend the money, Farhad entered my house and spread 16 Yaba pills inside one of the rooms," Babu said, adding that after couple of minutes a 12-member police team from Sadar Police Station raided his house and detained Shabana with the Yaba tablets.

"It is a planned conspiracy to tarnish my family image and ruin our life," Babu, also an ex-army man, said.



Alleged stalker, who stabbed a ninth grader, at Mohipur Police Station in Patuakhali yesterday. Right, the victim at Kalapara Upazila Health Complex.

## For rejecting proposal

### Stalker Nayeem stabs ninth grader in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A schoolgirl was stabbed by her stalker yesterday allegedly over her refusal to accept his love proposal in Kalapara upazila of the district.

Local people rescued critically injured Tuli Akhter, 15, a Class IX student at Dhulashar High School, and took her to Kalapara Upazila Health Complex first, from where she was referred to Barisal-Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

Quoting locals and victim's family members, police said

Nayeem, 18, son of Solaiman of Dhulashar village, had been proposing the girl on way to and from her school for long.

As the girl kept refusing his repeated proposals, enraged Nayeem, a local vagabond, waylaid Tuli on her way to school around 9:30am and stabbed her on the abdomen, leaving her bleeding profusely, police said.

Hearing screams, local people rescued the victim and admitted her to the hospital. They also caught Nayeem while he was trying to flee from the spot and

handed him over to Mohipur Police Station.

Headmaster of Dhulashar High School Mohammad Ibrahim said Nayeem had been stalking the girl for long.

Earlier, arbitration was held on several occasion where the culprit was asked not to harass the girl anymore but he did not stop doing so, the headmasters said.

Officer-in-Charge of Mohipur Police Station Mizanur Rahman said they will take lawful step after filing of a case in this regard.

## Stalkers sexually harass 10th grader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A tenth grader has stopped going to school in Galachipa upazila for about one month after the stalkers tried to sexually harass the girl on August 5.

Three stalkers attacked her near a banana garden in Ashamoni area on the day when she was returning home from her school.

The girl, daughter of a construction worker of Sonkhola village, is a student of Class X at Patabunia High School.

"Bachchu Khan, Nazrul Islam and Sumon of the same village attacked my daughter when locals came to her rescue and the criminals fled. Since then she has stopped going to school for lack of security, said the victim's father.

The three stalkers became more desperate after he requested them not to disturb his daughter, said the father.

"On August 8, I filed a case with Patuakhali Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal that asked Galachipa police to take lawful step after proper investigation," he said.

The stalkers are now giving threat to withdraw the case, he added.

## 66 hurt in AL feuds

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At least 66 people were injured in separate clashes between factions of ruling Awami League (AL) in Faridpur and Jhenidah yesterday.

About 50 people, including a policeman, were injured in a clash between two rival groups of AL at Hajrakanda village in Faridpur's Bhanga upazila.

The injured were admitted to Bhanga and Rajoir Upazila Health Complexes.

Police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between Bulbul Ahmad, 37, general secretary of Gharua union Jubo League, and former Gharua Union Parishad (UP) member Julhas Matbor, 50, over establishing supremacy in the locality.

An altercation ensued between the supporters of the two groups centring a football match on Wednesday.

As a sequel, both the groups locked in a fierce clash that left 50 people, including a policeman, injured.

Police went to the spot and fired rubber bullets to disperse the clashing factions, Officer-in-Charge of Bhanga Police Station Miraz Hossain said.

In Jhenidah, at least 16 people were injured when two groups of ruling AL clashed with each other at Hiradanga village in Sadar upazila.

Locals said two rival factions, one led by Sadar upazila AL General Secretary and local UP Chairman Shahidul Islam Heron and the other led by Sadar upazila Jubo League Convener Ibrahim Khalil Raja, had been at loggerheads for long.

The two groups locked in an altercation over joining the reception programme of State Minister for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Junaid Ahmed Polok in the town yesterday.

At one stage, both the groups attacked each other that left 16 people injured.

Our Faridpur and Jhenidah correspondents contributed to the report.

## Teacher's brutality on madrasa boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An 11-year-old orphan boy groans in pain on a hospital bed after a madrasa teacher on Friday allegedly tortured him inhumanely on charge of stealing Tk 150.

The victim is Shakil Ahmed, son of Mohibul Islam of Debipur village in Phulbari upazila. He is a Class V student of Debipur Hafizia Madrasa in the upazila.

The victim's grandfather Sabdul Mia said Shakil's father left him after his mother died three years ago.

Locals said Habib Uddin, an assistant teacher, lost Tk 150 on Friday. Later, he blamed Shakil for this.

As the boy refuted the allegation, Habib took the boy to a classroom and beat him there mercilessly with a stick.

On information, the grandfather rescued the boy around 7:00pm and took him to Phulbari Upazila Health Complex.

Dr Sonjoy Kumar Gupta said the boy was badly injured due to the torture.

Contacted, the teacher refuted the allegation of torturing the boy.

Head teacher Bayjid Bostami said legal action will be taken against the accused teacher.

## Mother 'hangs self after killing' 2 kids

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A woman allegedly hanged herself after killing her two children at their residence in Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj on Friday night.

"Hadisa Begum, 25, wife of Mujibur Rahman of Nijnagar village under Dharmaghar union in Madhabpur, slit the throats of her two children - two-year-old Meem and seven-month-old Mujahid -- before hanging herself from the ceiling fan," Chandan Kumar Chakrabarty, officer-in-charge of Madhabpur Police Station, quoted witnesses as saying.

"Hearing screams, the neighbour went to Hadisa's house at Nijnagar village around 9:00pm. Informed by locals, police went to the spot, recovered the bodies and took them to Habiganj Sadar Hospital for post-mortem around 10:00pm," he said.

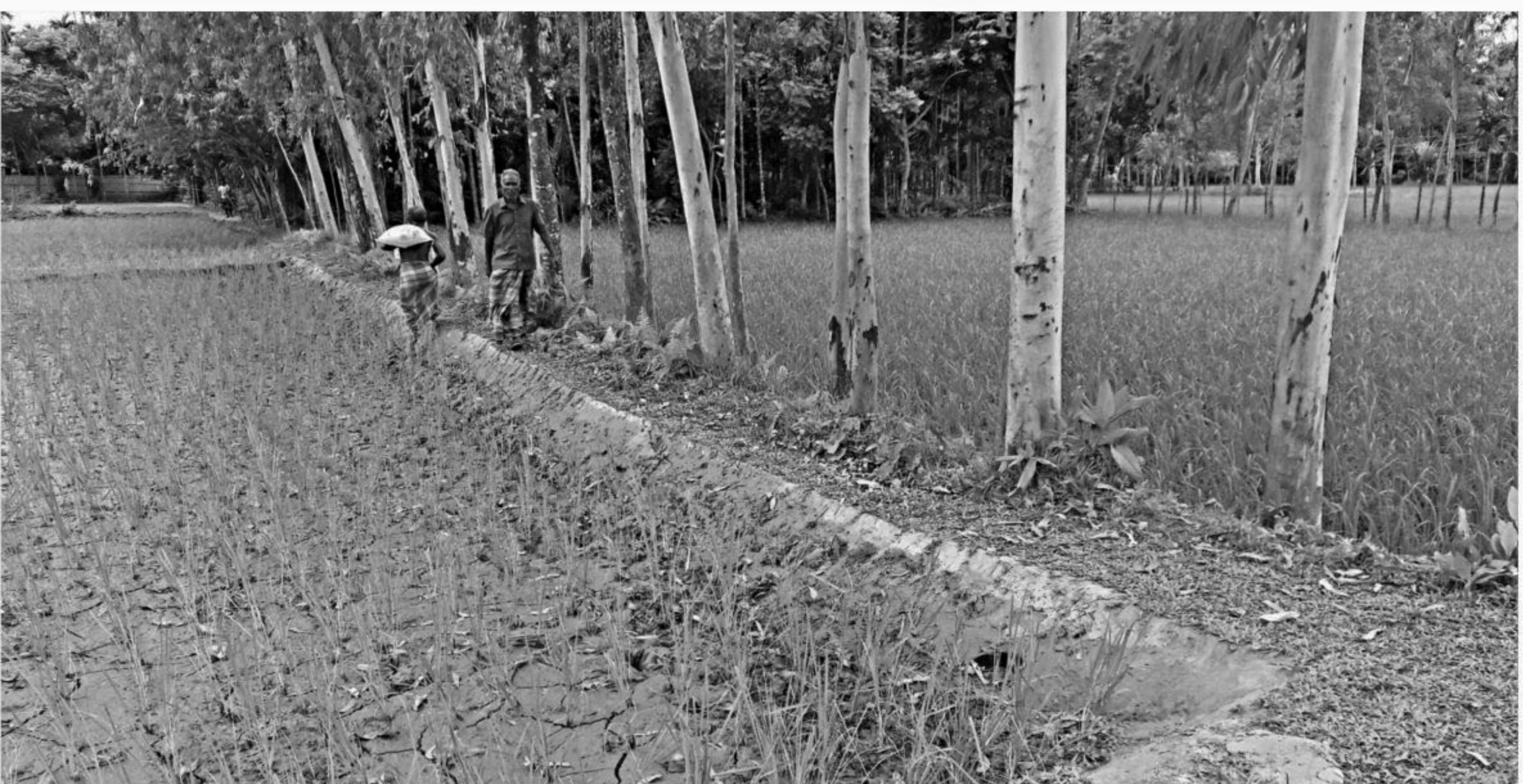
"Hadisa's husband Mujibur Rahman, a shopkeeper, went into hiding after the incident. The sharp weapon used in the killing was also seized," he added.

No case has been filed yet with the police station, said the OC.

On the other hand, Hadisa's father Shamim Mia alleged that Mujibur Rahman killed her daughter and grandchildren and fled.

"Mujibur had been torturing my daughter since their marriage. We arranged arbitration on several occasions to solve their problems," he said.

ASM Raju Ahmed, assistant superintendent of police of Madhabpur Circle, said police started investigation into the matter.



A public road at Fulgachh Kakeya village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila has been turned into arable land. The photo was taken on August 24.

PHOTO: STAR

## Road made Aman field

### Lalmonirhat villagers suffer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A road has been turned into arable land and Aman saplings were planted there over a week ago, much to the suffering of dozens of families at Fulgachh Kakeya village in Mogholhat union under Sadar upazila.

The villagers have been facing trouble in communication as the lone road is now arable land.

Villagers said Girish Chandra Roy purchased the land four months ago and turned it into arable land. They said they had been using the road for communication for the last four decades.

Nilkanta Barmon, 55, a resident of the village, said Girish Chandra cut the public road on June 3 this year after purchasing the land, but had to rebuild it as police stopped the cutting.

The road was cut up again on August 21 and Aman saplings were planted, Nilkanta said. The eight-foot-wide-road is now only one-and-a-half-foot-wide, creating difficulties in connecting to the main road, he said, adding that police have been informed

about the matter.

Kartik Chandra Barmon of the village said school and college going children also face difficulty in going to their institutions.

Latifur Rahman, 68, a farmer of the village, said the road had been used since long for transporting harvested crops from the lands and it was used as a public road. As the road has been cut up it will create serious problems in transporting crops, he added.

Girish said they purchased 94 decimals of land from local Dinesh Chandra Roy and turned the land into arable land. "We have purchased the land, so why should we keep it unused in the name of public road?" he asked.

Seller Dinesh said he sold the land on the condition that the road would remain for communication by the villagers, but the purchaser has violated the agreement.

Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mahfuz Alam told this correspondent that police visited the spot and told the landowner to rebuild the road. "If the person does not respond to the message, legal action will be taken," he said.

## 3 die in Chalanbeel tourist boat capsizes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The joy of visiting Chalanbeel turned into a tragedy as three people drowned and two others went missing in a tourist boat capsized in Chatmohar upazila on Friday.

The victims are Bilal Hossain Goni, scientific officer of regional agriculture research institute in Ishwardi upazila, his wife Momtaz Parvin Sheuly, trader Rafikul Islam Swapan, his daughter Sadia Khatun and Shahnaz Parvin Parul, a housewife.

Of them, Sheuly, Sadia and Parul were found dead in the beel yesterday, said Officer-in-Charge of Chatmohar Police Station Md Bodruddoza.

Twenty-two visitors, including the five, went to Chalanbeel by a tourist boat to see the beauty of the water body on Friday morning.

When the boat reached Paikpara area, it sank after being hit by the strong current around 7:00pm, leaving five people missing while 17 others managed to swim ashore.

Fire fighters continued rescue operation till filing of this report around 6:00pm yesterday, said the OC.

## Punish killers of Mukti

### Freedom fighters tell Pabna rally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Freedom fighters yesterday staged a demonstration demanding exemplary punishment of the killers of the daughter of a freedom fighter in Santhia upazila.

Mukti Khatun, 22, daughter of freedom fighter Mozammel Haque of Nagdemra village, was a second-year student of Philosophy at Government Edward College in Pabna. She was burnt to death over previous enmity by rivals of her father.

On August 19 some criminals, allegedly led by Abdus Salam, president of ward-1 unit Awami League of Nagdemra union, attacked Mozammel's house and set fire to Mukti as a sequel to a long-standing political enmity with her father.

Protesting the brutal attack, freedom

fighters formed a human chain in front of Pabna Muktijoddha Sangsad. District unit Muktijoddha Sangsad Commander Habibur Rahman Habib and Deputy Commander Abdul Baten joined the human chain.

"We want the key accused to be arrested immediately for the sake of justice," the freedom fighters said.

Santhia Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Abdul Mazid said police are alert to arrest all the accused.

"Police have arrested 24 out of 32 accused and all are Salam's supporters. We are trying to arrest the key accused Salam but he has gone into hiding," he said.

Additional police have been deployed in the area to ensure security of the victim's family, he added.



Freedom fighters form a human chain in front of Pabna Muktijoddha Sangsad office yesterday demanding punishment of the killers of college girl Mukti Khatun, daughter of a freedom fighter.

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