



Classes at Gar Dharmapal Government Primary School in Nilphamari's Jaldhaka is badly hampered as the classrooms are used for keeping construction materials. PHOTO: EAM ASADUZZAMAN

Explosives seized: 12 Habiganj BNP men sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police in separate drives seized bombs and explosives in Bahubal and Lakhai upazilas of Habiganj yesterday and the day before.

Masuk Ali, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bahubal Police Station, said on secret information, they raided Mirpur area on Wednesday night and seized six crude bombs and six petrol bombs from a secluded place.

Police suspect that a certain quarter had hidden these explosives there with plans to conduct sabotage.

Meanwhile, Lakhai police seized 22 crude bombs, two petrol bombs and one box of gunpowder from Bulla Bazar area early yesterday.

Informed that a gang was planning to conduct subversive activities in the area, a police team raided there and seized the bombs and explosives.

However, the criminals managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the law enforcers, said OC Emran Hossain of Lakhai Police Station.

Sub-Inspector Abul Bashar of the police station later filed a case against upazila unit BNP General Secretary Abdul Wadud and 11 other activists in connection with the incident.

OC Emran said initial investigation has revealed a BNP faction stored the explosives and planned to conduct acts of sabotage.

Girls show 'red card' to child marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Hundreds of students of Chunurhat Pilot Girls High School yesterday showed red cards to early marriage, declaring the educational institution in Habiganj's Chunurhat upazila free from early marriage.

During the programme, organised on the school premises, about 500 students of the institution held up red cards for five minutes and took an oath to keep the school free from early marriage.

Chunurhat Assistant Commissioner (Land) Tahmina Akther, who attended the function as the chief guest, administered the oath.

The chief guest, while speaking on the occasion, said the institution has become a part of history as it is a biggest promise to say 'No' to early marriage.

Headmaster of the school Satyendra Chandra said they have been working hard for the last few years to keep the school free from early marriage.

Classrooms or godowns!

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Academic activities at Gar Dharmapal Government Primary School in Jaldhaka upazila have been seriously hampered for the last two months as the school authorities have been using all the classrooms as 'godowns' to store bricks, corrugated iron sheets and rods.

The construction materials have been kept there for building a concrete academic building and due to this, students have been attending classes in the school veranda amid odd situation.

Students and guardians said the authorities concerned have been using the classrooms as godowns as they do not want to spend money for a makeshift shed to store construction materials and a guard to look after them as well.

Headmaster Mosharaf Hossain said a two storied academic building is being built under primary education development programme-3 replacing old, semi pucca and tin shed part of the school which was demolished by upazila engineering department two months ago.

The school's brick built portion with concrete roof on other side with four classrooms remain intact as before for running academic activities, he said.

"We have stored old materials of demolished infrastructure in classrooms on temporary basis to protect them from being stolen as those would be sold in auction very soon," he added.

The headmaster further added they temporarily arranged classes on school veranda and assured that classrooms would be used for study as before after the auction.

However, school authority's controversial decision triggered bitter criticism among locals.

Md Liton, a Class V student, said "While attending classes on veranda, dust carried by wind from construction site covers us which sometimes enter our eyes and cause itching."

District Primary Education Officer Osman Gani said "Classrooms in no way can be used as godowns. I've directed Jaldhaka upazila education officer to take action against the school authority and vacate the classrooms within one or two days."

PABNA COLLEGE GIRL MUKTI MURDER

Two more arrested, main accused still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police in a drive on Wednesday arrested two more accused in connection with the case filed for killing college girl Mukti Khatun, who was set on fire in Santhia upazila, from Sirajganj's Ullapara upazila and detained the two.

The arrestees are Md Jahedul Islam, 55, one of the masterminds of the brutal killing, and his son Jibon Hossain, 30.

With the recent arrest, the number of arrestees in the case rose to 26 although the prime accused in the case Awami League (AL) leader Abdus

Salam is still at large.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Santhia Police Station Jahangir Hossain said, after tracking mobile phone location, they raided Rajman Dahpara area in Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj and detained the two.

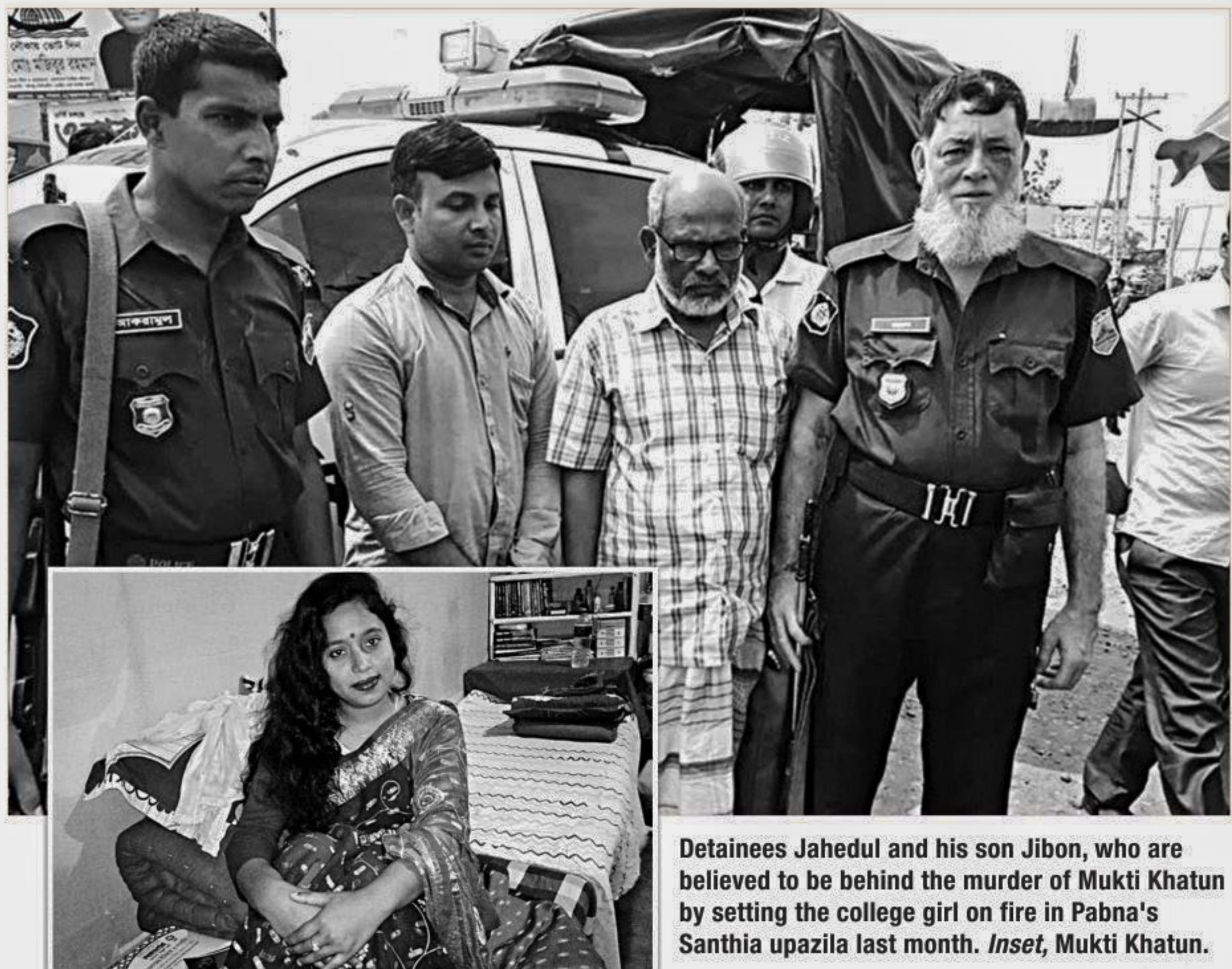
The arrestees were produced before a Pabna court yesterday that sent them to jail, the OC said.

Mukti Khatun, 22, daughter of freedom fighter Mozammel Haque of Nagdemra village and a second-year student of Philosophy department at Pabna Government Edward College, who suffered 60 percent

burns, died from her injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on August 28.

Earlier, on August 19, a group of criminals, allegedly led by Abdus Salam, president of Ward No 1 AL, Nagdemra union unit, attacked Mozammel's house and set fire to Mukti after pouring petrol on her.

There had been a conflict between Mozammel and his neighbour Salam over capturing a local water body, police said, adding that both groups had clashed several times in the past and filed cases against each other.

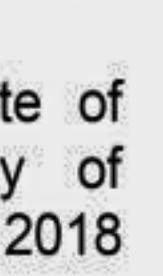


Detainees Jahedul and his son Jibon, who are believed to be behind the murder of Mukti Khatun by setting the college girl on fire in Pabna's Santhia upazila last month. Inset, Mukti Khatun.

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World Tourism Day observed in Kuakata

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World Tourism Day was observed in Kuakata yesterday with holding of various programmes, including rally, cleaning of the beach and discussion.

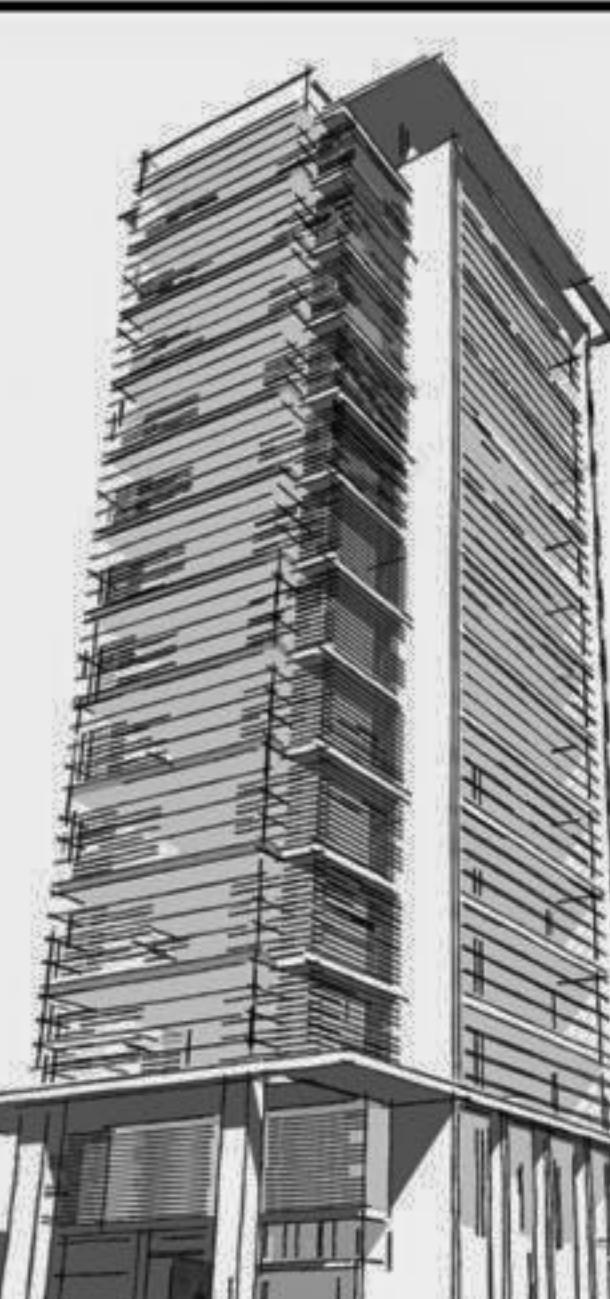
Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Kuakata Tourist Police, Kuakata Hotel-Motel Owners Association and Kuakata Residential Hotel Owners Association jointly observed the programmes that started about 10:00am and ended about 12 noon.

A rally was brought out from Kuakata municipality office and ended on the sea beach, where the participants took part in the beach cleaning programme. They removed plastic bags and other rubbish from the beach.

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