

Woman killed over extra-marital affair

Husband, sister held
A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A housewife was killed by her husband allegedly over her husband's extra-marital affair with her younger sister in Chandpur's Hajiganj upazila. The deceased was Nasrin Akter Riba, wife of Hazrat Ali, said Chandpur Superintendent of Police (SP) Zihadul Kabir while briefing the journalists in this regard yesterday noon. Police detained Hazrat and his sister-in-law Irene Akter Rekha for their alleged involvement in the murder.

Expatriate Hazrat married Riba, daughter of Abdul Rahim of Purba Hatila village in the upazila in March this year. After the marriage, Hazrat developed an extra-marital affair with Riba's younger sister Rekha. After Riba came to know about their illicit relationship recently, Hazrat and Rekha decided to kill her.

According to the plan, Hazrat Ali returned to the country and went to his father-in-law's house on October 9, and killed his wife with the help of her younger sister.

They later spread the news that Riba died of cardiac arrest in a bid to pass the incident as normal death, the SP said.

Meanwhile, following a case filed by the victim's father Abdul Rahim with Hajiganj Police Station police detained Hazrat on Tuesday for quizzing on October 14.

Later, following the information gleaned from Hazrat, police arrested Riba's younger sister Rekha yesterday.

Police said Hazrat gave his confessional statement before a Chandpur court regarding his involvement in Riba's killing.



Bogabaid Government Primary School at Bogabaid village in Jamalpur municipality remains waterlogged for around seven months every year. Inset, children of Classes III and IV sit together in a packed classroom of the school.

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School compound remains water-logged half the year

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Educational and co-curricular activities at a government primary school in Jamalpur municipality are being hampered greatly due to accommodation shortage and waterlogging in the school ground for many years.

Bogabaid Government Primary School at Bogabaid village in Jamalpur municipality, around two km from the town, has been facing such a situation from April to October every year since 2011, thanks to the indifference of the authorities concerned.

The institution, established in 1950, was nationalised in 1973. It has two schoolhouses -- a two-room tin-shed built in 1973, and a two-room concrete building built in 2005.

Three rooms are used to take classes for

412 students from pre-primary to Class V in two shifts, while a room of the tin-shed is used as the office.

Besides, a 15-minute assembly which includes parade, chorus singing of national anthem, oath taking and listening to moral lessons, is held at the school ground for each shift before academic activities start.

Students of pre-primary and Classes I and II attend classes in three rooms in the first shift from 9:30am to 12:00pm, while students of Classes III, IV and V attend classes in those rooms from 12:15pm to 4:15pm in the second shift, teachers said.

The tin-shed is unfit for taking classes as rainwater enters the low-lying schoolhouse from the inundated school ground, assistant teacher Selina Parvin said.

Rainwater remains stagnant on the

ground for seven months (from April to October) due to lack of a drainage system, said Selina.

In such a situation, the first-shift kids of pre-primary and Class II attend classes in one room and students of Class I in another room of the concrete building, while the second shift kids of Classes III and IV sit together in one room and students of Class V in the other room, she said.

"We try our best to take the joint classes with good learning outcome, but the students cannot concentrate properly," said assistant teacher Laboni Nahar.

The kids are being deprived of attending assembly due to waterlogging in the school ground, said headmaster Royena Begum.

"Due to waterlogging, the kids are confined to the classrooms and cannot move around or play even during the tiffin

period, hampering their mental and physical development," Royena said, adding that the school direly needs another building and a drainage system to ensure proper education with co-curricular activities for the kids.

"We informed the higher authorities concerned about the matter several times, but the problems are yet to be solved," she added.

District Primary Education Officer Shahidul Islam said he has sent a proposal to the higher authorities concerned to build another concrete building to solve the accommodation problem.

"I talked to the mayor of Jamalpur municipality to set up a drainage system at the school to remove waterlogging from the ground, and he gave assurance that he will do it," he added.

Youth's innovative solution

Water tank auto-switch to control reserved water level

ABDUL WAHED, Kurigram

In an attempt to a hassle-free solution to supply water to his tenants, a youth in Chilmari upazila has invented a switch that monitors water level and automatically switches the water pump on or off.

Twenty-nine-year-old Mahabubar Rahman of Chhoto Kustari village in the upazila invented the electric auto-switch to pump water into his reserve tank and supply the water without any hassle.

A master's degree holder, Mahabub, son of late Kayser Ali of the village, runs a computer shop near Chilmari upazila parishad premises.

Mahabub now wants the tech companies to come forward so that people can get benefit from his inven-

tion, the first of its kind in the country, at a lower cost.

By setting up such an auto-switch, one can automatically pump water into the reserve tank.

When the water level goes up to a selected level the switch automatically stops the pump.

When the reserve level of the water tank reaches the lowest point the switch automatically starts the pump.

Besides, an additional pipe-line under the reserve tank ensures that dwellers can use the reserved water in absence of electricity.

"My tenants often asked me to switch on the power pump whenever the reserve tank is empty, which annoyed me a lot. In a bid to get rid of the trouble and reach a solution I started to work on it in March this

year," Mahabub said, adding that after four months of continuous efforts he finally became successful to make the auto-switch in June.

Since then, his tenants never requested him to turn on the water pump switch, he said, adding that a number of locals already requested him to make some auto-switches for them.

"I need two electric switches, an empty plastic bottle, electric wires, two screws, a small iron disc, three-inch iron bars, plastic tap, plastic thread and gum to make an auto-switch, he said adding that it cost him around Tk 250.

"I believe loss of reserved water can be controlled through adopting my technology and I can develop it if any organisation extends cooperation," Mahabub said.



Mahabubar Rahman of Chhoto Kustari village in Kurigram's Chilmari upazila has invented an auto-switch that monitors water level of reserve tank and switches the water pump on or off automatically.

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2 electrocuted

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A farmer was electrocuted in Tentulia upazila of Thakurgaon while another in Baliakandi upazila of Faridpur yesterday.

A farmer was electrocuted and three others sustained injuries at Shanbhan Jugigach village yesterday.

The deceased was Abdul Haque, 40, son of Denat Ali of the village.

Tentulia Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Jahurul Islam said Arif, 11, son of Ainul Haque of the village, screamed for help when he came in contact with a live electrical wire.

When Abdul Haque, Johora Begum, 55, and Ismail Hossain, 50, tried to rescue Arif they also came into contact with the wire.

Villagers took them to Tentulia Upazila Health Complex where the doctor declared Abdul Haque dead.

Arif and Ismail are undergoing treatment at the health complex while Johura was shifted to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital.

In Rajbari, a man was electrocuted in Baliakandi upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Sobed Sheikh, 48, son of Giru Sheikh of Bongkur village.

Sub-Inspector of Baliakandi Police Station Habibur Rahman said Sobed came in contact with an electric wire while he was coming down from a coconut tree and died on the spot.

Poverty clouds Lipy's DU dream



Lipy Khatun at her courtyard at Dakkhin Gaddimari village in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Though getting chance at Dhaka University (DU) delighted all her well wishers, uncertainty over her admission due to financial constraint leaves her poor family in despair.

Lipy Khatun, daughter of late Azizar Rahman of Teesta river basin Dakkhin Gaddimari village in Hatibandha upazila, obtained the 1838th place in the merit list of 'Kha' unit this year but poverty puts her future in doubt.

Her widow mother Rahima Begum is passing days thinking how to manage money for her daughter's admission as she is unable to provide her the necessary support.

Lipy secured GPA-5 in the HSC examinations from Humanities Group from Hatibandha Women's Degree College this year. She also obtained GPA-5 in the SSC examinations from Hatibandha Shah Garibullah Girls' High School in 2016.

"I never had any tutor or private coaching in my entire study life and I never played truant," Lipy said.

"I would prefer to study in Islamic Studies at DU and dream to be a BCS officer under administration cadre in

future," she added.

Lipy is second among three siblings. Her elder brother Rubel Miah serves as an Ansar member and her younger sister Ayesha Khatun is a student of Class X.

Lipy's father Azizar, an Ansar member, was killed by unidentified miscreants at his workplace in Natore in 2005.

After Azizar's death, her mother Rahima took over the family responsibilities and earned their livelihood by working as a farm labourer.

"We have no arable land except our homestead on five decimals of land," Rahima said, adding, "Sometimes we have to pass our days half fed but my children never lose concentration in their study."

Principal of Hatibandha Women's Degree College Motahar Hossain Lavlu said as Lipy belongs to a poor family she was given all possible support and facilities from the college.

"Without other's help it is quite impossible for her to enrol at DU and continue her study," the principal added.

"We feel proud of Lipy as she brought glory not only for us but our college as well," he said.

Trader murdered: 3 sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Three people have been sued on charge of killing importer Hasanuzzaman Ahsan at Sadipur village in Sharsha upazila of Jashore.

The victim's son Sohag Hossain on Wednesday filed the case with Benapole Port Police Station, accusing Raihan Uddin, 21, son of Jamaat Uddin, Sujon Hossain, 25, son of Ahsan Hossain, and Buno Akter, 20, son of Wahidullah of the village, said Sub-inspector Zakir Hossain of the police station.

On October 15, the accused took cigarettes and cups of tea at a stall in the area and went away without paying.

As Hasanuzzaman protested it, they beat him mercilessly, said the SI.

He later died on way to a hospital, said the police official.

Youth kills elderly father

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

An elderly man was murdered allegedly by his son over family feud in Baksiganj upazila of the district early yesterday.

The deceased was Abu Syed, 60, of Uthanorpara village in the upazila.

Later, police arrested accused Swapan Miah, 26, said Officer-in-Charge of Baksiganj Police Station Towhidur Rahman.

The victim's daughter-in-law Momena Begum, wife of Swapan, went out of house following an altercation with the parents of her hus-

band on Wednesday afternoon, said police and locals.

As Momena did not return home at night, Swapan blamed his father for the incident and locked in an altercation with him.

At one stage of the altercation, Swapan hit his father on the head with a hammer, leaving him injured, the OC said.

Critically injured Abu Syed was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where he died later.

Immediately after the incident, police arrested Swapan, said the police official.

The body was sent to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy, he said.