

4 to die for killing college student

A court here yesterday sentenced four people to death and one man to rigorous imprisonment for life in a college student murder case in the district.

District and Sessions Judge Shahidul Alam Jhinuk handed down the verdict.

The death penalty awardees are Badsha Mia of Shimulia village in Shivalaya upazila, Lal Mia of Bhatirchar village in Singair upazila of Manikganj, Ajgar Chowdhury of Koshla village in Kotalipara upazila of Gopalganj and Anwar Hossain of Sangkar village in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur.

The lifer is Akter Hossain Jamal of Kaliarchar-Hajirtek village under Araihaajar upazila of Narayanganj.

The court fined the convicts with death penalty Tk 20,000 each and the lifer was fined Tk 50,000, in default, to serve one year more in jail.

However, Md Alam, Md Masud and Shukkur Ali of Shimulia village were acquitted as the charges brought against them could not be proved, said advocate Abdus Salam, public prosecutor (PP) of Manikganj

Judge's Court.

Death penalty awardees Badsha Mia, Lal Mia and the acquitted people were present at the court during announcement of the verdict, the PP said.

According to the case statement, Badsha Mia took his nephew Monir Hossain, a first year intermediate student of Khan Bahadur Awlad Hossain College, to Savar on September 9, 2015 in the name of giving him a job in Bangladesh Army.

Badsha demanded ransom of Tk 20 lakh from Monir's family the next day.

Badsha said he, with the help of his accomplices, killed Monir on September 10 after his family refused to pay the ransom, adding that they tied stones with the body and dumped it into the Bongshai river.

Victim's mother Maleka Begum filled a case with Manikganj Police Station on September 10.

Police arrested Badsha from Savar the same day after tracking his mobile phone. Munir's body was recovered from the river on September 13.



Villagers have built houses on agricultural land in four moujas of Dhankhali union in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali to get more money as compensation for their acquired land. The photo was taken from Dhankhali village.

PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

In hope of more compensation

Many villagers in Kalapara upazila build houses on their acquired crop lands

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Instead of cultivating their farmlands, many villagers of four moujas in Dhankhali union under Kalapara upazila built hundreds of houses on their lands between May and September as the lands have been acquired for building a power plant in the union, and the compensation rate is higher for homesteads than farmlands.

Patuakhali district administration acquired a total of 930.61 acres of land at four moujas in Dhankhali union to set up a 1,320 MW (660*2) Ultra-Super Critical Coal Fired Power Plant for Ashuganj Power Supply Company Limited (APSCCL) to generate 1,320 MW from two units at Dhankhali union.

Of the lands, 289.31 acres are in Devpur mouja, 201.78 acres in Pachjunia, 24.55 acres in Chalitabunia and 415.01 acres in Dhankhali, said Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC revenue) Md Mamunur Rashid.

Of the lands, 15.37 acres will be used to set up rehabilitation sites for those whose lands have been acquired, he added.

Patuakhali district administration served notices early this year to land owners to inform them about the matter. Land owners then started building new houses on their farmlands as the rate for homestead is higher than for land.

Kalapara Upazila Sub-Registrar Kawsar Ahmed said the rate for agricultural land is Tk 4,161 per decimal and Tk 7,239 for homestead in Devpur mouja, Tk 5,447 and Tk 7,063 in Chalitabunia, Tk 9,042 and Tk 15,974 in Pachjunia and Tk 6,402 and Tk 7,938 in Dhankhali, while the rate for commercial land is Tk 41,334 in Dhankhali mouja.

District administration and APSCCL authorities will conduct joint investigation in the union to

compensation as he will be losing the land forever, he said, adding that some APSCCL officials encouraged them to build new houses in order to get their land listed as homestead category instead of agricultural.

Kalam Millik, another local resident, said he built three new houses on his farmland to get more compensation.

Kasem Chowkider, a local resident, said some APSCCL men told him that if he built a house on his

"I do not support it and the administration should take steps to stop them. A section of people influenced villagers to carry out the illegal activity," he said.

APSCCL Executive Engineer Md Ashraf, refuted the allegation and said they were not involved in influencing local people to build new houses on agricultural land.

Those whose lands were acquired will get compensation as per the rate fixed by Kalapara upazila sub-registry office under classification like agricultural, residential, non-agricultural and commercial land, he said.

Rate of compensation will be fixed after a joint investigation by Patuakhali district administration and APSCCL authorities, and there is no chance for anyone to influence the decision, he said.

"I have informed the Patuakhali Deputy Commissioner and also the higher authorities of APSCCL about the matter," he added.

ADC (revenue) Md Mamunur Rashid said they had heard about the matter. Those who built new houses on agricultural land to get more compensation will not get it as compensation will be fixed after joint investigation by Patuakhali district administration and APSCCL authorities.

"Steps will be taken against anyone who influences the villagers to build new houses," he said.

Rates of land for 2018 year fixed by sub-registry office			
Mouja	Tk/decimal for plain land	Tk/decimal for homestead	Tk/decimal for commercial
Devpur	4,161	7,239	
Chalitabunia	5,447	7,063	
Pachjunia	9,042	15,974	
Dhankhali	6,402	7,938	41,334

determine the genuine amount of different categories of land for fixing the compensation rate. Villagers built new houses to enlist their agricultural land into homestead or commercial category to get more compensation, locals said.

This correspondent saw over 1,000 new houses built there.

Al-Amin Mollik of Devpur village built eight new houses on his agricultural land. He built the houses to get more money as

farmland he will get compensation as per homestead rate, so he built the house.

Moazzem Hossain Hawlader, another villager, said he did not build houses on his agricultural land as it will be unethical.

Dhankhali Union Parishad Chairman Reaz Uddin Talukder said many local people built new houses on their land to get more money by getting their lands listed under residential category.

Journalist kills self

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A journalist committed suicide out of frustration by hanging himself at his residence in Jashore town yesterday.

The deceased was Daniel Habib Nova Khandaker, 45, son of Ahsan Habib in Bezpara Cemetery area of the town.

"Nova went to mosque to say the Fajar prayers this morning. After returning home, he took his life by hanging himself from the ceiling of a room around 7:30am," said his father Ahsan Habib.

He was suffering from frustration due to unemployment for long, family members said.

"Nova's wife Shampa worked at a microfinance company in Pabna. Their seven-year-old son Najjar Habib also lives with her there," said Ahsan Habib.

Once working at Jashore-based daily Loksamaj, Nova Khandaker was former office secretary of Journalist Union, Jashore.

Woman murdered, another drowns

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A teenage housewife was found murdered in Bochaganj upazila of Dinajpur yesterday, while the body of a woman was recovered from a pond at Dariapara village in Panchagarh Sadar upazila the same day.

The victim in Dinajpur was Simu Akter, 19, daughter of Hamidul Islam of Chapaitor village in Bochaganj upazila.

Police detained Simu's husband Monir Hossain, 25, son of Imran Ali of Rail Colony area in the upazila, for interrogation.

Police, quoting Simu's family members, said she was married to Monir two years ago.

Simu's mother found her body near their house around 2:30am and informed police. Police recovered the body and sent it to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Bochaganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdur Rahman said police found injury marks on her body. Police said the housewife was tortured to death and the body was left near her parental house.

A woman's body was found in a pond at Dariapara village in Panchagarh Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Arjina Khatun, 40, wife of Fahim Hossain of the village.

Arjina's family members said she went to throw leftover food into their pond adjacent to the house in the morning. A few minutes later, they saw her body floating in the pond, they said, adding that they took her to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared her dead.

Panchagarh Union Parishad Chairman Jahedul Haque told reporters that Arjina had suffered brain stroke a few days ago. When she went to dump surplus food into the pond she slipped and fell into the pond and drowned.

Our Dinajpur and Thakurgaon correspondents contributed to this story.

Pinning high hopes on new burn institute

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street from DMCH burn unit, comes the hope for improvement of a situation so dire.

This new public institute, named Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, will be inaugurated tomorrow by the Prime Minister and is expected to be operational within six months.

WHAT IS AND WHAT CAN BE

According to three consecutive years worth of data since 2014 of the existing burn unit, the yearly death toll stood at around 12 percent of admitted patients. More lives could be saved if only the spread of infections on burn patients can be prevented, according to DMCH sources.

Acknowledging infection as the cause of death for many burn patients, Samanta Lal Sen, national coordinator of burn Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic

Surgery, said unrestricted movement of visitors inside the hospital was one of the reasons. Patients having to use the floor space during treatment, like Anjuara and Abdullah, also involuntarily contribute to the spread of infections.

Among other factors, the hospital has only eight regular fourth-class staff members against the requirement of at least 300 to cater to patients admitted. Sixty-eight irregular "staff members" have been providing services in exchange for tips from patients' families.

This gap between the number of patients and hospital workers is filled by the patients' attendants. And so, the authorities' hands remain tied in regard to limiting visitors' movement.

Sen said the issue of overcrowding would be solved when the new burn institute and the existing DMCH burn unit would operate simulta-

neously.

Apart from the vast infrastructure of 6.5 lakh square feet and modern equipment, Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery institute will provide services that have not even been thought of until now, like supplying skin from a skin bank, which, Sen said, would solve the present problem of shortage of skin when skin grafts are required. It would also have 10 modular operating theatres to contain infections.

"We will be able to reattach severed limbs if a patient is rushed to the institute within six hours after an incident," Sen said, adding that a helipad was there to fly in emergency patients.

More concerns regarding the DMCH burn unit arose when an oxygen leak at an operation theatre, on Sunday, compelled the authorities to stop opera-

tions for a day because the hospital didn't have a technician to fix the problem, a hospital source said.

The unit lacked manpower, especially fourth-class support staff, since its inception in December 2003, and has been depending mostly on irregular "staff members" who learnt everything "on the job", including complicated procedure like dressing.

"The new building and equipment, costing Tk 912 crore according to the design, will not bring significant changes for burn patients unless we get skilled manpower," Partha Sankar Paul, resident surgeon of the DMCH burn unit.

However, an estimate of 2,100 staffers, including doctors, nurses, technicians, ward boys and administration staff members, have been allocated to the new institute's authority.

Jubo League leader shot

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Jubo League leader was shot by a gang of criminals in Joypurhat Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The victim was identified as Sabu Hossain, 32, son of Nurul Haque Mondal, of Dhutiapara in Sadar upazila of Joypurhat and a member of Jamalpur union Jubo League unit.

Joypurhat Sadar Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Muminul Haque said a gang of criminals fired on Sabu when he along with his three friends was catching fish near his home on Sunday night. He was shot in his belly, Muminul said.

Locals rushed him to Joypurhat Modern Hospital from where doctors referred him to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogura as his injury was serious.

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Quader owns up to failure to bring order

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The number of casualties on the roads has meanwhile kept on rising with at least 713 people killed and 2,068 injured in 667 accidents between August and September, according to data of National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways.

Quader, also the general secretary of the ruling Awami League, said that while the country's infrastructure was being modernised, discipline remained essential.

"However, only elevated expressway, metro rail, flyover, four and six lanes [highways] will not solve problem...No matter how many structures we build, our main necessity is to bring discipline to the road and transport sectors," he said.

He said the lack of awareness was more important

than engineering problems or those related to the enforcement of laws.

"We could not make much progress in building awareness."

He also turned the spotlight on politicians, in regards to raising awareness and following the rules. "If we want to change the scenario of indiscipline in the transport sector, we [politicians] need to change. We enact laws and we break laws as well."

Referring to the perennial traffic jam, he said, "If someone praises me or terms me a successful minister, I feel pain and embarrassment...when we will be able to stop this [jam]."

He also highlighted that more accidents occurred on the four lane highways as three-wheelers were still plying those highways.

"We have banned three-

wheelers on 22 highways and police and administration are working [to execute the ban]. However, we still can't stop it."

He said the number of three-wheelers plying the highways had already decreased and would decrease further if that was not supported by political leaders.

"Lawmakers and ministers think if we stop plying of three-wheelers, it will adversely affect vote numbers. The politics of votes is an obstacle to bringing discipline to this sector," he said.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, who was present at the discussion, said the main reasons for the accidents were motorcycles and three-wheelers, not buses and trucks.

Terming the Road Transport Act-2018 a time-

befting law, Shajahan, also the executive president of Bangladesh Road Transport Workers Federation, said it would help curb accidents.

At the programme, prominent road safety campaigner Ilias Kanchan emphasised on obeying the law to ensure road safety.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister AKM Shahjahan Kamal, State Minister for LGRD Moshirur Rahman Ranga, also president of Bangladesh Road Transport Owners Association, Akabbar Hossain, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on road transport and bridges ministry, AL MP Monirul Islam, among others, also spoke at the programme with Nazrul Islam, secretary of road transport and highway division in the chair.

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