

Man gets life for raping schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

A court here yesterday sentenced a youth to life-term rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined him Tk 1 lakh for raping a schoolgirl.

Judge Munshi Moshir Rahman of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal pronounced the verdict.

The convict is Abu Zafar alias Zafarul, 24, son of Abdur Rahman Moulavi of Sadar upazila.

According to the prosecution, Zafar had developed relationship with the girl of his neighbouring house. He called the girl to his house on June 28 in 2013 when she was returning home from coaching about 5:00pm.

He raped her when no one was present there.

He was arrested on June 3, 2014.

Bridge collapses in Mirzapur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Thousands of people are suffering as a bridge at Fotepur in Mirzapur upazila collapsed on Wednesday, disrupting communication in quite a few villages.

The 50-foot-long bridge, constructed on Fotepur canal about 25 years ago, collapsed as the earth under the pillars was washed away during the last rainy season, locals said.

As a result, road communication between Fotepur, Pardighi, Sutanori and Thalpara villages under Fotepur union, and Basail, Kanchanpur, Moteshwar and Joutukipara villages of adjacent Basail upazila, was disrupted, they said.

Road communication between Tangail and Dhaka via Fotepur Bazar has been cut-off due to collapse of the bridge.

Students from Fotepur Uttar Para and Purbo Para, Sutanori and Pardighi villages, who used the bridge to go to Hat Fotepur High School, are also facing problem, locals said.

The bridge is very important for the movement of local people and they have been facing problems since its collapse, said Ibrahim Miah of Fotepur village.

The authorities should repair the bridge as soon as possible considering the woes of the local people, especially the students, he added.

Fotepur Union Parishad Chairman Md Abdur Rouf said he visited the spot and informed the Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) in Mirzapur about the situation.

Mirzapur LGED Sub-Assistant Engineer Rafiqul Islam said they have sent a proposal to the higher authorities to construct another bridge in place of the collapsed one.

"Construction work of the bridge will start after approval of the project," he added.



The bridge at Fotepur in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail collapsed on Wednesday as the earth under it was washed away during the last rainy season, making the structure weak.

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Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University organises a seminar on "Politics of Mawlana Bhashani and his personal life" yesterday marking 42nd death anniversary of the great nationalist leader.

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'Bhashani's belief in secular struggle was unequivocal'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Mawlana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani dedicated his entire life for the common people, which earned him the title 'Mazlum Jananeta' (leader of the oppressed), said speakers at a seminar at Santosh in the district yesterday.

Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) organised the seminar on "Politics of Mawlana Bhashani and his personal life" at the seminal hall of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering Department on occasion of the 42nd death anniversary of the legendary political leader.

Bhashani's commitment to Islam did not make him a fanatic, rather, his belief in the secular struggle for Bangladesh was

unequivocal, they said.

Prof Mohammad Alauddin, vice-chancellor of MBSTU, spoke at the seminar as the chief guest while prominent historian Dr Ashfaq Hossain, also treasurer of Bangladesh Open University, was the main speaker.

Syed Irfanul Bari, a researcher on Bhashani and a teacher of Maulana Bhashani Studies Course of the university, presented the keynote at the seminar.

Teachers of the university Dr ASM Saifullah, Dr Muhammad Shahin Uddin, Dr Md Asaduzzaman, and Dr AKM Mohiuddin also spoke at the seminar with Dr Meer Md Mozammel Haque, director of Maulana Bhashani Research Center, in the chair.

Shamsul Alam, deputy director of public relation and press and publica-

tion office of the university, moderated the event.

Born at Dhangara village in Sirajganj in 1880, Maulana Bhashani fought against imperialism during the British colonial rule.

He was the founder of Awami Muslim League, which later became Awami League. He later formed a progressive political organisation named National Awami Party.

Bhashani led different movements against the oppression of Pakistani rulers.

He played a significant role in the 1969 mass uprising and contributed to the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

He led the historic Farakka Long March in 1976.

The great nationalist passed away on November 17, 1976.

MURDER OF GIRL Prime suspect sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Detective Branch (DB) of police on Sunday arrested the prime suspect in the killing of a five-year-old girl at Panchgaon village in Bhaluka upazila.

The arrestee is Md Shafiqul Islam, 30, son of late Abdul Jabber, a neighbour of the victim.

Shafiqul was produced before the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Billal Hossain yesterday and the court recorded his statement under Section-164 and sent him to jail, said DB Officer-in-Charge Shah Kamal Akanda.

Police recovered the body of Farjana Akhter, daughter of Fazlul Haque of the village, on Friday night.

Victim's father lodged a murder case with Bhaluka Police Station in this regard on Saturday.

During interrogation, Shafiqul confessed to his involvement in the killing over land dispute with the victim's father, said OC Akanda.

Police drives are on to arrest the other people involved in the killing, he said.

Farjana went out of her house on Friday morning but did not return home, police said.

Local people found the girl's body in a bamboo cluster on Friday night. There were injury marks on her face, head and eyes, they said.

Police announced Shafiqul's arrest at a press conference yesterday.

Make pangas, tilapia more affordable

Fish scientists urge researchers at Mymensingh conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The researchers must work together for proper farm management to create favourable market with reasonable prices of pangas and tilapia fishes at home and abroad, said fish scientists at a conference at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) campus yesterday.

The researchers' aim should be to upgrade aquaculture production, farm management, quality improvement and value chain performance for making the two fish more enjoyable to people, they said at the conference under a project styled "Upgrading Pangas and Tilapia value chains in Bangladesh (BangFish)".

The researchers are now working for cheaper production of the fishes, especially for the poor people, along with improvement in areas of farm density, productivity, natural resources and ensuring quality of feed and water.

BAU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Ali Akbar, Pro-vice Chancellor Prof Dr Jasim Uddin Mandol, Prof Dr MA Sattar Mandal, Prof Dr SA Sabur, director general of Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute Dr Yahia Mahmud and Prof Dr Niels OG Jorgensen of University of Copenhagen in Denmark, addressed the programme, among others.

Prof Dr Badiuzzaman, country director of BangFish, presided over the event while Prof Dr Md Akhtaruzzaman Khan presented a keynote marking the occasion.

'Punish instigator of girl's suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Local people formed a human chain in Panchagarh town on Sunday, demanding exemplary punishment of a youth who allegedly instigated a college girl to commit suicide at Amtala Kajipara village in Sadar upazila.

HSC first year student Mukti Akhter, 17, daughter of Md Ashrafal Islam, hanged herself on November 8, leaving a suicide note.

Villagers alleged that Majkurul Hasan, 24, of Dangapara village, developed an illicit relationship with the girl, saying he will marry her. As a result, she became pregnant.

Majkurul demanded dowry when Mukti put pressure on him to marry her. Majkurul married elsewhere on November 6 as Mukti's family refused to give dowry due to their poverty. After the incident, the girl killed herself.

Declare November 12 coastal day

Demand people while commemorating the deaths in tidal surge of 1970

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Speakers demanded that the authorities concerned declare November 12 'Upokul Dibas' (Coastal Day) to remember the victims who were killed in a devastating tidal surge on this day in 1970.

They made the demand at the programmes organised in Barguna and Patuakhali to commemorate this day.

Over 10 lakh people of coastal areas were killed in the disaster.

To recall the victims, various programmes, including lighting of candles and discussions, were held in the two coastal districts yesterday and the day before.

In Barguna, local journalist Arifur Rahman on Sunday arranged candle lighting programme at Shuvo Sandhya sea beach in Taltali upazila to mark the day. People from all walks of life took part in the programme.

The government should declare the day as 'Coastal Day' to remember the victims, said organiser Arif.

Meanwhile, local organisation Upokulio Unnayan O Gobeshona Forum in Patuakhali's Galachipa upazila yesterday demanded declaration of November 12 as 'Upokul Dibas' (Coastal Day).

Sankar Lal Das, convener of the organisation, submitted a memorandum to the upazila nirbahi

officer (UNO) for forwarding to the disaster management and relief minister.

They observed various programmes, including candle lighting and discussions, in Patuakhali town on the occasion.

People from all walks of life, including journalists and public representatives, joined the programmes.

A procession was brought out in the upazila headquarters marking the day. Kalapara Press Club organised the programme.

Later, a discussion was held at the press club. Jibon Kumar Mondol, vice president of Kalapara Press Club, presided over the meeting.



Locals join a candle lighting programme at Shuvo Sandhya sea beach in Barguna's Taltali upazila on Sunday, demanding declaration of November 12 as 'Upokul Dibas' (Coastal Day). Inset, residents of Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila bring out a procession in the town to press for the demand.

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Invitation for Tender (IFT) (Re-Tender)

Memo No. Paribesh/CASE/SHS/DoE-AF-G12/244/2017/1214 Date: 11/11/2018

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2	Agency	Department of Environment (DoE).
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project-DoE Component.
4	Procuring entity code	45-4541-5030
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Supply of Sample Handling System (SHS) for CAMS.
7	Invitation Ref No.	Paribesh/CASE/SHS/DoE-AF-G12/244/2017/1214
8	Date	11/11/2018
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget & source of funds	Development Budget (IDA Credit No. 4581-BD).
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA).
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code	5030
13	Project/programme name	Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.
14	Tender package No.	DoE-AF-G12.
15	Tender package name	Supply of Sample Handling System (SHS) for CAMS.
16	Tender publication date	On or before 13/11/2018
17	Tender last selling date	25/11/2018 during office hours.
18	Tender submission date and time	On or before 26/11/2018; 12:00 noon.
19	Tender opening date and time	26/11/2018; 12:15pm, tenderers or their representatives are allowed to attend.
20	Name & address of the offices:	
	(i) Name & address of the office selling tender document	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project, E-16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	(ii) Name & address of the office receiving tender document	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project, E-16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	(iii) Name & address of the office opening tender document	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project, E-16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Place: Office of the Project Director, CASE Project, E-16, Paribesh Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Date: 15/11/2018; Time: 11:00am.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	As mentioned in the tender document.
23	Brief description of goods	Supply and replacement of Sample Handling System (SHS) for CAMS.
24	Brief description of related services	As per tender document.
25	Price of tender document	BDT 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay Order of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot
	1 (Single Lot)	Supply of Sample Handling System (SHS) for CAMS
		Location
		Tender security amount (Tk)
		Completion time in weeks/months
		14 weeks from the date of contract signing.
27	Form of tender security	Bank Draft/Pay Order of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
28	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. S. M. Munjurul Hannan Khan.
29	Designation of the official inviting tender	Project Director, Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) Project, DoE Component.
30	Address of the official inviting tender	E-16, Paribesh Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
31	Contact detail of official inviting tender	Phone: 02-8181788; E-mail: pdcase02@gmail.com
32	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	

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