



GATHERING DUST... A queue of impounded vehicles left to rot in the open, blocking a side of the road, in front of Mohammadpur Police Station. The photo was taken on Satmasjid Road recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Five-year-old brutally killed in Savar

Three culprits confess to court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Couple of months back, Mazedul, a shopkeeper in Ashulia, took Tk 50,000 loan from Sona Mia, his neighbour, with a promise to pay up soon.

Unable to repay, Mazedul, 22, devised a scheme. He decided to abduct Sona Mia's five-year-old son Monir, but was not sure how he would carry it out.

Meantime on Saturday evening, the five-year-old came to his shop to buy some products. Utilising the opportunity, Mazedul forcibly took him behind the store, taped his mouth and put him inside a sack filled with husk.

As Monir tried to get out, Mazedul started beating him. At one stage, the five-year-old stopped moving. When Mazedul checked, he found the child dead inside the sack.

He kept the sack along with the body inside the shop that night.

The next morning, he took the sack to his friend Rabbi's home. Later in the evening, they buried the sack behind the house.

Their friend, Mansur, in presence

of Mazedul called the five-year-old's father and told him that his son has been kidnapped and demanded Tk 10 lakh ransom.

Sona Mia informed the matter to Dhamrai Police Station immediately.

Tracking the cellphone, police on early Tuesday, arrested Mazedul from his home. Gleaning information from him, they arrested Mansur. Rabbi later surrendered to police.

The three, produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court in Dhaka yesterday, gave their confessional statements, said Dipak Saha, officer-in-charge of Dhamrai Police Station.

The incident took place in Chhoto Ashulia area, where they are from, said the OC.

This correspondent tried to talk to Sona Mia and his family members, but they were too shell-shocked.

Sona Mia could not fathom that Mazedul, his neighbour, could commit such a crime. "I know Mazedul took loans from others too and was in debt... but no reason can justify such brutality."

One-stop

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people will get all services from one platform, he said.

Zunaid Ahmed Palak said the project will take only Tk 2 crore but will help thousands of people.

"We want to give people seamless and corruption-free service," he said.

Officials said once the app is operational, a passenger will be able to book and buy train tickets and pay via their phones, know location of nearby railway station, location of the train and local transport service.

Passengers can also avail services like ordering food in train, call rail police in unexpected situations, and rate their journey, they said.

Apart from the app, people can get the service using web application, call centre and SMS..

ROBBERY ON DHAKA-TANGAIL HIGHWAY

Six arrested in Gazipur, four remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police yesterday arrested six people in Gazipur in connection with a robbery in a bus on Dhaka-Tangail highway on Monday night.

Motaleb, 20, Mithu, 23, Uzzal Hossen, 22, Pappu, 20, Babu Sarkar, 19, and Jahangir Alam, 19, were held in Kaliakoir area, said police.

The arrest was made on information gleaned from one Hasan, who was arrested earlier over the robbery, said Javed Masud, inspector (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station.

On Monday night, a gang of 10 to 12 robbers posing as passengers boarded a bus of Musfi Paribahan near Sreepur, Gazipur.

The Kurigram-bound bus from Dhaka was carrying 20 to 25 passengers.

Brandishing weapons, the robbers drove the vehicle back to Dhaka.

At that time, they snatched five to six mobile phone sets, around Tk 50,000 in cash and other valuables from passengers.

They got off the bus in different areas intermittently. The arrestee, Hasan, was the last one to get off the bus in Palli Bidyut area of Ashulia. The passengers then beat him and handed him over to police.

One of the passengers filed a case with Ashulia Police Station.

Yesterday, a Dhaka court placed four of the seven arrestees on a three-day remand each when they were produced before it with a four-day remand prayer, said Sub-Inspector Belayet Hossain.

The rest three were sent to jail after they gave confessional statements, said the SI.

DEPT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

DG summoned for not complying with HC orders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the director general (DG) of the Department of Disaster Management to appear before it on February 11 for not complying with a previous order of the court.

The bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Ashish Ranjan Das passed the summon order following a petition filed by freedom fighter

Sirajul Islam Siddique seeking necessary orders on the DG.

Following a writ petition filed by Sirajul, on May 24 last year, the High Court directed the DG and other officials concerned of the government to extend the service of Sirajul as a project implementation officer in Muktagachha upazila of Mymensingh, said Barrister ABM Altaf Hossain, the petitioner's lawyer.

Subsequently, the HC passed differ-

ent orders in this regard, but the respondents did not comply, the lawyer also said.

On June 5 last year, the HC issued a contempt of court rule against eight government high officials including four secretaries and the DG of Department of Disaster Management.

Recently, Sirajul filed another petition with the HC seeking a summon order against the DG for violating the court's orders.

Woman trying to 'steal' newborn detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was detained while allegedly trying to steal a two-day old baby from Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Sonia Akter Sumi, 28.

Hospital sources said, Josna Begum, 35, from Rangpur was admitted to DMCH two days ago and she gave birth to a baby boy on Tuesday.

Yesterday around 2pm, Sonia went to the hospital to visit Josna, and tried to take the newborn away with her at an opportune moment around 8pm, Sub-inspector Bachchu Mia, also in-charge of DMCH Police Outpost, told The Daily Star.

Two nurses and guards, upon suspicion, stopped Sonia on her way out of the hospital with the baby and handed her over to Shahbagh police, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Shahbagh Police Station Abul Hasan.

Upon primary interrogation, Sonia told police that Josna promised her the baby in exchange of Tk 50,000 around six months back, and she had paid Tk 3,000 in advance. But now, since Josna was refusing to give up the baby, she tried to take him away, Sonia claimed.

"We are investigating into the incident," the OC added.

HC upholds

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Gautam Das, then bureau chief of the Bangla daily Samakal, at his office in Faridpur district.

He was killed for running a series of reports based on allegations of corruption and irregularities by the accused.

On June 27, 2013, a special tribunal in Dhaka sentenced nine persons to life imprisonment for killing the journalist. Of them, one is still on the run.

The convicts then filed separate appeals with the HC challenging the trial court verdict.

Incubator Director

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13th Death Anniversary of Ranon



Abbu
Thirteen years since you left us,
but you are always alive in our
hearts, minds and prayers.
May Allah(SWT) grant you
Jannatul Ferdous.
Ameen.

Brig Gen Abid (retd), Reeta
Falguni, Roozvelt, Inaya & Zanya.



Position Vacancy Announcement

Position: Development Program Specialist (Budget), FSN-11

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Development Program Specialist (Budget)** in the Program Office (PRO).

Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: February 23, 2019

For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website:

<http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and www.bdjobs.com
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ASIAN UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN Vacancy Announcement

The Asian University for Women (AUW), an independent international institution of higher learning, is currently looking for suitable candidates for the following positions:

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