



The room where Barin Mazumder practiced music and a pond at his ancestral home in Radhanagar area of Pabna town lie in utter neglect while most of the vast landed property of the music legend's family earlier went under the possession of illegal occupiers.



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Late music maestro neglected in hometown

Barin Mazumder's family property under occupation; no institution after his name in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Legendary classical musician Barin Mazumder seems to be a forgotten hero in his hometown while his two sons are now engaged in a legal battle to get back their ancestral property that were lost to illegal occupier long ago.

"Barin took classical music to a new height in the subcontinent. But no memorial museum, library or music centre has been set up in his hometown Pabna to make him familiar to the younger generation," said Abul Kashem, president of Sammito

Sangskritik Jote's Pabna chapter.

"We feel proud that a great musician like Barin Mazumder was born in our district. It is our responsibility to keep his memory alive," said Mostafizur Rahman Rusel, secretary of Pabna Drama Circle.

Born into a wealthy zamindar family at Radhanagar of Pabna on February 15 in 1921, Barin later took music as his passion.

He established a music college in Dhaka in 1963.

Years before his death on October 8, 2001, land grabbers occupied their ancestral properties cover-

ing around 1237 decimals of land while a small portion of the Mazumder family's land is being used as an endowed property.

"My father was a devotee of music. Taking the advantage of his reluctance about property, land grabbers occupied our vast lands by making fake documents," Partha Sarathi Mazumder, son of Barin Mazumder, said in a tone of lamentation.

Partha and his brother Suvashish Mazumder Bappa, popularly known as Bappa Mazumder, are now engaged in a legal battle to get back their

ancestral lands.

Now the family members do not have any property in Pabna, where Barin's forefathers contributed to establishing Radhanagar Mazumder Academy, Pabna Edward College and a few other institutions for spreading the light of education.

Contacted, Pabna's Deputy Commissioner Jasim Uddin said the district administration will extend cooperation if any individual or organization takes initiative to build museum, library or cultural centre in memory of Barin Mazumder.

Pregnant woman murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A four-month pregnant woman was killed allegedly by her husband in Kutub Masjidpara area of Kishoreganj's Austragram upazila on Friday.

The victim was Lipi Rani Deb, 32, daughter of Tulsi Ranjan Deb of Nasirnagar upazila in Brahmanbaria, and wife of Manik Kumar Deb, vice chairman of Austragram upazila parishad. She was also the mother of an eight-year-old boy.

The victim's brother Chandan Deb said Manik and his family members often tortured Lipi over trivial family matters since their marriage 12 years ago.

On Friday evening, Manik strangled Lipi over a family feud. The body was sent to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital for autopsy, said police.

Contacted, Kamrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Austragram Police Station, said none has complained in this regard yet.

REFUSAL TO BE MURDER WITNESS

Youth tortured by SI

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A police officer allegedly tortured a youth when the latter denied him of being a witness of a murder case that took place in Nasimagar upazila of the district on January 21.

Injured Abdul Jaher, 35, a farmer and son of late Abdun Noor of Daulatpur village, is now undergoing treatment at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

Following the death of a four-year-old girl during a clash between two groups of rival villagers on January 21, Sub-Inspector (SI) Mainul Hossain of Nasimagar Police Station went to the village as part of an investigation in this regard on February 2, Jaher said.

While investigating, SI Mainul called Jaher out of his house near the spot and asked him to be a witness of a murder case filed in connection with the clash.

As Jaher denied the police officer of being

a witness of the case, SI Mainul forcibly took him to the police station and physically tortured him there.

"Failing to bear the inhuman torture, I finally agreed to be a witness of the case in a bid to escape from his wrath," Jaher said.

During a visit to the hospital's Surgery Ward this correspondent saw Jaher's mother-in-law was taking care of the injured youth, who sustained injuries on his thumb, backbone, forehead and other parts of the body.

SI Mainul said the allegation brought against him is fabricated, adding that Jaher might have been beaten by one of the clashing groups.

Brahmanbaria Additional Superintendent of Police Alamgir Hossain said he will be able to tell the actual fact after investigation.

On January 21, four-year-old Amina Akter, daughter of Harun Mia, was killed in a clash between two rival groups of villagers, loyal to Harun and Roman of the village.

Russian citizen found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Russian citizen was found dead at his dormitory in Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant's residential site in Ishwardi upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Jelenki Vajtim, 35, an employee of a Russian construction firm at the plant, said police.

Police recovered the body from the dormitory around 9:00am. Jelenki Vajtim lived on the 14th floor of building No 3.

As the geezer machine of the victim's dormitory did not work, he attempted to repair the machine and got electrocuted.



Students of Pabna Medical College stage demonstration, blocking Pabna-Dhaka highway in the town's bus terminal area yesterday, to press for their six-point demand including proper investigation into the tragic death of their fellow Taniya Hydar in Wednesday's road accident and adequate measures for road safety.

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Trivial matter costs his life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A teenage boy was stabbed to death allegedly over a trifling matter in Morrelganj upazila of the district on Friday night.

The deceased, 16-year-old Emon was son of late Mamun Molla of Chandipur village under Chingrakhali union of the upazila.

In suspicion, police detained three youths from the village for quizzing.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Morrelganj Police Station KM Azizul Haque said Emon had an altercation with one of his friends over a trifling matter when they went to attend a waz mahfil (religious programme) around 10:00pm.

At one stage, Emon's friend called him out of the waz mahfil and later he along with some of his cohorts stabbed Emon with a knife, leaving him dead on the spot, the OC said.

Being informed by the villagers, police recovered the body and sent it to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital for autopsy, he added.

250 ducks poisoned to death in two dists

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Around 250 reared ducks died after falling prey to 'poison traps' set allegedly by rivals of the birds' owners in Rangabali upazila of Patuakhali and Monirampur upazila of Jashore on Friday, report our correspondents.

In Patuakhali, about 200 ducks have died at Char Rustom village under Rangabali upazila on Friday.

Owner of the birds Abdul Jalil Gazi claimed that his 200 ducks died after taking food mixed with poison at a nearby field.

Jalil said he set up a duck farm at his house several years back and used to take the birds to an open field near Char Bestin village daily to feed them natural food.

Due to the incident, he has count a loss of Tk 60,000, Jalil said, adding that a group led by Hanif Hawlader might have killed the birds.

Jalil said a few days ago, Hanif forbidden him from taking his ducks at Bastin village, adding that over the issue Hanif assaulted his son on Thursday.

Away in Jashore, around 50 reared ducks were killed by 'poison traps' at a paddy field under Tangramari Bazar of Monirampur upazila on Friday evening.

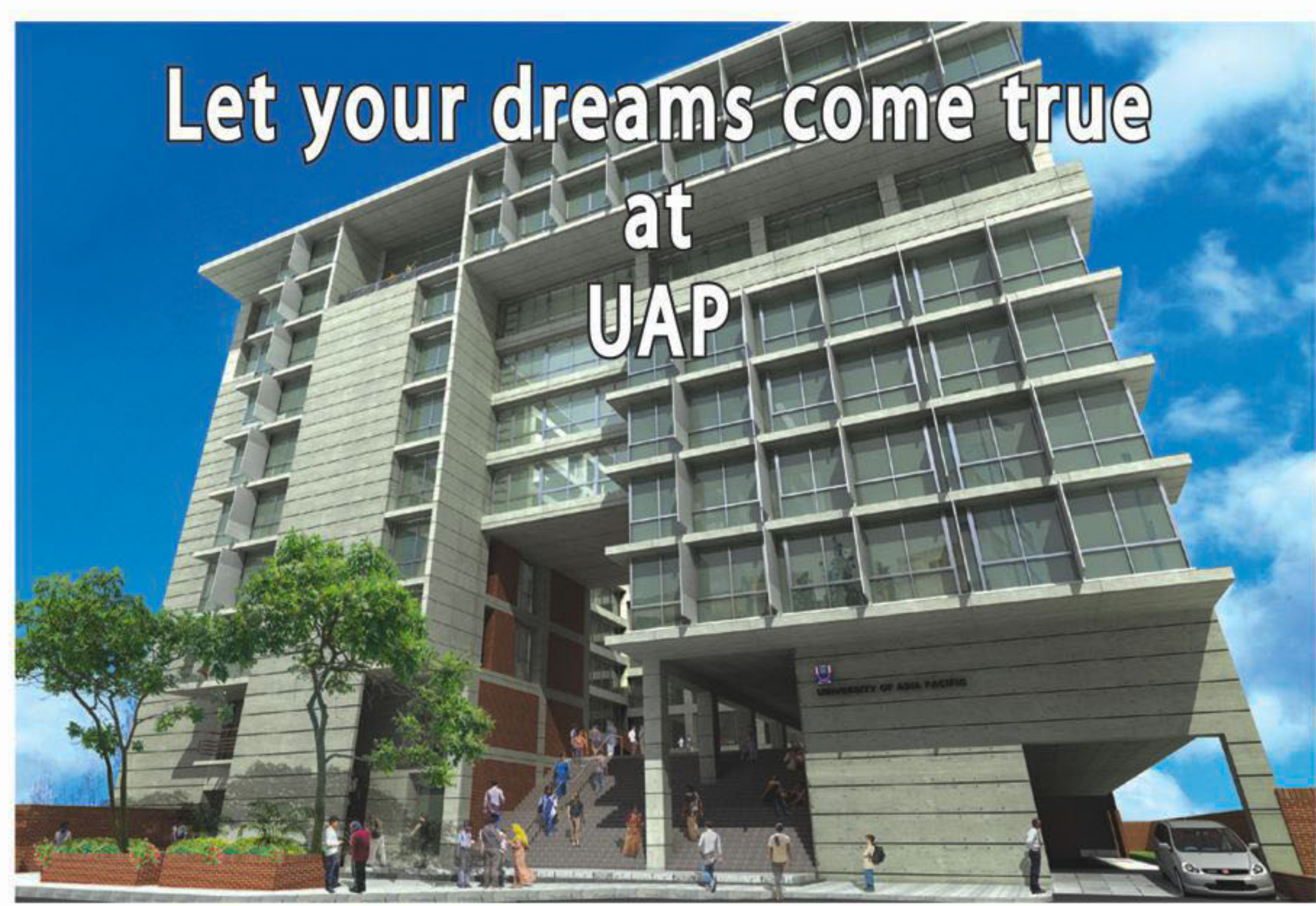
The birds died after taking food mixed with poison while walking in the paddy field, said Nuruzzaman, owner of the ducks.

One of his neighbours, Mohammad Hanif, has killed the birds over previous enmity, Nuruzzaman said.



The forest department seizes logs of over a hundred trees, felled allegedly without permission, at Manchara forest area in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar during the last couple of days.

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