

Man held over schoolgirl rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A nine-year-old girl, student of fourth grade at a local school in the capital's Sabujbagh area, was allegedly raped by a 50-year-old man old yesterday.

Father of the girl told this newspaper that Abdur Rouf, one of their neighbours, allured the girls with candy to rape her.

"My daughter was playing near our house. Rouf took her to his home alluring her with candy. We realised she was raped seeing blood on her clothes when she returned," he said.

Yousuf Fakir, officer-in-charge of Sabujbagh Police Station, said they arrested the alleged rapist in the evening.

The girl's father filed a rape case with the police station, and she was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment, OC Yousuf added.



Around 25km tailback was created on Dhaka-Chattogram and Dhaka-Sylhet highways yesterday. The situation was caused by a lot of people heading towards their village homes to enjoy a long weekend. Besides, ongoing development work at Kanchpur contributes to the traffic jam. The photo was taken on Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Shirmila area.

PHOTO: SANAD SAHA

Helena Khan passes away

CITY DESK

Helena Khan, a prominent writer, passed away yesterday at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, USA, says a press release.

She left behind three sons, three daughters-in-law, a daughter, a son-in-law and grandchildren to mourn her death.

For her literary works, Helena received the Nurunnahat Khawar Biddyanibinary literary award in 1976, and went on to win many accolades throughout her life.

She was awarded with Bangladesh Shishu Academy Puraskash in 2001, Bangla Academy Award in 2008, and Ekushey Padak in 2010.

Family support

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From 1991 to date, journalism profession has taught Shumona Sharmin to "walk through storms." She is currently serving as the feature editor of Bangla Daily Prothom Alo. "Journalism is support from men... However, those who get support from their family do well in journalism," she said.

The general perception about the indigenous society is that the women are free there. But Ha Shing Nue, executive director of Bopindra Nari Kalyan Samiti (BNKS), differed with this. "In the early stage of my career, people teased me when they saw a UN agency vehicle waiting for me." She also recognised support from her husband, father-in-law and other members in her in-laws' family. "The most important thing for a woman is whether she is independent to make decision or not."

Like them, support from family played important roles in the success of Brig Gen (ret'd) Razia Khanam; Mahzabin Ferdous

Sharma, head of brand and corporate communication of IPDC; Sheela R Rahman, consultant of IFC (South Asia); and event planner Tooti Rahman.

Nine women chartered accountants who qualified recently were accorded reception at the programme.

Speaking as chief guest, eminent education and literary campaigner Rasheda K Choudhury said, "Around 80 percent women are victims of harassment in their own homes. Women's participation in workplaces has increased, but their participation in decision-making has not increased proportionately."

Reserved seat lawmaker Aruna Dutta said, "Chartered Accountants are instrumental in doing the job of accounting and auditing. They have been doing this with utmost sincerity and honesty. It is encouraging that women are coming to this profession."

According to ICAR, there are around 4,000 CAs in the country against the demand of 12,000. Of them, some 127 are women.

Prof MA Rashid no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof MA Rashid, former head of the Department of Ophthalmology at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, died at a hospital in the age of 85, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three daughters and a host of relatives, admirers and well-wishers to mourn his demise.

His quidhwan will be held today after the Asr prayers at the family's residence in Baridhara.

Pickup, truck collide head-on in Manikganj

All three aboard die

STAR REPORT

A pickup van and a truck collided head-on on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Manikganj yesterday, leaving all three aboard the former vehicle dead, reports our local correspondent.

Police said the incident took place around 6:45am in front of Nayading Rising Spinning Mill in Satturia upazila.

Pickup driver Mansur Ali, 25, succumbed to his injuries on his way to Dhaka for treatment. His helper Habibur Rahman, 20, and passenger Zillur Rahman, 27, died from the spot, said ASAM Mammun, sub-inspector of Golara Highway Police Station.

Zillur, a chicken trader, was from Teghari village in Jeshore's Keshabpur upazila while the other two were from Bhangarkhola village in the upazila. The vehicle loaded with chicken was going to Dhaka from Jashore. It was taken to the police station after it was badly damaged.

Police seized the other truck, but its driver and his helper managed to flee, said the SI.

Our correspondent from Pabna adds, a boy died after being hit by a three-wheeler auto-rickshaw in Bahadurpur area of Chato Mohor upazila on Thursday evening.

The victim - Soumo, 3, son of Akkas Ali from Bahadurpur village - was crossing a road near his residence around 6pm, said Chato Mohor Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nasir Uddin.

Locals took him to the upazila health center. Later, he was transferred to Pabna Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Fakhrul elected APDU vice chair

CITY DESK

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has been elected the vice chairman of Asia-Pacific Democrat Union (APDU), an association of member parties close to the International Democratic Union.

BNP was also given full membership of the body on Thursday, says a press release.

A conference held in Colombo, elected Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickramasinghe as chairman, Peter Goodfellow (New Zealand) as its deputy president and Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir (Maldives) as vice chairman.

Fakhrul informed that they had applied for membership a year ago, and were affiliated members until now. BNP is the only Bangladeshi party to have full membership of APDU, he said.



The mangled pickup truck was kept at Golara Highway Police Station in Manikganj yesterday.

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South Asian govts

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The former bureaucrat felt that education should be made universal.

"One thing that is sadly missing in the entire sub-continent is the commitment to universalise education. We have model schools for children of the privileged and special schools for professionals but we don't say that in five years, we are going to universalise education for all," Dubey said.

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Jatka Protection

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"Hilsa is our pride... It has about one percent contribution to our GDP. Around five lakh people are dependent on catching hilsa, while many others are directly or indirectly involved in the trade," said the state minister.

To protect the national fish, the government has taken many initiatives, including the Jatka Protection Helpline, he said at the briefing.

The government has been conducting mobile court drives since November last year to implement the ban on catching and trading hilsa, and the drives will continue till June, Ashraf said.

The mobile court will also destroy illegal fishing net as well as its production and trade, he added.

Addressing the loss of earnings of fishermen during the ban, the state minister said the government has brought about 2,48,674 fishermen families under a social safety net programme called VGF (Vulnerable Group Feeding) this year.

"We also provided them with materials for getting involved in alternative occupations," he added.

Asked whether fishermen are actually receiving the aid or not, Ashraf said they are providing the assistance through issuing a certain "card" for the fishermen.

He expressed hope that the production of hilsa will increase this year.

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