

FOUR YEARS INTO BLOGGER ANANTA MURDER

Family longs for justice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Blogger and science writer Ananta Bijoy Das was hacked to death in broad daylight in Sylhet by a group of masked assailants on this day in 2015. Four years into the murder, family members and friends are still awaiting justice.

So far, trial proceedings of the case have started through recording testimony of Ananta's brother Ratneshwar Das, the complainant, on May 7 this year.

Sylhet Additional Metropolitan Session Judge Muminun Nessa recorded his testimony, said Masuk Ahmed, additional public prosecutor. He said only one accused, Abul Khayer Rashid Ahmed, was present.

Among the five accused, Shafiur Rahman Farabi is in Kashimpur jail while Abul Hossain, Harunur Rashid and Faisal Ahmed are absconding.

The court set June 9 for next hearing and there are 29 witnesses in the case, the APP said.

Contacted, Ananta's brother-in-law advocate Samar Bijoy Shee said Ananta's mother's physical condition has deteriorated over the years. She stays

mostly bedridden and does not talk much. "We want justice and hope that it will be served soon," he said.

Ananta, a banker by profession, was also editor of local science magazine "Jukti" (logic).

He was attacked in Subidbazar area near his residence, on his way to work. Banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team claimed responsibility online for the murder.

Ratneshwar filed the murder case, accusing unidentified persons. Later, the case was transferred to CID.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police arrested Mannan Yahya alias Mannan Rahi and his brother Abul Khayer on August 28, 2015. Both were university students in Sylhet.

Mannan later confessed that five people took part in the murder. Two, including him, hacked Ananta to death while three others were on guard.

On May 9, 2017, CID pressed a revised charge sheet against six persons. Mannan died in Kashimpur jail on November 2, 2017 due to illness.

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PHOTO OF THE DAY

TITU DAS



Children challenge each other at a game of latim (spinning tops), spinning viciously on the ground. Latim -- also known as lattoo -- is an inseparable part rural childhood. The pear-shaped wooden toy with a metal pin at the bottom, has a string coiled around it and thrown to the ground, causing a rapid swirl as a result of the unwinding string. The player whose latim spins the longest wins. The photo was taken in Barishal city's Rasulpur area yesterday.

INTIMIDATION BY BCL LEADER

Intern doctors observe daylong strike in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Intern doctors of all medical college hospitals in Sylhet observed a daylong strike yesterday, seeking punishment for a Bangladesh Chhatra League activist for intimidating a female physician of Sylhet Women's Medical College and Hospital.

Since morning, intern doctors of Sylhet Women's Medical College and Hospital, Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital, Jalalabad Ragib Rabeya Medical College and Hospital, North-East Medical College and Hospital, and Park View Medical College and Hospital abstained from work.

However, emergency and other regular medical services of the medical colleges were not hampered as other doctors were on duty.

Interns at Sylhet Women's Medical College and Hospital gathered at their premises, holding placards demanding punishment for the BCL activist while other medical college hospitals' intern doctors joined the protest.

The medical college authorities filed a general diary yesterday with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station about the incident. Dr Muhibur Rahman, registrar of the medical college who filed the GD, said police told him the incident may be recorded as a case after investigation.

According to witnesses, Sarwar Hossain Chowdhury, a former senior vice president of Dakshin Surma upazila unit of Chhatra League in

Sylhet, took a patient to the hospital on Thursday evening. He was flanked with some 15 followers.

He asked the female doctor to treat the patient in their presence. However, the physician on duty asked them to wait outside and make room for doctors to facilitate the treatment, which left Sarwar agitated.

Sarwar threatened the duty doctors identifying himself as the president of Sylhet city unit BCL. At present there are no Chhatra League committees in the district and in the city. In a video of the incident, he was seen shouting

and threatening to kill and rape the doctor.

Contacted on Friday, Sarwar Hossain Chowdhury said, "It was a misunderstanding with the duty doctors, as I was anxious because of my friend's illness. They [doctors] rejected to treat him until we were out of the hospital. Hopefully the matter will be resolved through discussion."

Dr Ferdous Hossain, director of the hospital, said, "They behaved like criminals but we are not... so we continued our services."



Intern doctors during the strike in front of Sylhet Women's Medical College and Hospital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Devote yourselves to removing inequality

Speakers urge AUW graduates at 7th convocation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at the seventh commencement of Asian University for Women (AUW) yesterday urged graduates to devote themselves to removing inequality in the society.

They also urged the graduates to serve humanity through their leadership.

University Chancellor Cherie Blair presided over the convocation, held at a hotel in the port city.

A hundred students from 12 countries were awarded with Bachelor's degrees on the occasion.

Two distinguished guests -- Dr Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, minister

for finance and chief adviser to the president in the government of Afghanistan, and noted exponent of Rabindra songs Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya were honoured by AUW with honorary doctorates at the commencement.

Quoting Martin Luther King Junior, Cherie Blair said, "Inequality anywhere is a threat to equality everywhere."

"You have the talent and skills, and now the qualifications, to be successful and service-oriented members of the workforce, to be change-makers in your spheres and become ethical and compassionate leaders," she told the graduates.

In his speech, Dr Qayoumi urged

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Three killed, six injured in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed six injured in road accidents in three districts during the last two days, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Savar, a woman was killed and five people were injured when a minibus carrying them fell into a ditch beside Dhaka-Aricha highway in Boliapur area of Savar early yesterday.

Police said the accident happened as the driver lost his control over the vehicle, said AFM Sayeed, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station.

Amena Akhter Himu, 27, a junior accounts officer of a furniture factory in Zirani area of Ashulia, was declared dead at Enam Medical College Hospital.

The injured were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

In Dinajpur, a youth was killed after a pickup hit his bicycle from behind on the Panchagarh-Rangpur

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Divisional Office				
Plot-3, Block-A, Mirpur-13, Dhaka-1216				
Invitation for Tenders				
1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Finance/Bank and Financial Institutions Division.		
2	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Krishi Bank.		
3	Procuring entity district	Divisional Office, Dhaka.		
4	Invitation for	Supply and Installation of 21 (twenty-one) Nos of 2.0 KVA Petrol Generator for Branches of Bangladesh Krishi Bank under Dhaka Division.		
5	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
6	Invitation Ref No.	BKB/Div/Dhaka/admin-4(4)/2018-2019/5994.		
7	Date	02-05-2019.		
8	Budget and source of funds	Bangladesh Krishi Bank's Own Fund.		
9	Tender package name	Supply and Installation of 21 (twenty-one) Nos of 2.0 KVA Petrol Generator for Branches of Bangladesh Krishi Bank under Dhaka Division.		
10	Tender package No.	02/2018-2019.		
11	Tender publication date	12-05-2019.		
12	Tender last selling date	26-05-2019 up to 3.00pm.		
13	Tender closing date and time	27-05-2019 2.00pm		
14	Tender opening date and time	27-05-2019 2.15pm		
15	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling tender document	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Divisional Office (4th floor), Plot-3, Block-A, Mirpur-13, Dhaka-1216.		
	- Receiving tender document	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Divisional Office (4th floor), Plot-3, Block-A, Mirpur-13, Dhaka-1216.		
	- Opening tender document	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Divisional Office (4th floor), Plot-3, Block-A, Mirpur-13, Dhaka-1216.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
16	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	a. The tenderer must have a minimum of 7 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services. The minimum supply value of similar goods under a single contract in the last 2 (two) years to any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous Body/Commercial Bank should be minimum Tk. 25,00,000/- (twenty five lac) only and minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility should be Tk. 30,00,000/- (thirty lac) only. b. The tenderer should have the following documents: Vat Registration Certificate, Updated Income Tax Certificate, Valid trade license, Bank Solvency Certificate and all other qualification will be applicable as specified in TDS.		
17	Brief description of goods or works	Supply and Installation of 21 (twenty-one) Nos of 2.0 KVA Petrol Generator and other related items with necessary services.		
18	Brief description of related services	Supply and Installation of Petrol Generator under a single lot.		
19	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 1000/- (one thousand) only.		
20	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)
	1	Supply and Installation of 21 (twenty-one) Nos of 2.0 KVA Petrol Generator and other related items with necessary services.	21 Branches under Dhaka Division	50,000/- (fifty thousand) only
				08 (eight) weeks from date of contract signature
21	Name of official inviting tender	Monir Uddin.		
22	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager (CC).		
23	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Divisional Office, Plot-3, Block-A, Mirpur-13, Dhaka-1216.		
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No 88-02-9033344 E-mail: gmdhaka@krishibank.org.bd		
25	Special instructions	a. The procuring entity reserves all the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or to reduce the scope of the requirements for concerned procurement without assigning any reason whatever. b. All condition should be implemented as per PPR-2008 & next amendment for tender. c. Tenders will be opened in presence of the tenderer/ representative (if any). d. The tender notice will also be found in BKB's website.		
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Monir Uddin General Manager (CC)				

Loan sharks thrive in Bagmara

Police say this illegal trade is behind recurring crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The illegal trade of lending money at high interest is leading to recurring crimes in Rajshahi's Bagmara upazila, said police after a murder case suspect gave judicial confession at a Rajshahi court on Friday.

Police had arrested the suspect, Enamul Haque, 27, of Muraripara village, from Sirajganj on Thursday.

Afterwards, judicial magistrate Uzzal Mahmud sent him to jail custody in connection with the murder of one Kamrul Islam, a moneylender, of the same village on April 17.

Kamrul went missing the day before and police recovered his throat-slit body from a crop field. His father filed the murder case with Bagmara Police Station, accusing unidentified persons.

In his confession, Enamul said he borrowed Tk 50,000 from Kamrul at different times till February 2019 and gave signatures on blank stamps. He said he failed to pay the money on time, and became upset at Kamrul -- who was pressuring him for it.

Enamul claimed he repaid Kamrul Tk 43,000 and had an outstanding balance of Tk 7,500. But Kamrul threatened to file a case against him for not returning Tk 10 lakh.

However, Investigation Officer Rasel Kabir of Bagmara police said, "Enamul borrowed Tk 1 lakh from Kamrul."

Enamul, in his statement, said one of Kamrul's cousins, also engaged in the trade, offered him Tk 3 lakh to kill Kamrul and promised to return the stamp papers.

On April 16, Enamul took Kamrul to the crop field and eventually killed him.

Md Shahidullah, superintendent of police in Rajshahi, said, "His [Enamul] statement shows how this money lending business is thriving in the village. Lenders seem to have formed a syndicate as well."

"We're looking for the cousin, who is on the run," he said.

Lenders give people money after taking signatures on blank papers so that they can harass them later, he said, adding that strict measures will be taken against these unscrupulous traders.

The SP mentioned that Abul Kalam Azad, a madrasa teacher of Dippur union, was killed on June 10, 2017 over his money lending business. The usual rate of interest is Tk 10,000 a month against a loan of Tk 1 lakh, he said.

Eastern Refinery Limited			
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Invitation for International Tender			
ERL hereby invites offers from reputed suppliers/manufacturers for the supply of the following goods in accordance with the terms & conditions set out hereafter.			
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/ Energy and Mineral Resources Division.	
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.	
3.	Purchaser name	Eastern Refinery Limited/	
4.	Purchaser district	Chattogram.	
5.	Invitation for	Goods.	
6.	Reference number	a) ER/PUR/IT-13/2019(RT) (Single Envelope System) b) ER/PUR/IT-14/2019 (Two Envelope System) c) ER/PUR/IT-15/2019 (Single Envelope System)	
7.	Date	07 May, 2019	
KEY INFORMATION			
8.	Procurement method	International Open Tendering Method (Two Envelope System).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9.	Budget and source of funds	Eastern Refinery Limited (own fund).	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
10.	Tender document last selling date	(a) 10 June, 2019, 16:00hrs. (b) & (c) 18 June, 2019, 16:00 hrs.	
11.	Tender closing date and time	(a) 11 June, 2019, 14:30 hrs. (b) & (c) 19 June, 2019, 14:30 hrs.	
12.	Tender opening date and time	(a) 11 June, 2019, 15:00 hrs. (b) & (c) 19 June, 2019, 15:00 hrs.	
13.	Offer validity	120 days (from the date of tender opening).	
NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE(S)			
14.	Tender document selling address	i) Accounts Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh, Phone: 880-31-2501261-7. ii) ERL Liaison Office, YMCA Bhaban, 2nd Floor, 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, Phone: 880-2-8391990, 8391991	
15.	Tender receiving address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.	
16.	Tender opening address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
17.	Eligibility of tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet (Section-2).	
18.	Brief description of goods		
	Name	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security
			Shipment validity
a)	HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 25,000.00Or, USD 300.00
b)	TUBESHEET OF EXCHANGER	Tk 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 1,00,000.00 Or, USD 1,200.00
c)	VARIOUS PRESSURE GAUGE	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 50,000.00 Or, USD 600.00
PURCHASER DETAILS			
19.	Name of official inviting tender	Kazi Mahabubur Rahman.	
20.	Designation of official inviting tender	Manager (Purchase).	
21.	Address of official inviting tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.	
22.	Contract details of official inviting tender	Mobile No. : +88 01811 614 697 Telephone : 880-31-2501261-67, Ext. 382 Fax : 880-31-250269 Email : managerfp@erl.com.bd, purchase@erl.com.bd, md-office@erl.com.bd Website : www.erl.com.bd	
23.	a) The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.		