

10th grader kidnapped, raped

Another girl raped

STAR REPORT

A tenth-grader was allegedly kidnapped and raped by her brother-in-law several times at a hotel room in Patuakhali's Kuakata beach town.

The incident surfaced on Wednesday when the victim's family members filed a case with Kalapara Police Station accusing her brother-in-law and his accomplice Milon, said Monirul Islam, OC of the police station.

This newspaper is not disclosing the name of the main accused to protect privacy of the victim.

According to the case statement, the two accused kidnapped the girl around 3:00pm on May 8 while she was on her way to Kalapara town from her house in Itbaria village.

Later, they took her to Kuakata and kept her hostage at a room of "Somudro Resort", a residential hotel, for seven days.

During this period, the brother-in-law raped the girl for several times, the statement added.

The girl escaped the hotel on Wednesday morning when the accused went outside for a while, said the victim's brother.

The family members did not contact police until the return of the girl, said OC Monirul.

Police arrested Milon from his house in Kalapara town on Wednesday night, said the OC, adding that they were trying to arrest the prime accused who was on the run.

Talking to The Daily Star, owner of the hotel Miron claimed that the two had checked in the hotel as a couple. **TEENAGER 'RAPED' IN DINAJPUR** Meanwhile in Dinajpur, police arrested a man on Wednesday night on charge of raping a teenage girl in Parbatipur upazila.

The arrestee Mostafa Tamim Anik, 19, is the son of Abu Sayem from the same upazila.

The victim's family filed a case with Parbatipur Police Station in this regard, said Atiquzzaman, sub-inspector of the police station.

According to the case statement, Anik entered the room of the 17-year-old victim after scaling the boundary wall of her house late at night and raped her.

The victim's family members caught him red-handed while he was fleeing the spot, the SI added.

Later, they handed him over to police.

The girl was sent to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for medical tests, Atiquzzaman added.

Our Patuakhali and Dinajpur correspondents contributed to this report.

Afghan workers must prepare for Sept polls: US

AFP, Kabul

Election officials in Afghanistan should do more to ensure delayed presidential polls can take place in September, the US embassy in Kabul said yesterday.

The election was initially slated for April 20, but as the date drew close it grew obvious that overwhelmed poll officials were unprepared -- owing to them still tallying results from a nationwide parliamentary ballot in October.

8 days in jail

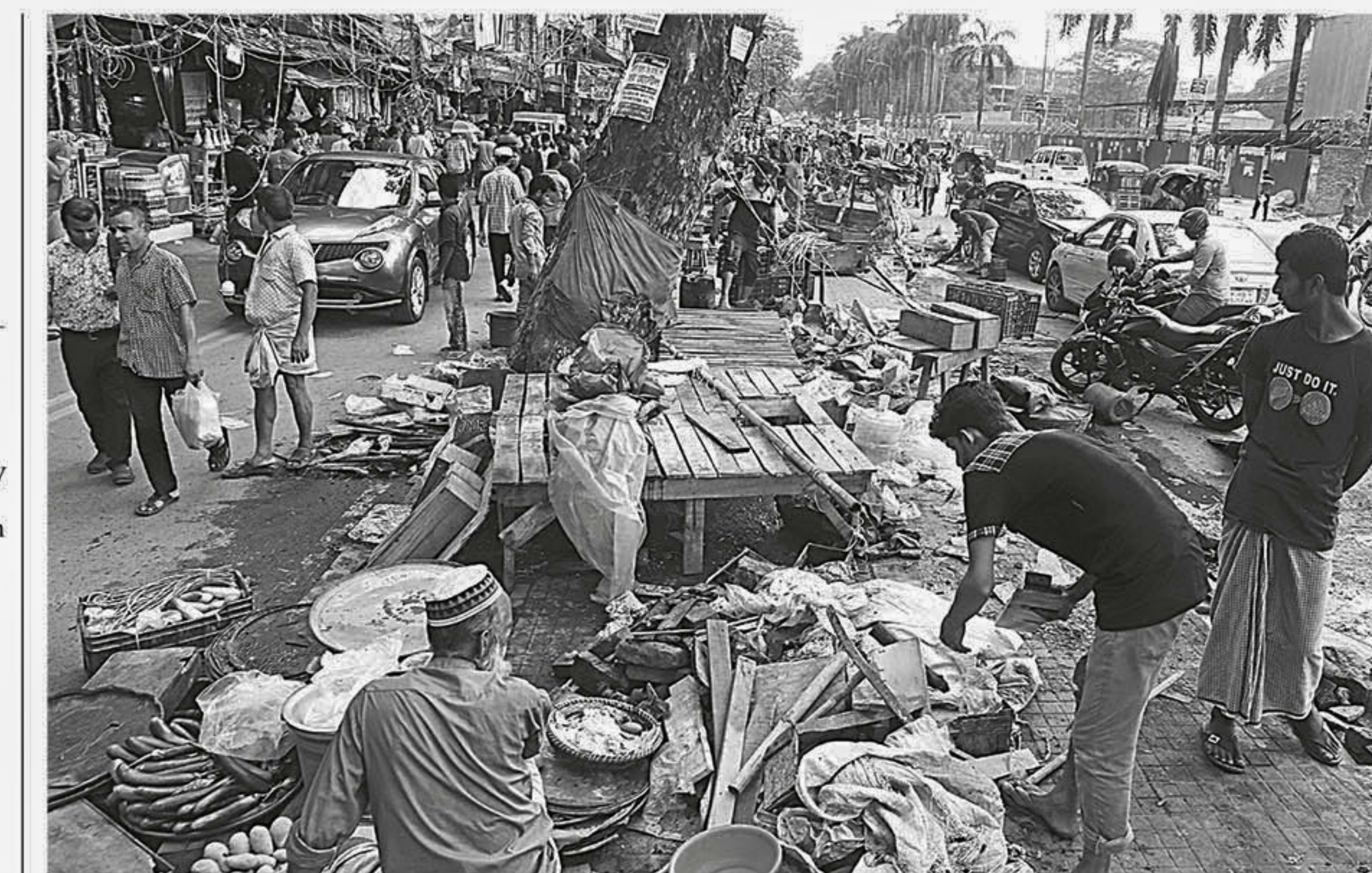
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Yusuf Chowdhury, the Kazi of Lalmatia, Mohammadpur, told The Daily Star that no one named Golam Kibria ever served there.

After going through records, he said no marriage was registered on March 10, 2015, and that the certificate was fake.

The copy of the case this newspaper obtained had the seal and signature of Runa's lawyer Md Khairul Amin.

Contacted, Khairul told this newspaper that he did not file any



Hawkers gather their belongings and goods after Dhaka North City Corporation evicted them from pavements in Farmgate area yesterday afternoon.

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Saudi king invites Hasina

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put special values on our relations with Saudi Arabia."

In reply, the acting Saudi ambassador said his country also places values on the bilateral relations with Bangladesh, said the PM's press secretary.

PM's Principal Secretary Md Nojibur Rahman, Military Secretary Major General Mia Mohammad Zainul Abedin and PMO Secretary Sajjadul Hassan were present.

Heads of state and government

of 57 countries from the OIC will participate in the summit, except for Syria, whose membership has been suspended.

The summit is expected to discuss a series of key issues, with the Palestinian cause at the forefront.

The Makkah statement is also set to include several major points that serve the best interest of the Islamic countries, while stressing the importance of OIC member states' commitment to reinforcing unity and solidarity.

The 14th summit comes three years after the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held an urgent meeting to discuss the ballistic missiles targeting Makkah.

The 13th meeting took place in Istanbul, Turkey, in April 2016 and 50 states attended the meeting.

The OIC is the second biggest international governmental organisation after the UN, with membership of 57 states from four continents. It represents the Islamic world and seeks to protect its interests.

Imtiaz, Henry

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Following the case, Imtiaz obtained bail from the High Court until submission of the probe report.

In the case statement, Shafiqul accused Imtiaz of making several posts on Facebook from July 1-10 in 2017 regarding some false incidents in the CHT region.

The plaintiff alleged that Imtiaz

had tried to instigate communal violence in the CHT through those posts, police said.

Meanwhile in Barishal, a court granted ad-interim bail to poet and journalist Henry Swapan in a case filed under Digital Security Act.

The court passed the order after his lawyer Syed Obaidullah Saju submitted a petition seeking bail in the case.

Talking to reporters, Barishal city

'Drug peddler dies

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of Cumilla Sadar Police Station, said the "shootout" happened when a police team was raiding Satora area to arrest Shahidul around 1:45am.

Sensing the presence of police, Shahidul and his cohorts opened fire and the law enforcers retaliated. Shahidul was hit. He was declared dead after being taken to Cumilla Medical College Hospital.

Shahidul was accused in at least 10

cases, including drug and arms related ones, said the OC, adding that they recovered a firearm and 652 yaba pills from the spot.

His mother Selina Begum said her son was a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver and used to run a poultry farm on the side. "I learnt that Shahidul was arrested at 3:00pm on Wednesday from Alekharchor area."

Shahidul has a two and a half years old son.

Submit

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After the Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh filed the writ petition, the HC bench on February 13 this year ordered Bangladesh Bank to submit a list of borrowers defaulting on their loans of over Tk 1 crore.

The court had issued a rule asking the respondents to explain why their failure or inaction to stop various

irregularities and corruption in sanctioning loans and offering waiver of interest payments against bank loans in the last 20 years should not be declared illegal.

It also asked them to show causes why their failure to recover the loans from the defaulters in the past two decades should not be declared unlawful.

In Cox's Bazar, a suspected drug dealer was killed in a similar "shootout" with a joint team of police and Border Guard Bangladesh in Teknaf upazila Wednesday night.

Siraj Mia, 27, had been involved in peddling drugs for a long time, claimed Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station.

Our correspondents in Patuakhali, Cumilla and Cox's Bazar contributed to this report.

The respondents are secretaries to the Cabinet Division and the Prime Minister's Office, ministries of finance and law, the financial institutions division, the BB governor, the chairmen of the National Board of Revenue and the Anti-Corruption Commission.

On April 30 this year, the HC had ordered the central bank to submit the list and report to it by yesterday.

HATE SPEECH

Twitter suspends Myanmar general's account

STAR REPORT

Twitter has suspended the account of Min Aung Hlaing, commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of Myanmar, over allegations of propagating hate speech against the Rohingya community.

Although the general had not been active on the platform for about a year now, the suspension is being deemed as a "massive victory" by the ethnic group, reports The Guardian.

Since August 2017, around 750,000 Rohingya Muslims have entered Bangladesh to escape military atrocities in the Rakhine State of Myanmar and joined 300,000 others who earlier had fled waves of violence and had been living in Cox's Bazar.

Min Aung Hlaing, the top-ranking general accused of ethnic cleansing against the Rohingyas in the neighbouring country, had his account -- sgminaunghlaing -- taken offline this week.

The human rights violations in Rakhine can amount to genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, according to the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Hlaing earlier lost his Facebook account in August last year over allegation that he was using it to

spread anti-Rohingya propaganda. Facebook deleted the account following a call by the United Nations that the Myanmar military must be prosecuted for genocide.

On social media, Hlaing has always referred the Rohingya people as "Bengali", implying that they were immigrants rather than Myanmar citizens. On Facebook, he denied army atrocities and claimed that the military was targeting militants, not committing genocide.

The latest suspension comes following Rohingya leader Tun Khin's meet with Twitter executives in Silicon Valley last week. The president of the Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK questioned the executives why Hlaing's account remained live.

"The fact that Twitter has joined Facebook in deleting his account -- which he used to sow hatred and spew out his defensive propaganda -- is a massive victory for the Rohingya people," the Guardian quoted Tun Khin.

"Min Aung Hlaing was the mastermind of the Rohingya genocide ... it is crucial that Twitter now follows through in deleting other accounts used by the regime for the same purpose," Khin added.

Workers slam leaders

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"The leaders' go-slow strategy will not bring any solution. We should block all the roads to Khulna. Only then the authorities will solve our problem."

Yesterday, thousands of workers blocked roads and rail tracks in Khulna and Jashore for around three hours from 4:00pm. They blocked Dhaka-Khulna highway in Kabirbottala, Notunrasta Mor, Daulatpur, Atra industrial area, and railway lines in Notunrasta and Rajkhat, reports our Khulna correspondent.

Meanwhile, Sardar Mozahar Uddin, president of Bangladesh Jute Mills Workers League, a pro-government workers' platform, said they were observing the overall situation. Every problem could be resolved through discussions, he said, adding that the government would certainly come up with a solution.

A meeting between workers' leaders and Bangladesh Jute Mill Corporation (BJMC) is scheduled for tomorrow in Dhaka. Workers threatened that they would launch tougher protests if their demands were not met.

Sohrab Hossain, secretary of a workers' platform at Crescent Jute Mills, said, "We are waiting for May 18. We hope the wage commission would make a commitment on that day."

"If we don't get paid within the time, we will go for tougher demonstrations," he said.

'GOVT WORKING ON PAYING ARREARS'

Textiles and Jute Secretary Mizanur Rahman has said the government is working to pay the arrears of the agitating workers directly to their bank accounts from the finance ministry.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to hand over to the finance ministry the list of workers, their bank account numbers and the amount of arrears by Sunday," he told The Daily Star last night.

After a series of meetings, the Prime Minister's Office, the finance ministry, the textiles and jute ministry and the BJMC have agreed to pay the arrears to end the stalemate.

The secretary, however, could not confirm when the finance ministry would disburse the money.

Mozahar, president of Jute Mills Workers League, said they would not call off the demonstration until the arrears were paid.

"Nobody has informed us anything.... We won't stop our movement until we see the money deposited in the workers' accounts," he told The Daily Star last night.

Malaysia arrests militant suspects over IS plots

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Three militants inspired by the Islamic State group have been arrested in Malaysia, accused of planning attacks on non-Muslim places of worship in the country and neighbouring Indonesia, police said yesterday.

The suspects are thought to have links to a wider IS-inspired cell, some of whose members were detained last week in Malaysia.

Malaysia and Indonesia, both Muslim-majority countries, are on high alert amid fears that followers of the jihadists are plotting attacks after the group's defeat in the Middle East.

An Indonesian, Nuruddin Alele, was detained Tuesday outside Kuala Lumpur following a tip-off, Malaysian national police chief Abdul Hamid Bador said.

The 34-year-old man had been exposed to IS ideology while serving a five-year jail term in Indonesia.



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Jeff Koons

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Mundi" for \$450 million.

Created by Koons in 1986, "Rabbit" is among the best-known works by the artist, who built a reputation for challenging art world conventions.

He has exhibited his larger-than-life creations worldwide, including a 2008 showing in France's historic Chateau de Versailles that so jarred French traditionalists a small group of them protested outside the event, demanding Koons's works be sent to "Disneyland".

At 41 inches (1.04 meters) in height, "Rabbit" was auctioned from the collection of deceased publishing mogul S I Newhouse.

Before his death in 2017, his empire included Conde Nast, which published magazines like Vogue, The New Yorker and Vanity Fair.

Alexander Rotter, chairman of post-war and contemporary art at Christie's, told AFP after the auction "Rabbit" is "the most important piece by Jeff Koons and I want to go even a step further and say the most important sculpture of second half of the 20th century."

"It's the end of sculpture. It's the anti-David as I call it," he said, referring to Michelangelo's masterpiece. "You can't go any further away from David still being figurative and a traditional sculpture."

The sale was a new triumph for the controversial artist, who since his emergence in the 1980s has been the subject of endless conversation over his work's commercial and artistic value.