

Dhalai renders 15 families homeless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least 15 families at Dakkhin Ghuramara village in Kamalganj upazila of the district became homeless due to erosion by the Dhalai river in the last one month.

A large portion of the river erosion protection dam was also eroded during the time, said locals.

A number of erosion-hit people have taken shelter on high lands.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found many villagers shifting to safer places along with their belongings in fear of further erosion.

Sajeda Begum, 45, a resident of the village, said her tin-shed house was devoured by the river on May 23.

She borrowed Tk 20,000 from an NGO to build the house. She along with her two young sons is now passing days under the open sky, said Sajeda.

Sixty-year-old Abdul Gafur said the Dhalai devoured his house a few days ago.

Another erosion-hit victim Abida Begum said "My thatched hut went into

the river, but I'm yet to receive any help from the government or NGO to rebuild my house."

Jamshed Mia, a farmer in the area, said his crops on four bighas of land were devoured by the river.

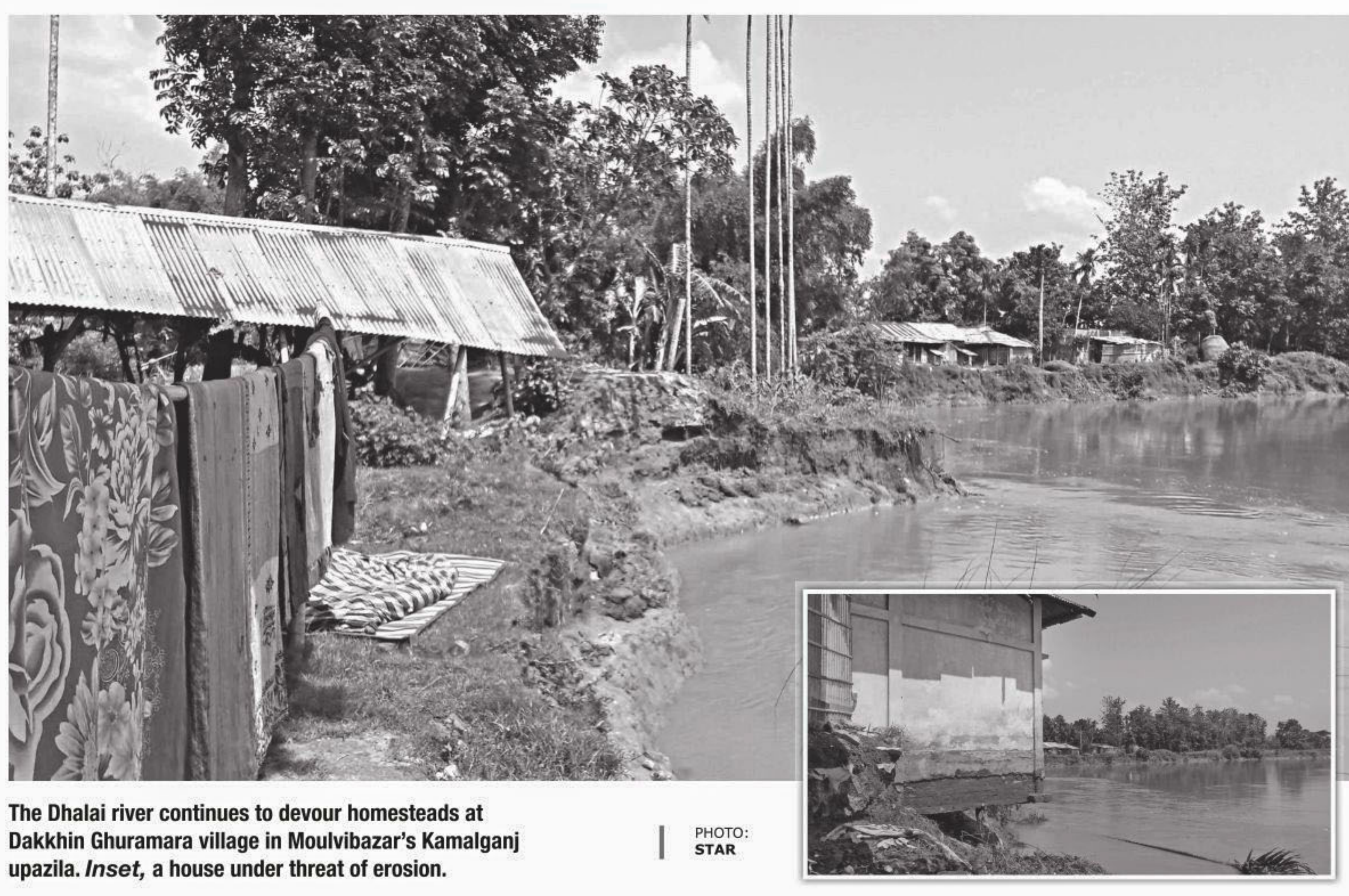
Abdul Gafur, another resident of the village, said if the dam was repaired in their area in time before the erosion, they would not have been harmed.

Helal Uddin, a member of Adampur Union Parishad, said the government is yet to provide any assistance to the erosion-hit victims.

Moulvibazar Water Development Board (WDB) Executive Engineer Ranendra Chakraborty said in 2017, a project was undertaken to repair the dam, but it was later postponed due to objection from some local people.

Executive Officer of the upazila parishad Ashekul Haque said they will provide support to the victims soon.

WDB authorities will be asked to take steps to repair the damaged dam, said Ashekul Haque.



The Dhalai river continues to devour homesteads at Dakkhin Ghuramara village in Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila. Inset, a house under threat of erosion.

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Md Zahurul Islam (second from left), plaintiff of a case for rape attempt on his sister and another case for crimes against humanity filed on September 14 in 2016 and February 15 in 2017 respectively, speaks at a press conference at Muktijoddha Sangsad office in Lalmonirhat town yesterday seeking remedy as he had to leave his Chandanpar Pabnapara home in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila two years ago following alleged threat and abduction attempt by men the accused.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

Tea garden communities demand govt recognition

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Students from small ethnic communities at tea gardens in Moulvibazar yesterday submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina via the district deputy commissioner, demanding inclusion in the government's list of small ethnic communities.

In absence of government recognition, languages and cultures of these communities are not getting protection under various programmes taken by the authorities, said Mithun Kurmi, president of Uttaran Bangladesh, a welfare organisation of indigenous students at tea gardens.

Narayan Goala, general secretary of Uttaran Bangladesh, said although the tea garden workers have significant contributions to the country's economy, they are yet to be included in the country's list of small ethnic communities.

AFM Zakaria, head of anthropology department at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, said the government so far gazetted 50 communities to recognise those as small ethnic communities.

"But sadly, the small ethnic communities living at tea gardens were not included in the list despite their fulfilling the criteria of being classified as small ethnic communities," he also said.

Two 'controversial' BCL UZ committees suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two upazila committees of pro-Awami League student body Chhatra League have been suspended following a huge controversy and demonstration by some of those who could not make it to the new committees.

BCL district unit suspended its Kumarkhali and Mirpur committees on June 10, said Yasir Arafath Tushar, president of the unit.

Earlier on June 4, the same unit announced its two-member Kumarkhali and seven-member Mirpur upazila committees.

The committees include non-students, shopkeepers, government service holders, drug dealers and addicts.

Protest and demonstration began soon after the committees were formed.

BCL insiders said many dedicated leaders and activists were deprived, while those allegedly having connections with BNP, its pro-student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal as well as Chhatra Shibir have been included in the new committees.

According to the BCL constitution's section-5 (Ga), married people, non-students, businessman and employers cannot get any post in the committee.

But the BCL district unit president and general secretary have picked some "controversial" people, ignoring many dedicated leaders and activists, said BCL district committee sources.

In Kumarkhali upazila unit BCL, Mehedi Hasan was made president and Ali Hossain general secretary.

Meanwhile, Mostafizur Rahman and Bijoy Ali Tufan were made president and general secretary respectively in Mirpur upazila unit.

Rasel Ahmed, former general secretary of Kumarkhali upazila unit BCL, said such a committee is not acceptable at all.

District BCL President Tushar said a five-member inquiry committee, led by district unit activist Atiqur Rahman Anik, has been formed to investigate the matter.

Steps will be taken after getting the report, said the BCL leader.

Schoolgirl killed, parents injured over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A schoolgirl was stabbed to death while her parents and aunt injured badly as they were attacked over land dispute in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

The incident took place in the morning at Shiberkuti village of Kulaghat union.

Lucky Khatun, 14, a ninth-grader at Char Kulaghat High School, died on the spot after she was stabbed several times while trying to save her father Nazrul Islam from his attackers, said Mahfuz Alam, OC of Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station.

Ekrumul Haque Ekra -- husband of Kulaghat Union Parishad's reserved woman member Dulali Begum -- led a group of 18 to 20 armed assailants in a bid to forcibly occupy 30 decimals of disputed land.

Nazrul, 44, his wife Kusum Begum, 38, and her sister Shama Banu, 41, were beaten mercilessly as they resisted the attackers.

Police recovered the young girl's body and sent it to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police also arrested five persons including Ekrumul from the spot, the OC said, adding that the injured were admitted to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital.

Villager Nazir Ali, 75, said a case over the land's ownership is under trial with the court, but "Nazrul Islam is the lawful owner of the land and he has been enjoying it for the last 30 years."

A process to file a murder case in this connection was underway, the OC said.

Jubo League leader arrested over encroachment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police yesterday arrested a local Jubo League leader for forcibly occupying 61 decimals of land belonging to his neighbours in Sarishabari upazila.

The arrestee, Kamal Hossain, 45, from Majalia Beelpara village, is convener of Jubo League's Doail union unit in the upazila.

According to locals, cousins Saiful Islam, 35, and Chan Mia, 45, inherited the property from their fathers -- late Mozaffar and his brother late Jonu Sheikh.

Their fathers purchased the piece of land in 1953 from their neighbour, late Abdur Rahman.

But for the past several years, the seller's grandson Manju Miah, 35, has been creating pressure on the landowners to sell their land to him.

The landowners' refusal to comply resulted in a longstanding feud between them and Manju, the locals added.

Police quoting the locals said Manju in the meantime teamed up

Farmer hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A farmer was hacked to death at Rajachar village in Madaripur's Kalkini upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was Ziaul Mollah, 30, son of Dhalu Mollah of the village.

Locals said there was a longstanding conflict between Dhalu Mollah and Mahub Babary of the village over establishing supremacy in the area.

Supporters of Mahub attacked Ziaul with a sharp weapon when he was erecting a fence at a local graveyard yesterday morning.

Critically injured Ziaul was rushed to the upazila health complex and then referred to Faridpur Medical College Hospital as his condition worsened.

He died on way to the hospital, said Md Mofazzel Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kalkini Police Station.

The body was sent to Madaripur General Hospital for autopsy, said the OC.

2 friends murdered for Tk 18,000

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two men were murdered for Tk 18,000 they borrowed from their friend Md Tariqul Islam in Birganj upazila.

Superintendent of Police Syed Abu Sayem said this at a press briefing at his office in the town on Saturday.

During a primary interrogation, arrestee Tariqul, 27, son of Gias Uddin of Palpara village, confessed to killing the duo, said the SP, adding that Tariqul was held from Madonpur village on Thursday.

Deceased Biplob Chandra Roy, 23, owner of a computer shop at Kholakuti village, and Hanifur Rahman, 32, were good friends.

The deceased and the accused were drug peddlers and addicts, said the police official, adding that the arrestee was the cashier of their illegal drug trade.

On May 30, the throat-slit bodies of Biplob and Hanifur were found at Debipur Balapara village in the upazila.

Biplob and Hanifur borrowed Tk 18,000 from Tariqul a couple of months ago, but the duo did not return the money in time. Tariqul pressured them to return the money several times, but they did not pay it.

On May 29, the trio on the motorcycle of Hanifur went to Nilphamari, from where Tariqul purchased a knife.

The trio then purchased two bottles of Phensidyl and yaba pills from Dinajpur town and took the drugs, said the SP.

Later, they were heading towards Debipur Balapara village. Tariqul was the pillion passenger and Biplob was seating in the middle while Hanifur was driving the motorbike.

At one stage, Tariqul stabbed Biplob and Hanifur around 2:00am on May 30.

Police also seized the knife and motorcycle from the house of Tariqul on Thursday.

Man kills wife, tries to take own life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man attempted to take his own life after allegedly killing his wife over a family dispute in Ghoraghat upazila of the district early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Kerina Murmu, 38, wife of Rabin Mardik of Kalupara village in the upazila.

Police and locals said the couple locked in an altercation over a family issue. At one stage, Rabin took a heavy iron rod and hit his wife in the head.

She died on the spot, said Amirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ghoraghat Police Station, adding that Rabin later took pesticide to kill himself.

Informed by locals, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body and sent it to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Rabin was admitted to the upazila health complex, said the OC.

Kid killed 'by mother'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A two-year-old girl was stabbed to death allegedly by her mother at Sonatanpur village in Chuadanga's Alamdanga upazila early yesterday.

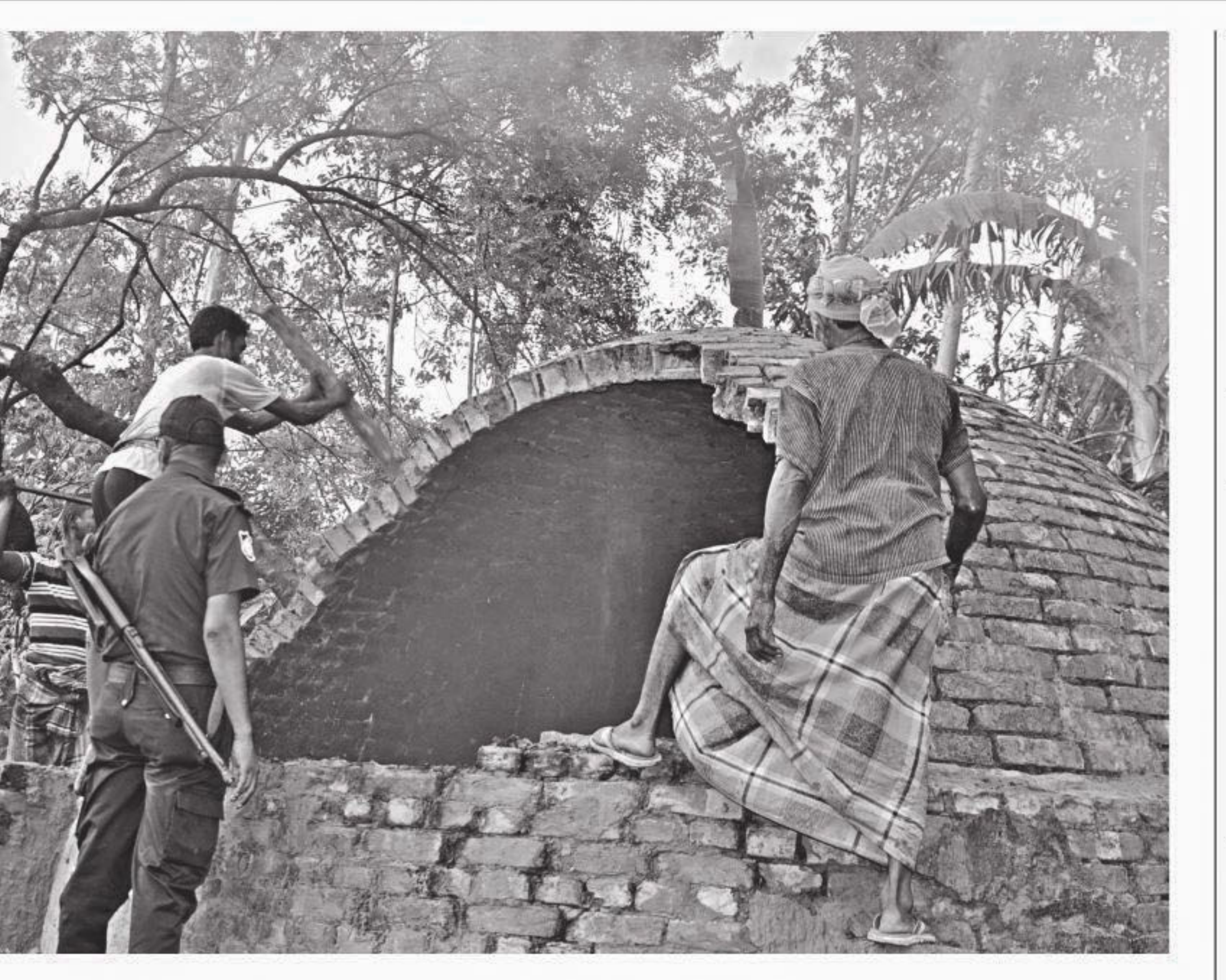
Police arrested accused Shamim Ara Saima, 38, wife of village doctor Mamun Or Rashid of the area.

Quoting family members, Asaduzzaman Munshi, OC of Alamdanga Police Station, said Saima took her daughter Sneha Ara to the kitchen on the rooftop of their two storied building and stabbed her dead around 5:00am.

All the family members, including Saima's husband, were asleep when the incident took place, said the OC.

On information, police rushed to the spot and sent the body to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

They also arrested Saima from the spot, said the police official.



A mobile court demolishes an illegal charcoal producing factory at Baor Kumarjani village in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail yesterday. The court also seized 700 sacks of coal and sentenced the factory owner three days imprisonment.

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