

Verdict in Pabna set for tomorrow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court has set July 3 (tomorrow) for delivering verdict in a case filed for carrying out an attack on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Pabna's Ishwardi 25 years ago, when she was leader of the opposition. Additional District and Sessions Judge Rustom Ali yesterday set the date after hearing arguments from both the prosecution and the defence counsels, said Akhtaruzzaman Mukta, public prosecutor (PP). On September 23 in 1994, during the tenure of a BNP-led government, crude bombs were hurled and gunshots were fired on a train carrying then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina as she reached Pakshey Railway Station in Ishwardi during her rally tour on train from Khulna to Rajshahi. The next day, Nazrul Islam, then officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station, filed a case accusing five individuals, and within a month, police hastily submitted

the case's final report. The court rejected the report later that year and asked Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to reinvestigate into the case, the PP said. On April 4, 1997, CID in its charge sheet accused 52 leaders and activists of BNP and its allied parties for the attack. All the accused later secured bail from the court and five of them died till date. Referring to the statements from witnesses and evidences they had produced, the prosecution has prayed for maximum punishment for the attackers, the PP also said. Defence counsel Advocate Masud Khandaker said they prayed for acquittal of the accused as the prosecution failed to prove the case against them. Thirty of the 52 accused were present before the court during the arguments. The 30 accused were sent to jail on Sunday when the same court rejected their bail pleas.

2 murder accused arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Police yesterday detained two people in connection with a case for killing a youth at Purbo Bhaga village in Rampal upazila of the district on Sunday. The arrestees are Lipon Sheikh, 25, son of Farid Sheikh of Jhonjhanua village, and Rabi Mollah, 27, son of Daud Molla of Bhaga village in the upazila. Earlier, Mohammed Mohsin Sheikh, father of slain Lahu Sheikh, filed a murder case with Rampal Police Station accusing three people, including the two arrestees. The arrestees were produced before a Bagerhat court yesterday afternoon, which sent them to jail, said Rampal Police Station OC Mohammad Lutfar Rahman. According to the case statement, hearing groaning, Lahu's mother Rumana Begum woke up early Sunday and found her son lying on the bed with his throat cut. Lahu died at Khulna Medical College Hospital the same day.

One arrested over rape, another for attempt

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Two people, including superintendent of a madrasa, were detained on Sunday in separate cases filed for rape and attempting to rape in Shariatpur and Thakurgaon. Our Faridpur correspondent reported that a Shariatpur court yesterday sent a youth, arrested on Sunday in connection with a case for raping a young girl on Saturday, to jail. The arrestee is Masud Bepari, 31, younger son of Janjira Municipality Chairman Yunus Bepari. Earlier on Sunday, the victim, an intermediate second year student and an assistant nurse at a local clinic, filed a rape case with Janjira Police Station accusing Masud. According to the case statement, Masud called the victim, one of his relatives, at his house when his wife was not present at home around 6:00pm on Saturday and he forcibly raped her. After sometime, the victim managed to come out of Masud's house and disclosed the matter to locals, who informed the police. Being informed, police arrested Masud from his house around 2:30am on Sunday. Sheikh Mostafa, resident medical officer at Shariatpur General Hospital, said they collected specimen and sent those to Dhaka for medical tests. In Thakurgaon, police detained madrasa superintendent from Hossainganj village in Ranishankoil upazila on Sunday in connection with a case for attempting to rape a teenage house help in April, reports our correspondent. The arrestee, Azizur Rahman, son of late Fazal Ali of the village, is also superintendent of Banglagar Madrasa in the upazila. Officer in Charge of Ranishankoil Police Station Abdul Mannan said they detained Azizur after mother of the 14-year-old victim filed a case with the police station on Sunday night. According to the case statement, the teenage girl used to work as a house help at Azizur's house for a few years. On April 26, Azizur tried to rape her when the other members of his family went to visit a relative's house.



A scene of Gajaria red chilli market in Fulchhari upazila of Gaibandha.

PHOTO: KM REZAUL HOQUE

Buyers, sellers suffer as big chilli market lacks amenities

Govt earns Tk 80 lakh yearly revenue from the Gaibandha market running under open sky

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

The famous red chilli market on the bank of the Jamuna at Gajaria in Gaibandha's Fulchhari upazila has been running under the open sky for over a decade, much to the sufferings of sellers and buyers. The big market that sees trading on Saturday and Tuesday every week does not have any semi-pucca structures for keeping huge quantities of red chilli brought there for sale. There is not even basic facilities like rest room or toilets for a large number of chilli growers and sellers coming from different places. They suffer during the scorching summer heat while rain brings added trouble. The government earns an annual revenue of over Tk 80 lakh by leasing it but the authorities have done little to provide some basic facilities there, said several stakeholders. The upazila parishad headquarters was

shifted from there due to erosion by the Jamuna in 2004. The old upazila parishad building, part of it devoured by the river, is still there and presently being used as a police out post. But there are no basic amenities like water supply or toilet facilities in the market, said the stakeholders. Growers of different char lands under Saghata, Fulchhari and Gaibandha Sadar upazilas come to the market by boats loaded with red chilli before the market day and stay in the boat overnight for the next day marketing. Traders from different districts and agents of big companies like Pran, ACI and Square are regular visitors to the market. The trading of chilli runs all day long under the open sky and both the vendors and buyers suffer in the scorching sun and during rain. There is no shed in the market place for preserving commodities, sellers said. The growers said on every market day about 300 to 350 vendors from different char

lands turn up with red chilli in the market and sell around 800 thousand maunds of the produce. Akku Mia, a farmer of Char Kabilpur under Fulchhari upazila, said he had to reach the market the night before to sell his red chilli. "We suffer most when it rains. We simply cover the produce with plastic sheets and more often than not the dried chilli gets wet, depriving us a fair price," he said. Muktar Mia, who got the lease of the market for this year against Tk 83 lakh, said it was up to the authorities concerned to arrange basic amenities for the vendors and buyers. Habibur Rahman, former chairman of Fulchhari upazila parishad, said the then deputy commissioner Gautom Chandra Pal assured erecting two sheds when he visited the market one and a half years ago. But the work is yet to be started. Contacted, Abdul Halim Tolstoy, upazila nirbahi officer of Fulchhari, said they would take steps to solve the problem soon.



People of ethnic Santal community bring out a colourful procession from Madarpur and Joypurpara villages in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha yesterday marking Sidhu-Kanu day, named after Sidhu Murmu and Kanu Murmu, leaders of historic Santal rebellion against the then British colonial regime in 1855-56. PHOTO: STAR

Madrasa girl abducted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A teenage madrasa girl was abducted in a microbus from in front of her madrasa in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday morning. Saiful Islam, acting officer-in-charge (OC) of Aditmari Police Station, confirmed filing of a case in this connection with the police station by her father. According to the case, four to five unidentified criminals picked her up in a vehicle by force and drove off around 9:30am when she was on way to the madrasa with two of her classmates, said the OC, adding that police are working on to apprehend the abductors and rescue the girl. Superintendent of the madrasa said they informed the police immediately after hearing of the incident.

Municipality staffers demand salary from govt fund

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Officers and employees of Gaibandha municipality staged a daylong work abstention on the municipality office premises yesterday, demanding salary and allowance from the government's fund. Officers and employees of Gobindaganj and Sundarganj municipalities also observed the same programme, organised by Bangladesh Municipality Services Association, Gaibandha unit, to realise the demand. In Gaibandha, the speakers at the programme pointed out that officers and employees in 327 municipalities all over the country are not getting their salaries and bills regularly due to fund constraint. They are passing hard days due to the situation. In many municipalities, employees have been deprived of salaries for two months to even six years. They are not getting festival allowances either. The speakers also urged the government to nationalise services of municipalities. Service seekers are facing immense problems due to the ongoing agitation and shutdown of the offices. "Due to the shutdown of the office, I could not receive death certificate of my brother, which was so essential for official work," said Mizanur Rahman of Kuthipara in Gaibandha municipality.

Siraj

FROM PAGE 2 But Siraj told Nishat and Nasrin to leave and asked Nusrat to stay inside. The two girls waited outside the room for a while when Nusrat walked out of the room crying and went straight to the classroom. The girls followed her to the classroom and asked her what had happened. Nusrat didn't say anything and fell sick a little later. Her brother took her home afterwards. Nishat and Nasrin wanted to go with her, but Siraj asked them not to do that. They later went to Nusrat's home, where she told them that the principal had sexually abused her. After the incident, the victim's mother filed a case against Siraj. He was later arrested and sent to jail. He was subsequently suspended from his post. Aggrieved over his arrest and suspension, Siraj from the jail ordered his associates to burn Nusrat to death and stage it as suicide, investigators said.

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এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, কাস্টম হাউস, কুমিল্লা চাকা-১২২৯ এর ৩য় ও ৪র্থ শ্রেণীর বিভিন্ন পদে সরাসরি জনবল নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে ১৫/০৫/২০১৫ খ্রি. তারিখে প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে আবেদনকারী যোগ্য প্রার্থীদের শারীরিক যোগ্যতা, ব্যবহারিক ও লিখিত পরীক্ষা নিম্নরূপ সময়সূচী অনুযায়ী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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