

Man killed in 'gunfight'

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A suspected robber was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Pabna's Sujaganar upazila early yesterday. The dead, Saiful Islam Geda alias Gedadal, 30, of Narashingapur village in Sujaganar, was arrested a day before he was killed. He had at least five robbery cases filed against him, police said.

Arbinda Sarkar, officer-in-charge of Sujaganar Police Station, claimed a police team, along with Gedadal, conducted a raid in Hasampur field area around 2:30am to recover firearms.

Sensing their presence, Gedadal's cohorts opened fire, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate. At one point of the "gunfight", Gedadal sustained bullet injuries. Police rushed him to Sujaganar Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared him dead, the OC added.

Later, the body was handed over to family members after conducting an autopsy at Pabna General Hospital.

Police also claimed to have recovered a gun, two bullets and a few firearms.

The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify the police claims.

Four policemen were also injured in the "gunfight".

Gorillas

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the animals when they gathered in clearing to feed on water plants.

They found that in addition to close family, the gorillas formed an "extended family" social tier comprised of 13 individuals on average.

There were also wider groups, averaging 39 gorillas, where the animals consistently interacted with one another despite not being related.

"An analogy to early human populations might be a tribe or small settlement, like a village," said Robin Morrison, a biological anthropologist at the University of Cambridge, who led the study.

In addition, the team uncovered hints of an even wider social tier, similar to an annual gathering or festivals in human societies, where dozens of gorillas would come together to eat fruit.

Morrison said that the gorillas may have evolved these gathering skills to help maintain a "collective memory" for tracking down hard-to-find foodstuffs.

The tiered system of groups is surprisingly similar to those of humans, according to the authors of the research published in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

Two held

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his family members. When he went home, he found his wife and father in a room.

His wife alleged that her father-in-law raped her multiple times in Anisur's absence by intimidating her in different ways, said Mahfuzur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station.

On Tuesday, Anisur filed a case against his father. Police arrested the accused and he was produced before a local court that sent him to jail yesterday, the OC said.

In Natore, police arrested a man on Tuesday night for attempting to rape a six-year-old child in Sadar Upazila's Kathalbaria village.

The arrestee, Sattar Bhuiyan, 35, is a resident of the same village, police said.

Around 1:00pm on Tuesday, the girl was playing near her house when Sattar took her to a nearby field saying he "would give her a bath in the pond". He then tried to rape the child, said Kazi Jalal Uddin, OC of Sadar Police Station.

Hearing the child's screams, her family members rushed there and rescued her. However, Sattar managed to flee the scene, the OC said, adding that on information, police found and arrested Sattar that night.

He was produced before a local court, which sent him to jail yesterday, the OC said.

6 fishermen

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trawler capsized. Mintu said his boat was not registered.

Police said some workers in the beach Tuesday night informed police that bodies were floating near the beach. The police went there and recovered four bodies around 3:30am. Around 8:30am, two more were found.

The bodies were almost decomposed and police were trying to identify them, said Farid Uddin Khandaker, officer-in-charge of Cox's Bazar Sadar Model Police Station. Police recovered a trawler a few yards away from where the bodies were recovered.

The government has imposed a ban on fishing in Bangladesh territorial waters in the Bay. The boat went out to sea to fish defying the ban. Legal action would be taken against the owner, the OC said.



The Ashuganj-Shambhuganj National Power Grid is under threat as the Meghna is devouring Charsonarampur in Ashuganj of Brahmanbaria. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: MASUK HRIDYO

A costly 'warning'

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ministry issued a notice to Karim asking to show cause within three working days as to why actions should not be taken against him, terming the comment misconduct.

During the beginning of May, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Murad Hasan said some of the doctors' comments -- using derogatory language -- was regrettable. He said even the prime minister felt troubled by it.

On June 26, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare transferred Dr AKM Rezaul Karim, one of three professors of Paediatric Haematology & Oncology, from CMCH to Rangamati Medical College Hospital.

Asked about the transfer, Zahid Maleque, minister for Health and Family Welfare, said, "I will not term it a punishment; rather it is a warning to thwart this sort of incident in future."

The minister said such a comment about a lawmaker was not "decent".

As for the patients' sufferings, he said they would ensure a proper replacement for Karim in CMCH soon, despite him being only one of three such specialists in the country.

Dr Ehteshamul Haq Dulal, secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), told The Daily Star, "Critical patients from at least seven other districts under Chattogram division are usually referred to CMCH and Dr Karim has been serving them very sincerely."

"We became surprised to know

about the transfer of Dr Karim in Rangamati as he will not have scope to use his knowledge and expertise as there are no facilities to treat the cancer patients there," he said.

He said that Karim was one of three experts of paediatric oncology in Bangladesh, adding such a specialist should not be transferred to a hospital where he would not be able to use his expertise.

Prof Dr Iqbal Arslan, president of Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad, urged the ministry to withdraw the order saying it was issued without considering the consequences.

"Dr Karim introduced this department in CMCH and he was developing it," he said, adding, "There will only be an assistant professor and a medical officer after the transfer of Karim, which will hamper treatment of patients severely."

According to the CMCH sources, earlier the paediatric cancer patients of greater Chattogram had to go to Dhaka or abroad for treatment, however, establishment of the department by Karim in 2013 changed this.

On an average, 100 patients receive treatment at the ward, most of whom do not have the ability to go to Dhaka or abroad, sources added.

Karim, who is yet to join his new workplace, told The Daily Star at his office recently, that as a government employee he could be transferred anywhere in the country.

"However, I will have little scope

to use my expertise at Rangamati Medical College Hospital as there is no set up for treating cancer patients," he added.

HUMAN CHAIN FORMED
On July 4, More than 100 cancer patients and their relatives formed a human chain in front of Chattogram Press Club demanding withdrawal of the transfer order of Karim.

They demanded intervention of the prime minister in this regard, saying that the cancer patients of greater Chattogram would be the worst sufferers if the transfer order was not withdrawn.

While visiting the ward on Tuesday, 32 patients were found admitted, most of whom expressed disappointment after Karim's transfer.

Sufia Begum, mother of 11-year-old Md Tareque, who has been suffering from acute lymphocytic leukaemia, told The Daily Star, "For the poor patients, Dr Karim even manages donor for expensive medicines which are not provided from the hospital."

She also said they heard that there was no other cancer expert like Karim in the hospital, adding, "My husband is a day-labourer and it is beyond our ability to take our son to Dhaka or elsewhere."

Abu Taher, father of 10-year-old Tisha, who has been suffering from kidney cancer, said "Dr Karim is the lone professor of this department; we are apprehensive that his transfer may lead to a disruption in treatment."

Power division Secretary Ahmad Kaikaus and Water resources Secretary Kabir Bin Anwar also spoke at the press conference.

37 Bangladeshis

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charity Sea-Eye said on Tuesday. The people come from Syria, Libya, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Guinea.

But many others have drowned or have been reported missing, including the passengers of the ill-fated boat that took off from Zuwara last week. The boat tipped over only hours after setting out to sea.

Tunisian authorities have so far retrieved 16 bodies from that tragedy, including those of a pregnant woman and a toddler.

A Malian survivor told the UN's migration agency that 86 people had been on board the dinghy, which capsized.

"People were terrified as water started pouring in, some of them fell into the water. They stayed down there," survivor Soleiman Coulibaly told AFP.

Libya has in recent years been a major departure point for migrants seeking to reach Europe across the Mediterranean.

Iraqi gets life in jail for teen rape-murder in Germany

AFP, Wiesbaden

An Iraqi man was yesterday sentenced to life in jail by a German court for the rape and murder of a teenage girl that fuelled far-right protests against a mass influx of mostly Muslim migrants.

The Alternative for Germany (AfD) party and other far-right groups have seized on the brutal killing of 14-year-old Susanna Maria Feldman in their campaign against Chancellor Angela Merkel's asylum policy.

The accused, rejected asylum seeker Ali Bashar, 22, was convicted of the killing and handed the maximum sentence of life in prison by the court in Wiesbaden, the city where the murder took place in May last year.

The judge, Juergen Bonk, also found the crime to be of exceptional severity, meaning that Bashar will not be granted parole after 15 years as is usually the case in Germany.

Bashar committed a "cold-blooded murder" and showed "neither remorse nor empathy," said the presiding judge, adding that during his trial the defendant had "voiced no sincere

word of regret".

The Iraqi man battered, raped and strangled the schoolgirl to death in a wooded area near railway tracks on May 23.

The court heard he then sent false messages from Susanna's smartphone indicating she had left for an impromptu trip to Paris.

Her body was only found on June 6 in a shallow grave covered with leaves, twigs and soil.

By this time, Bashar and his family had left Germany and returned to Arbil in northern Iraq.

The accused was however arrested by Kurdish security forces and, even though Berlin and Baghdad have no formal extradition treaty, taken back to Germany.

Saimon

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Humayun Kabir, the investigation officer (IO) of the case.

Police arrested Saimun from near Patuakhali Girl's High School on June 29.

Saimun is a close friend of Rabbi Akon, another accused named in the first information report, according to the IO.

"Many years ago, Saimun's wife Mithila bought a sim card using Rabbi's NID card. This led police to suspect Saimun," Humayun told this paper.

A group of youths hacked to death Rifat, 25, in broad daylight in front of his wife near Barguna Government College on June 26. A video of the brutal attack sparked outrage across the country.

Rifat's father Abdul Halim Dulal Sharif filed a case with Barguna Police Station the same day accusing 12 people.

So far, six people -- Oli, Tanvir, Chandan, Hasan, Sagor, and Najmul Hasan -- had given confessional statements, the IO said.

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and several others allegedly broke into a villager's house and tried to steal a cow.

But locals caught him and beat him dead, he added.

In another incident yesterday afternoon, a mob killed a man in Chor-Chartola area on suspicion of being a child abductor.

Police said, the unidentified man, aged about 30, had been loitering near a railway station for the last few days.

Locals had beat him up simply on suspicion, leaving him critically injured.

The OC said, "We rescued the man. He died on the way to a hospital. The man seemed mentally challenged."

Rickshaw pullers

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He added that they welcomed the prime minister's directives at a meeting of the Executive Committee of National Economic Council on Tuesday where she asked that separate lanes be constructed for rickshaws on highways across the country.

Insur said they had also postponed their grand rally in front of Jatiya Press Club which was scheduled to be held on July 11 and they would instead hand over a memorandum to the PM on that day.

Meanwhile, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) mayor Atiqul Islam yesterday said they would make the Kuril Biswaroad to Malibagh road off-limits to rickshaws in phases.

He said that only 15 kms of the 2,300kms of roads under DNCC would be made off-limits to rickshaws.

The mayor made the comment at a meeting with the rickshaw-van owners and driver samity, Dhaka Metropolitan Police and other

relevant organisations.

He said they would provide QR codes to all legal rickshaws so that they can identify illegal rickshaws.

Atique also proposed a data base of legal rickshaw pullers and providing ward-based coloured vests to them.

Earlier, Insur had also said they would help tackle the menace of illegal rickshaws.

On July 3, in a bid to ease traffic congestion, a special committee led by Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon decided that three major streets -- Kuril to Sayedabad via Rampura and Khilgaon; Gabtoli to Azimpur via Asad Gate; and Science Laboratory intersection to Shabbagh intersection -- would be made off-limits to rickshaws.

The decision led to protests and blockades. Protesters halted traffic movement on Khilgaon and Rampura road by setting fire on pieces of cloths, making bamboo barricades and forming human barriers.

Muhammad Jahangir

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Facebook post.

Jahangir, younger brother of Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, had been suffering from myelofibrosis (a form of cancer), Apurba told The Daily Star.

He was admitted to the hospital on Sunday and put on life support the next day. He left behind his three children, wife and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Jatiya Press Club and a second janaza was held at a mosque adjacent to his Shantinagar residence after Asr prayers yesterday.

He was buried at Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard in Mirpur, Apurba said.

Jahangir, former student of Dhaka University, had written and edited 25 books, mostly on media

and journalism, according to the official website of Nriyanchal Dance Company -- of which he was a coordinator.

Besides, he used to write columns for several newspapers, including Prothom Alo and the daily Azadi.

He was the host of the first live television talk show in Bangladesh, "Abhimat", on BTV.

He was a teacher of media and communication at two private universities in Dhaka. He was closely connected with the TV channels of Bangladesh as a planner and programme presenter on politics and current national and international issues.

Jahangir was a member of the executive committee of International Theatre Institute's Bangladesh chapter and also a member of the Theater drama troupe.

Work of SEA to be expedited

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it has taken for the conservation of the Sundarbans by February 1 of next year.

It said the information would be examined at 44th session of the WHC in 2020, so that the committee can decide whether or not to include the Sundarbans in the list of World Heritage in Danger.

The WHC also expressed concerns regarding the currently active 154 industrial projects just upstream of the Sundarbans, and also requested the government to invite a joint WHC and IUCN Reactive Monitoring Mission to assess the state of conservation of the Sundarbans by the end of this year.

Regarding the concern about 154 factories surrounding the Sundarbans, former director general of the Department of Environment Sultan Ahmed said at the press conference that those factories were not built recently and were established in the 1960s.

"Of them, only 24 are in the 'red category' of DoE. Putting them in the red category does not mean it will destroy the environment. It means that there is a chance of polluting of environment," said Sultan, who is currently the chairman of RAJUK.

He said that none of the 24 is of the

textiles or dyeing units and they don't create liquid wastage.

"So, there are no chances of water pollution or even soil pollution. There are no threats to the Sundarbans," he said, adding, "The 24 factories are also under monitoring."

Tawfiq said that majority of the countries at the session were in support of Bangladesh and that there was no scope to stop power plants.

"We have assured and confirmed that we will take all necessary steps to preserve the Sundarbans," he said.

He said those who are protesting against the power plants "do not have enough information and knowledge."

He said that Bangladesh will provide full support to the IUCN and WHC Reactive Monitoring Mission. "We should keep in mind that their decision is not final, rather the WHC will take final decision," he said.

Answering a question about whether the government has failed to earn confidence of the people regarding Rampal power plant, Tawfiq said, "Is there any study saying we have failed to win people's confidence? Only a few people in human-chains doesn't not mean we failed to win people's confidence."

UK envoy to US quits after Trump spat

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instead the need to maintain strong ties with the US.

In a series of confidential cables revealed by a British newspaper at the weekend, Darroch described the Trump administration as "uniquely dysfunctional".

Trump hit back with a torrent of angry tweets, saying he would not deal with Darroch again, and describing him as a "very stupid guy" and a "pompous fool".

He also criticised May's "foolish" policies and said it was a good thing she would soon be replaced.

Darroch has been in Washington since January 2016 and was due to stay on until the end of the year. But in a statement he said: "The current situation is making it impossible for me to carry out my role as I would like."

DOING HIS JOB

Darroch has received support from across the political spectrum in Britain and after he resigned, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said: "It should never have come to this."

Hunt, who is vying with Johnson to replace May as leader of the ruling Conservative party and thus prime minister, on Tuesday condemned Trump's outbursts as "disrespectful and wrong".

But Johnson declined several opportunities in a TV debate on Tuesday night to back Britain's ambassador.

Of Trump's tweets, he said: "I don't think it was necessarily the right thing for him to do... but our relationship with the US is of fantastic importance."

Reports suggest that it was at that point that Darroch decided that he must resign.

Yet Johnson himself has a history with the man who is US president, saying while he was still mayor of London in 2015 that Trump was "out of his mind" for suggesting parts of the UK capital were "so radicalised" that even the police stayed away.

"I think he is betraying a quite stupefying ignorance that makes him frankly unfit to hold the office of president of the United States," Johnson said of Trump the time.

May expressed "great regret" that Darroch was leaving, saying: "Good government depends on public servants being able to give full and frank advice."

She emphasised "the importance of defending our values and principles particularly when they are under pressure".

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, the leader of the separatist Scottish National Party, said Darroch had been "forced out" for doing his job.

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(Tender Notice)

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) invites sealed offers from the contractors for **"Construction of Transitional Shelter"** for the displaced people from Rakhine in camp-11 or 12 at Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar under Population Movement Operation (PMO) of BDRCS with support of Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS).

Package No.	Type/Description	Quantity
01	Construction work of Transition Shelter (Bamboo made including earth work, NCF on floor etc.)	280 Household

Tender documents/Request for Quotation (RFQ) will be available from Finance Dept., BDRCS NHQ, during office time (09am -05pm) latest by **23 July 2019** by non-refundable fee cash Tk. 2000/- through application. A **Pre-Tender Meeting** will be held at **2:30 PM on 21 July 2019** at Conference Room, BDRCS NHQ.

Quotations/Tender documents will be received at Finance Dept., BDRCS NHQ, Dhaka during office time latest by **24 July 2019 at 3:00 pm** and tender will be opened at **3:15 pm on 24 July 2019** at the Conference Room of BDRCS, NHQ in presence of bidders (if any). The bidder(s) will have to deposit **2.5%** of quoted value as **Earnest Money** (refundable) by Demand Draft (DD) or Pay Order from the scheduled bank in favour of **"Bangladesh Red Crescent Society"** at the time of submission of bid(s).

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