

Cane thrown by teacher, madrasa boy loses eyesight

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An 11-year-old madrasa boy lost sight of his right eye as a teacher allegedly threw cane at the eye in Kishoreganj's Pakundia upazila.

Victim Mohammad Al Imran, son of painting worker Idris Ali of Char Kawna village, is a student of Char Kawna Hafezia Madrasa in the upazila.

Idris said his son was admitted at the madrasa two years ago. He used to stay at the madrasa hostel.

On May 28, Imran's teacher Hafez Mahadul Hasan Mahmud threw a cane at his right eye as he was allegedly absentminded in the class and started screaming with severe pain.

On the same day, Imran was sent back home and the teacher allegedly threatened him not to disclose the matter to anyone, alleged Imran's uncle Jalal Uddin, a farmer.

The eye was then swollen but Imran did not disclose the matter, said Jalal, adding that after three days of the incident, they learnt from his classmates about the matter and he was taken to National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital in Dhaka, said Jalal, adding that Imran was treated there for two weeks.

The eye was badly damaged and he might lose his sight for ever, said Jalal, quoting doctors.

"The doctors have prescribed some medicines to be continued and also asked us to visit the hospital after a month," he said.

Abdul Kadir, a member of Jangalia Union Parishad, said a week ago, Imran visited National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital in Dhaka where doctors informed that he lost sight of his right eye for ever.

On June 23, the victim's father filed a complaint to Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mohammad Muklesur Rahman against Hafez Mahmud and Mohammad Monayem, director of



Tepa Kharibari Union Parishad in Nilphamari's Dimla upazila built this dirt road through the Kumlai river two years ago with funding from rural infrastructure development program of the government.

PHOTO: STAR

Kumlai river in Dimla cut into pieces

Even a road was made through it with government funds

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Once mighty Kumlai river, flowing through different villages of Dimla upazila in Nilphamari, is now left dissected into pieces as influential locals have encroached on it at various points to build houses and other establishments.

According to 'Nilphamarir Itihas', written by local historian Md Nasiruddin, the river originates in marshy lands of Dhupguri area in India's West Bengal and enters Bangladesh through Purbo Chhaatnai union of Dimla upazila.

Flowing 10 kilometres through the upazila's four unions -- Khaga Kharibari, Tepa Kharibari, Gayabari, Khalisha Chapani -- the Kumlai later on meets the

Nautara river in Akashkuri village.

During a visit to Khaga Kharibari and Tepa Kharibari unions yesterday, this correspondent noticed several brick structures, farmlands and even a government-funded road, which were all built by filling up the river.

In Dakkhin Kharibari Colonypara village of Tepa Kharibari union, a dirt road runs through the river. The local union parishad built the road two years ago with funding from rural infrastructure development program of the government to ensure villagers' access to Dalia-Dimla Road.

Abul Hossain, assistant land officer of Gayabari union, said 15.82 acres of land belongs to the Kumlai in the union.

Out of that, 4 acres were leased out to a fishermen's co-operative society and the remainder has been occupied.

Sutibari Haat, the largest business place in the upazila, was seen sitting right in the middle of the river. There, years of unabated encroachment has made way for development of all sorts of business structures -- shops, markets, bus counters, clubs and even a kindergarten school.

To the west of Sutibari Haat, a huge rice husking mill and a house, both belonging to one Kazi Aatur Rahman, was built by filling up the entire width of the river.

However, when asked, Aatur said, "I inherited this property from my deceased father and I have all the genuine land documents -- mutation paper, land survey

record of the government and tax payment receipt."

"Perhaps my opponents misinformed you about it out of jealousy," he claimed.

Contacted, Dimla Upazila Nirbahi Officer Nazmun Nahar said, "The grabbing of the Kumlai river has drawn our attention. We've made a list of grabbers and sent it to the higher authorities."

Shahinur Alam, additional deputy commissioner (revenue) of Nilphamari, said a survey of rivers including the Kumlai is ongoing and once the survey is done, they would serve notice to the encroachers, asking them to vacate the land.

They would later launch eviction drives against anyone who would fail to comply, he added.



the madrasa.

The UNO said he has already asked police to investigate into the incident and police visited the spot.

The madrasa director said Hafez Mahmud hailing from Mymensingh's Gouripur upazila was a part-time teacher for the month of Ramadan only.

The allegation was brought after the teacher left the madrasa on June 2, said the director.

After the incident, they tried several times to reach the Mahmud but his phone remained switched off.

Two cops sent to jail for taking bribe from jobseeker's father

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Two policemen have been sent to jail in a case for taking Tk 13 lakh bribe from a jobseeker's father in the district.

The accused are Md Shamim Akand, 46, a sub-inspector of Mohammadpur Police Station in Dhaka, and his brother Md Al Amin Akand, 35, constable of Barguna Sadar Police Station. Both are sons of late Eusuf Akand of Jamura village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Aminul Islam sent them to jail, rejecting their bail prayers in the case after they surrendered to his court in Patuakhali yesterday, said plaintiff's lawyer advocate Ruhul Amin Reza.

Earlier on Monday, the court issued arrest warrant against the duo, said

the lawyer.

According to the case filed by Milon Dakua of Choddoburia village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila on December 23 in 2018, the duo took Tk 13 lakh bribe from him with a promise of arranging a job in police for his son. But they did not keep their promise.

The accused policemen also continued giving threat to Milon over the matter.

After receiving the case, the court asked Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) to submit a report after investigating into the matter.

On July 6 this year, Md Motiur Rahman, sub-inspector of PBI, submitted the report to the court against the duo saying that they found evidence of taking bribe by the duo from Milon.

After receiving the probe report, the court issued arrest warrant against them.

Locals spotted a 10-foot-long python in a bamboo grove beside a mosque at Sirajnagar village in Moulvibazar's Sreemangal upazila around 10:00am yesterday. Upon receiving information from the villagers, members of Bangladesh Bonyapran Seba Foundation, a private wildlife organisation, then rescued it. The enormous snake came to the locality due to shortage of food, according to Swapan Deb Sajal, director of the foundation.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA



Concrete blocks on the west side of the guide embankment of a newly constructed bridge on the Pungli river in Borobasalia area of Tangail Sadar upazila collapsed on Saturday due to heavy rain, leaving the bridge and nearby dwellings at erosion risk.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

FF HASAN ALI MURDER

One more arrested, put on 3-day remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Another man, arrested for his alleged involvement in killing Freedom Fighter Miah Mohammad Hasan Ali Reza, was placed on a three-day remand yesterday.

Police detained Sharif Hossain, 40, son of Mokbul Hossain of Sabalia Modhyapara area in the town on Monday night and produced him before Tangail Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday, seeking seven-day remand, Court Inspector Tanvir Ahmed said.

After hearing, Judge Monira Sultana granted a three-day remand for him, he said.

Earlier on Sunday, police detained Tapan Kumar Sarkar, 50, and his son Tonmoy Kumar Sarkar, 20, from Battala area in the town and produced them before the same court on Monday, seeking 10-day remand for each, Officer in Charge of Tangail Model Police

Station Saidul Haque said, adding that the same court granted them a three-day remand for each.

Meanwhile, Tapon's wife Kalpana Rani Sarkar, 40, who was arrested on Sunday, gave her confessional statement under Section 164 before the same court on Monday evening.

Advocate Reza, 76, also a central committee leader of Krishak Sramik Janata League, went out of his Sabalia residence on July 8 and a roadside close circuit (CC) camera footage shows Reza was getting on a motorbike of a youth, wearing helmet and raincoat.

Reza's younger son Mahmudul Hasan Litu filed an abduction case with Sadar Police Station accusing some unidentified people on July 10.

Later on July 13, police recovered Reza's decomposed body from the Louhajang river in the town and sent it to Tangail General Hospital for autopsy.

Fish worth Tk 2 lakh poisoned to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Criminals poisoned to death fish worth Tk 2 lakh at Alishakur village in Sreemangal upazila on Saturday.

Locals said victim Sahab Uddin, a fish farmer of the area, released fry of different variety of fish in a pond seven months ago.

Informed by locals, Sahab went to the pond and found hundreds of dead fish fry floating on the water.

On information, Sub-inspector Fazle Rabbi of Sreemangal Police Station visited the spot.

There was a longstanding conflict between Sahab and his neighbour Rassel Mia over a piece of disputed land, said villagers.