

## Mother kills 2 kids with poison

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon**

A woman alleged tried to take her life after killing her two children at Ghonimoheshpur village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased were one-and-half-year-old Nur Jamal and six-year-old Shammi.

Police and locals said Selim Uddin, 35, married Nurbanu Akhter, 25, eight years ago.

The couple often engaged in altercations over family issue after their marriage.

Nurbanu took poison after feeding the same to Jamal and Shammi following an altercation with her husband in the morning.

The three were rushed to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital where the duo died later, said Officer-in-Charge of Ruhea Police Station Prodip Kumar Roy.

## One to die, 2 get life term for murders

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari**

A Khagrachhari court yesterday sentenced a man to death and his parents to life term imprisonment for killing his wife and minor child in 2016.

The death sentence awarder is Saber Ali, 29, while the lifers are Saber's father Mahbub Ali, 54, and mother Renu Ara Begum, 49.

According to the case statement, Saber with the help of his parents killed his wife Majeda Begum, 22, and their six-month-old child in their sleep of March 22 in 2016.

Later, Majeda's father Sahab Uddin filed a murder case with Guimara Police Station accusing Saber and his father, mother and brother.

The court acquitted Saber's brother as charges brought against him could not be proved.

## Newlywed woman kills self in Faridpur

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur**

A newly married woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree at Hasamdia village in Boalmari upazila on Wednesday.

After the incident, the victim's husband went into hiding.

The deceased was Mira Begum, 18, wife of Md Rakibul Islam, 28, of the village.

Police and locals said Mira, daughter of Tahidul Sheikh of Charpara village, married Rakibul two months ago.

The couple often engaged in altercations after their marriage, said M Imran, sub-inspector of Boalmari Police Station.

Mira took her life by hanging herself from a tree near the house on Wednesday night following an altercation with her husband.



Widening work of a road is going on without removing 12 electric poles in the middle of the road in Derai municipality in Sunamganj.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

# Electric poles in middle of road poses risk of accidents

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Sunamganj

Due to lack of coordination between institutions concerned, the renovation work of 686-metre-long road is going on without removing 12 electric poles in the middle of the road in Derai municipality in Sunamganj, posing serious risks of accidents.

Sarat Biswas, a resident of Derai bus stand area, said the road from Derai municipality bus stand to Thana point is known as College road which saw no

renovation in the last eight years. This is the main road in the municipality.

Traffic accidents are occurring in the area frequently following the unplanned installation of the electric poles in the middle of the road by Power Development Board (PDB) authorities, he said.

Wishing anonymity, an official of the municipality said none of the institutions concerned want to take responsibility for removing the poles

citing the shortage of budget.

Local Government Engineering Department, PDB and Derai municipality always push each other for this but none bothers to think about commuters' sufferings, said the official.

Jamsed Ahmed, a resident of the municipality, said "We are happy that at last the renovation work of the road has been started after eight years and it's high time to remove the electric poles. Otherwise, the problem will never be

fixed after completion of the renovation work."

Mayor of the municipality Mosharraf Mia said widening work of the road was started earlier this year. Earlier, the road was 17 feet wide and it will be now 32 feet wide.

They wrote to PDB twice to remove the electric poles but to no respond yet, he said.

Tk 4 crore was approved for renovation work of the road but no

budget was allocated for this purpose, said the mayor.

Prabir Kumar Dey, chief engineer of PDB in Sylhet region, said as per the rule, the electric poles should be removed at the expense of the municipality.

"To remove the poles at our expense, we sent a proposal to the higher authorities seeking approval. If the proposal is approved, the poles will be removed but it will take three to four months," said the engineer.

## 2 murdered, 2 other bodies found in a day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A youth and an elderly man were murdered while bodies of two teenagers were found at different places of Dinajpur and Joypurhat districts on Wednesday.

Jhakki Imran, 25, son of Tenir Islam of Hawladarpara in Saidpur of Nilphamari, was stabbed to death in broad daylight in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur on Wednesday afternoon.

Police arrested Md Sumon, 19, son of Kalu Mia of Nayabazar, and Akbar Ali, 20, son of Hatikhana of Saidpur in Nilphamari, in connection with the incident.

Police said Sumon, Akbar and Imran came to Bangalpara village in Chirirbandar upazila on Wednesday noon.

Imran was taken to a secluded place there and stabbed to death around 2:00pm. Locals caught Sumon and Akbar when they were fleeing the spot.

Autopsy of the body was held at M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital in Dinajpur and a murder case was filed with Chirirbandar Police Station, said its Officer in Charge Md Mahbubur Rahman.

In Sadar upazila of Joypurhat, an elderly man was killed allegedly by his daughter's son on Wednesday.

The deceased was Belal Uddin, 70, Karimnagar village under Sadar upazila.

Police arrested the alleged killer, Bayezid Hossain, 19, son of Liton Hossain of Parulia village under the same upazila.

The boy slit the throat of his maternal grandfather with a sharp weapon on Wednesday morning, police quoted locals as saying.

Bayezid is mentally challenged, said his father.

The body was handed over to family members after an autopsy on Wednesday night, said Raihan Hossain, inspector (Investigation) of Joypurhat Sadar Police Station.

Police recovered the hanging body of a domestic help at her employer's home in Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur on Wednesday noon.

The deceased, Nazmun Nahar, 15, daughter of Ekabbar Hossain of Baraipur Haat under Phulbari of Dinajpur, was employed at the house of Reza Ahmed Bipul.

In Birganj of the same district, body of an 8th grader was recovered from a river on Wednesday afternoon.

The boy, Rabby, 14, son of Aminul Islam, of Dakkhin Sujalpur village in Birganj, went missing in the river at around 2:00pm that day.

## 3 jailed for arranging child marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mobile court sentenced three people to six months' imprisonment each for arranging marriage of an underage girl at Arazi Sgeikhsundor village in Hatibandha upazila on Wednesday night.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Samiul Amin led the court, said police.

The convicts are marriage registrar Shafiqul Islam, 36, matchmaker Mosarraf Hossain, 42, and bride's father Altaf Hossain, 47, of the village.

On information, a police team went to the village around 9:00pm and arrested the three while they were arranging marriage of a female student of Class IX at a local school.

However, the bridegroom and his men managed to flee the scene.

The arrestees were later produced before the court, led by the UNO, that pronounced the verdict, said Officer-in-Charge Omar Farooque of Hatibandha Police Station.



A damaged sugarcane field in the mill zone area of Rangpur Sugar Mills in Gaibandha. The photo was taken from Bochadhaha village in Gobindaganj upazila of the district recently.

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## Flood-affected growers urge for rehabilitation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Sugarcane growers in the mill zone areas of Rangpur Sugar Mills incurred huge losses as the affected sugarcane on vast tract of land dried up after being submerged under floodwater for three weeks since July 15.

They have urged the mill authorities and the government to start post flood agricultural rehabilitation.

The recent prolonged flood has damaged sugarcane on 591 acres of land in the mill zone areas that will adversely affect sugar production in the next crushing season 2019-20.

Moreover, cane on 3,792 acres of land has been affected partially due to longstanding waterlogging in the cane fields.

The growers cultivated cane by borrowing money from the mill and other sources but they fell in great trouble after losing their crops to floodwater.

They are now very worried about how they will repay the loans and rehabilitate them next time, said the affected farmers.

They have urged the government to waive the loans and allocate grant for rehabilitation, so that they can survive.

During the current cane farming season, total 5,521 acres of land have been brought under cane cultivation in the mill's eight

sub-zones and its commercial cane farm at Shahebganj, according to the mill authority.

But longstanding floodwater since July 15 damaged cane on 591.14 acres of land at sub-zone A, zone B, Shahebganj, Gobindaganj and Naldanga zones completely and on 3,792 acres partially.

Grower Khaibar Hossain of Mohimaganj in Gobindaganj upazila said he cultivated cane on three bighas of land by borrowing money from the mill authority with the hope of better yielding, but the cane dried up after being submerged under floodwater.

Another grower Sona Mia of the area said "I am fully dependent on selling sugarcane, but this time cane on four bighas of my land went under floodwater and those are now drying up gradually."

Cane grower Azizur Rahman urged upon the government for the rehabilitation of the affected farmers.

Rafiqul Islam, managing director (MD) of Rangpur Sugar Mills, cane farmers have incurred huge losses after crop damage due to flood.

They wrote to the higher authorities for agricultural rehabilitation of the affected farmers, he said.

They have also extended all possible support to rehabilitate the affected cane growers, said the MD.



Jute stalks are kept for drying in the sun beside a road at Mirzapur village in Kalia upazila of Narail. The item, mostly used for fencing in rural areas, is sold for good prices during the ongoing harvesting season.

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