

MURDER OF WOMAN, DAUGHTER

Man held, looted cash recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Tangail*

Police arrested a youth yesterday in connection with the case for killing a pregnant woman and her four-year-old daughter in the town early Sunday.

The arrestee, Raiz Uddin, 36, is a resident of Bhallukkandi area under ward No 9 in Tangail municipality.

Police recovered throat-slit bodies of Lucky Begum, 22, wife of Al Amin, and their daughter Alifa from her house early Sunday.

Al Amin, a mobile recharge shop owner in Bhallukkandi area, said he found the two dead bodies at the yard after returning home from his shop Sunday late night.

Slain Lucky's father Hasmot Ali of Ramnagar village filed a case with Tangail Model Police Station accusing some unidentified criminals the same day.

Tangail Superintendent of Police Sanjit Kumar Roy at a press briefing yesterday said they detained Raiz, suspecting his involvement in the murder.

During interrogation, Raiz admitted that he committed the murders for looting money from the house.

Later, following his confession, police recovered Tk 8 lakh looted money and a knife used in the killing.

20 fishermen jailed in 2 dists

Six injured in clash between fishers, cops in Chandpur

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Mobile courts in Manikganj and Barishal districts jailed 20 fishermen for different terms for violating the ongoing temporary ban on hilsa fishing while six people were injured and 17 fishermen detained during a clash in Chandpur, reports our correspondent.

In Chandpur, at least six people, including three policemen, were injured during a clash between a group of fishermen and members of river police yesterday when the latter conducted a drive against illegal fishing in Rajrajeshwar area in Sadar upazila during the ongoing ban.

The law enforcers fired four rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

After the incident police detained 17 fishermen from the spot and seized 50,000 metres of current nets and 21 kg hilsa from there.

All the injured are now undergoing treatment at Chandpur General Hospital.

Our Manikganj correspondent reported that a mobile court in Shivalaya upazila yesterday detained 15 fishermen from the Padma and Jamuna rivers and sentenced them to one year imprisonment for netting hilsa defying the 22-day ongoing ban.

Upazila Fisheries Officer Atiar Rahman said the court, led by Shivalaya Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) AFM Firoz Mahmud, conducted separate drives in the two rivers from 12:00am and arrested 15 fishermen from deferent points of the rivers.

In Barishal, law enforcers conducted a drive in the Kirtankhola river in Sadar upazila yesterday and detained 11 fishermen for defying the ongoing ban on hilsa catching.

Sadar UNO and Executive Magistrate Mosharrif Hossain said of them, five fishermen were sentenced to three months imprisonment while six others fined Tk 5,000 each.

During the drive, they also seized 6,000 metres of fishing nets and 54 kg hilsa, he said, adding that the seized fishes were later distributed among different madrasas of the city.



A scene of the Gandimara-Old Belgachhi Bazar road in Rajbari.

PHOTO: STAR

Villagers suffer as road condition awful

The four-kilometre-long LGED road in Rajbari developed numerous potholes due to lack of repair

SUZIT KUMAR DAS, *Fariapur*

Thousands of people of Rajbari Sadar and Kalukhali upazilas are badly suffering as the four-kilometre road from Gandimara intersection to Old Belgachhi Bazar has become almost unfit for vehicular movement due to lack of repair for long.

Rajbari Sadar Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) officials said 2.6-kilometre of the road is under Rajbari Sadar LGED and 1.4-kilometre

under Kalukhali LGED.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw a number of potholes in the road, which has become muddy in many places.

"Thousands of people from different villages of the two upazilas use the road regularly as there is a railway station at Old Belgachhi Bazar and two colleges, four high schools, a madrasa and five government primary schools are situated near the road. They suffer a lot due to the dilapidated condition

of the road," said Rajkumar Shil of Belgachhi village.

"Our sufferings know no bound when a critical patient has to be taken to a hospital in the district town," said a local.

Russel Rana, a college student of Basudevpur village, said, "We have to pay extra fare while commuting on the potholed road."

Abdul Karim Mondal, a three-wheeler driver said plying of sand-laden trucks for years caused serious damage to the road.

Accidents often occur and a good number of vehicle owners have stopped operation on the road to avoid damage to the vehicles, he said.

Atahar Hossain, chairman of Khanganj Union Parishad, said he urged the LGED officials to repair the road but no steps have taken yet.

Contacted, Rajbari Sadar Upazila LGED Engineer Khan A Shamim said, "Tender has been called for repairing the road. We hope the work will start soon."



The Buddhist community arranged a Ratha Yatra (pulling of chariot) in Bandarban town yesterday, marking conclusion of the three-day Mahaa Wagayawai Powe festival. Candle lighting, traditional cultural programmes, cake festival, release of colourful paper lanterns, and prayer for peace, prosperity and communal harmony marked the programme. The main festival Probarana Purnima, the second largest festival in Chattogram Hill Tracts, was celebrated on Sunday.

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Woman dies of dengue fever

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

A Housewife died of dengue fever at Jashore General Hospital on Monday.

The deceased, Sagarika Ghosh, 28, was wife of Ananda Ghosh of Amtala area in Jashore town.

Sagarika was admitted to the hospital after she was diagnosed with dengue fever on October 9, Dr Abul Kalam Azad said, adding that she breathed her last on Sunday evening.

Deceased husband Ananda said his wife and daughter Swastika, 12, fell sick a week ago and they were admitted to Keshabpur Upazila Health Complex from where Sagarika was shifted to Jashore General Hospital.

Swastika is still undergoing treatment at Keshabpur Upazila Health Complex, he said.

Retiree lends a helping hand to the elderly

He started paying monthly allowance to five of them from his pension payment

SAIKAT DEWAN, *Khagrachhari*

Chanchal Kanti Chakma retired from civil service last year. For the rest of his life, he will have to rely on the modest amount of pension he receives from the government as he does not have any other source of income. But this did not keep him from taking on a new duty, rather an additional responsibly, on his shoulders.

He decided to help out elderly residents, above the age of 65, of his neighbourhood on a regular basis by arranging lifetime monthly allowances for them from his pension payment.

The first five recipients -- four women and one man -- of the allowance are from his home village of North Kamukchhara in Khagrachhari's Dighinala upazila.

Explaining the philosophy behind his old age allowance initiative, Chanchal said government employees can carry on with their lives with lifetime pension they get after retiring at 59. But others, who are no longer unable to

earn for themselves due to old age, experience tremendous financial hardship to survive.

From this realisation, he decided to pay lifetime allowances for the needy elderly, he told this correspondent during a conversation over phone.

If possible, he will try increasing the number of recipients in future, Chanchal also said.

Bimala Devi Chakma, 71, is one of the allowance recipients. She said, "My husband and I live with our son. But none of us get any government allowance."

She started receiving the lifetime old age allowance of Tk 500 from Chanchal Kanti this month and she used the money for buying her medicines, she added.

Sixty-seven-year-old Nagori Chakma, another of Chanchal's allowance recipients, said no one came forward to help an elderly like her. "People from the union council came and put our names in their lists many times, but we got nothing."

Now that she has started receiving the monthly allowance from Chanchal, she is able to meet some of her basic needs with the money, said Nagori.

Asked why all the eligible senior citizens in the union could not be brought under the monthly Old Age Allowance scheme of the government, Boalkhali Union Parishad Chairman Chaian Bikash Chakma said the funds provided under the government scheme is insufficient for all the eligible senior citizens in the union.

Due to fund limitations, 710 individuals out of total 1,090 eligible recipients in the union are currently receiving the Tk 500 monthly government allowance, paid every three months.

The social welfare ministry allocates funds for the scheme once a year and a committee in each upazila finalises the list of recipients, based on recommendations made by chairmen and members of union parishads, Chaian Bikash added.

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Invitation for Tender

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| 1 | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment. | | | |
| 2 | Agency | Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training. | | | |
| 3 | Procuring entity name | Project Director, "Strengthening and Modernization of Apprenticeship Offices under BMET at Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna." | | | |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | 1400201121759. | | | |
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| 6 | Invitation for | Tender for Procurement of Vehicle (Microbus) (Single Package). | | | |
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| 22 | Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer | As per condition of STD. | | | |
| 23 | Brief description of goods | 12-seated Microbus (2019) (Details as per schedule). | | | |
| 24 | Brief description of related services | As per schedule. | | | |
| 25 | Tender document price | Tk 1000.00 (one thousand) in the form original Treasury Chalan in favour of Govt. Treasury Code 1-14002-0001-2366. | | | |
| 26 | Package No. | Identification of package | Location | Tender security amount | Completion time in weeks/days/months |
| | Package-1 | Procurement of Motor Vehicle (12-seated Microbus) | BMET | 1,25,000.00 | 120 days |
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| 31 | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. | | | | |

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