

Mystery shrouds deaths of father-daughter in Rajshahi

Family claims the man was overburdened by loans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Mystery shrouded over the deaths of a man and his daughter in Rajshahi city yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Kamruzzaman Rubel, 30, an auto-rickshaw driver of Dharampur area and his two-and-a-half-year old daughter Rumaiya Khatun.

Police recovered Rubel's body -- chopped into three pieces -- from the railway track at Jamalpur area in the city. Rumaiya, who was supposedly in her father's lap, was found severely injured and was declared dead at Barind Medical College Hospital, police said.

At the time of filing this report yesterday evening, neither railway police nor law enforcers from Chondrima Police Station made a visit to the deceased's home -- putting the onus on each other.

Rubel's wife Aleya Begum told newsmen that her husband along with their child jumped in front of a running train, failing to pay instalments of his loans.

She said Rubel sent her an SMS half an hour before his death, in which he wrote that she is going to find two bodies on a railway track moments later.

The incident occurred at 2:30pm when a Khulna-bound train hit the father-daughter duo as they were crossing the track without

noticing the train. Sub-inspector Moshiur Rahman of General Railway Police said, quoting an elderly witness.

"They were walking by the side of the railway track and the train ran over when they tried to cross the track," he said.

Asked why anyone would walk along the track while there is no walkway at the location where the incident happened, the police officer said, "Many people walk along railway tracks."

He said police were yet to visit the victims' home as Rubel's brother Robin had met railway police over the matter.

Rubel's wife said he was paying off the money borrowed from four NGOs and the weekly instalments were about Tk 1,700.

"It was our only burden," she said, adding that NGO officials were putting pressure on him and they used to create a scene, visiting their home often, when he failed to pay the instalments.

"He took his life before the NGO officials could visit our home today," she said.

During a visit to Jamalpur area, this correspondent met three eyewitnesses.

Jomela Begum, 48, one of the witnesses and dweller of a slum beside the railway track, said she saw the man (Rubel) sitting

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Oikyafront postpones today's rally

UNB, Dhaka

Having failed to get government permission, Jatiya Oikyafront has postponed its public rally scheduled to be held today at Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital, protesting the murder of Buet student Abrar Fahad.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the steering committee of the alliance at its convener Dr Kamal Hossain's Bailey Road residence yesterday, said a press release.

"Jatiya Oikyafront leaders think the vote robber government, which has become isolated from people, has done a shameful act by not giving permission for a mass mourning rally... The government has also curtailed the [people's] right of expression," the release said.

Oikyafront had announced the rally on October 16.



Bangladeshi Ambassador to Japan Rabab Fatima receives President Abdul Hamid, after he arrived in Tokyo yesterday on an eight-day official visit to Japan and Singapore. Special Assistant to Japanese Foreign Minister Kenjiro Monji was also present to receive President Hamid at Haneda International Airport.

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Two witnesses testify in Abrar murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two witnesses yesterday gave judicial statements before a magistrate, in connection with the murder case of Abrar Fahad.

The witnesses are -- Zahid Hassan Jonny, a canteen boy, and Md Mostafa, a security guard of Sher-e-Bangla Hall at Buet.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sarafuzzaman Ansary recorded their statements after Detective Branch Inspector Md Wahiduzzaman, also the investigation officer of the case, brought them at his chamber.

However, details of their statements could not be known immediately. After recording their statements, the magistrate allowed them to return to their work.

Abrar, a second-year student of Buet's electrical and electronic engineering department, was beaten to death by a group of BCL men at the university's Sher-e-Bangla Hall on early October 7.

Later, his father filed a murder case against 19 Buet students, mostly BCL leaders of the Buet unit, and several others unnamed with Chawkbazar Police Station.

Detectives have already arrested 20 people, including 16 FIR-named accused, in connection with the murder.

Six of the accused have already given confessional statements in the case.

70 migrant workers return from Saudi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 70 Bangladeshi migrant workers returned from Saudi Arabia on Sunday night, amid a crackdown on undocumented workers there.

A Saudia Airlines plane carrying the workers landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 11:20pm, said Shariful Hasan, head of Brac Migration Programme.

With them, around 16,000 Bangladeshi workers have so far been sent back home by the Saudi authorities this year alone, he said. Around 600 Bangladeshi have returned this month so far.

A support team -- comprising Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment and Brac Migration Programme officials -- arranged food for the returnees and assisted them at the immigration office, officials said.

Quoting returnees, Shariful said Bangladeshi workers have been facing a crackdown in Saudi Arabia over several days. Even those with residential permits were detained and sent to a deportation camp, he said.

2011 MURDER OF CMC STUDENT

Family seeks fresh trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Family members of Abidur Rahman, a student of Chattogram Medical College who was tortured to death eight years ago, yesterday demanded fresh trial of the murder case.

In a press conference at Chattogram Press Club, his elder brother Zillur Rahman alleged that Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists of CMC took Abidur to its Chhatra Sangsad office on October 19, 2011.

"They beat him mercilessly there," he said, adding, "When my brother became unconscious, they handed him over to one of Abidur's friends who took him to our Chawk Bazar residence in the city."

"They [BCL activists] even hindered his treatment process at Chattogram Medical College Hospital," said Zillur. But their efforts did not succeed in the wake of protests by his classmates and general students, he added.

Abidur succumbed to his injuries in the ICU of CMCH on October 21, said Zillur.

On October 23, Abidur's uncle Niamat Ullah filed a murder case with Panchlaish Police Station against 22 people. The investigation officer on February 24, 2012 pleaded to the court to exempt 10 accused saying that their involvement in this incident was not found, said Zillur.

He further said they could not continue to look after the case progress due to threats from the accused.

Later, a Chattogram court framed charge against 12 accused. The court acquitted all the accused on July 10 this year, he said.

Abidur's sister Morshed Yasmin said murders like that of Abrar [at Buet] would not have taken place if justice had been done over Abidur killing. She sought the prime minister's intervention in the issue.

"We were stunned by the judgment," Zillur continued. "We will appeal to the higher court."

In reply to a question, Abidur's mother Sedyunnnesa said his son was not involved in any political activity.

Man missing for 7 days found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man -- missing for the last seven days -- was found dead yesterday in Dhaka's Khilgaon area. The body was found tied, with a cable, to a pillar underwater in a jheel (waterbody).

The deceased was identified as Zakir Hossain, 45, a refrigerator technician. Zakir left home in Dakkhinaon area in Sabujbagh on October 14 afternoon, informing his wife Kulsum Begum that he would go to Nagdarpar area, said Mashire Rahman, officer-in-charge of Khilgaon Police Station.

As he did not return, his wife called his mobile phone many times but no one picked up.

The next day, when his wife went out to search for him, she found Zakir's mobile phone and sandal near the jheel of Nagdarpar area, the OC said. Kulsum filed a general diary with the police station.

Police conducted search that day, but could not find him.

Yesterday, police recovered the body after a man first noticed parts of his body surfacing from the water.



A bus caught on fire at Alampur area in Sylhet's Dakshin Surma upazila, injuring several passengers. The fire originated from the vehicle's gas cylinder. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze.

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BUSINESSMAN MURDER

4 sentenced to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chattogram court yesterday sentenced four persons to death for killing a businessman after abduction in 2008.

Chattogram Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal's acting Judge Abdul Halim passed the verdict.

The convicts are Md Mohsin, Imran, Furkan, and Abdul Kader, said court sources.

The court also sentenced two other accused -- Md Abdul Monaf and Shahdat Hossain -- to life-term imprisonment, said public prosecutor Advocate Ayub Khan. The duo was also fined Tk 2 lakh each, in default of which they will have to serve two more years in jail, he added.

Monaf was present in the court during pronouncement of the verdict, while the other convicts are on the run.

According to the case statement, Ranjan Singha was abducted by miscreants from Asadnagar under Chikandandi union of Hathazari on May 8, 2008. He was shot dead after being beaten up, and his body was dumped in a pond in Jugir Hat area. Police recovered the body after the victim's wife Smriti Rani Chandra filed a case.

PP Ayub said a court framed charges against the accused on May 11, 2011, and nine persons had testified in the case.

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