

Man stabbed dead over bet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A man was stabbed to death allegedly by his friend over a dispute centring a bet on a cricket match in Barishal city on Monday evening.

The deceased was identified as Ruhul Amin (26), a resident of the city's Amanatganj area, and staffer at a grocery shop.

The alleged killer is Sumon, a private car driver and resident of the same area. Sumon and Ruhul were close friends, said Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kawnia Police Station, quoting locals.

The two bet on a cricket match in which Sumon lost. Ruhul then repeatedly asked him for the money they bet on, said police after primary investigation.

On Monday morning, the two argued over phone about the issue. Around 5pm that day, they confronted each other at Amanatganj and engaged in a scuffle, the OC said.

At one stage, Sumon stabbed Ruhul with a knife and fled the scene, he said.

Locals took severely injured Ruhul to Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where a duty doctor declared him dead.

Police detained a person in this connection for investigation. Sumon is on the run.



A group of bikers formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday, seeking reassessment of the Road Transport Act. The new act came into effect on November 1 with provisions for harsher penalties and stringent punishments for violation of traffic rules.

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UNiTE campaign on ending gender-based violence kicks off

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At the first ever grantee convention of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, UN Women kicked off its annual activities for the UN Secretary-General's UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women, said a press release.

The high-level meeting is taking place in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from November 4-7, bringing together voices of activists and experts who work on innovative solutions to end the pandemic of violence.

For the first time, all current UN Trust Fund grantees will come together with government partners and the private sector to reflect and strategise on how to move on ending violence against women.

UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka will deliver opening remarks and receive recommendations from civil society organisations during the convention.

"Today, no country has achieved gender equality, and sexual violence continues to be normalised and embedded in our social environments, despite recent global mobilisations by survivors and activists," said the press release from UN Women.

This first-of-a-kind convention will be a key opportunity to identify some of the global patterns on what works in eradicating gender-based violence, and feed into next year's review processes, it added.

"Even in times of peace, we have witnessed how rape culture continues to be pervasive. As a global community, we can act now to end all forms of sexual violence, including rape, and work together to end discrimination, and I commend everyone to join us in this endeavour," the release quoted Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka as saying.

Menon, Badsha elected

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general secretary, was passed for 2019-21 on the last day of the congress, at Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

Badsha, also a lawmaker from Rajshahi, made the announcement at a press conference there.

Five new members -- Jyoti Sarkar, Nazrul Islam Haqqani, Ali Ahmed Enamul Haque, Nazrul Haque Nilu and Haji Bashir Ullah -- have been included in the 15-member politburo of the party, he said.

Badsha presented 19 political proposals, which were approved at the congress.

Expressing their deep concern over "massive corruption and looting in the country", he said such corruption is destroying the government's good image.

"Almost all sectors, especially administration, banking, share market, electricity, energy, and education, are severely corrupted," he alleged.

Badsha stressed on waging a mass movement to eliminate corruption. Demanding establishment of labourers' and farmers' rights, he recommended fixing Tk 8,000 as the national minimum wage. He also suggested not to pass any law that could diminish the rights of low-income

people.

Stressing on establishing a non-communal and militant-free Bangladesh, Badsha said there is no alternative to continuing in the Awami League-led 14-party alliance, to fulfill this dream.

"We took part in the last three national elections as components of the 14-party alliance, and are still working together," said the left-leaning party leader.

On Saturday, the congress started with a vow to continue its fight against corruption, inequality and sectarianism.

Meanwhile, boycotting the congress, the dissident leaders and politburo members who were suspended, alleged that the party had deviated from its communist ideals by forming alliance with AL.

Iqbal Kabir Jahid, one of the dissident leaders, said they will hold a two-day rally in Jashore from November 29-30, to declare their next course of action.

However, pointing at the dissident leaders, the party president Menon, in his speech at yesterday's press conference, said the congress was held successfully despite controversial activities of dissident leaders.

Welcoming the newly-elected central body, Menon urged all to cooperate to fulfill his party's agendas.

DB arrests 'arms smuggler'

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for a long time, and said these illegal arms were allegedly used by criminal groups including militant outfits and political goons, said Mashiur.

Hafizur used to bring the firearms from Bonogram village of India's North 24 Parganas with the help of his syndicate members Habibur Rahman and Zillur. A person name Jahangir used to supply the arms to the syndicate, and he used to charge Tk 30,000 for each gun, he said.

Syndicate members later smuggled those from Puthkali border point of Benapole in Jashore, said police.

The smugglers later sold those arms to the grey market, with the minimum price being Tk 50,000, said the deputy commissioner.

"We have got some names and clues about the syndicate members, and now we are conducting drives to arrest them," added DC Mashiur.

He, however, refused to disclose details of other syndicate members for the sake of investigation.

Four 'Neo JMB'

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Now in jail, Rakibul is the husband of Khadija Parveen Meghna, who along with another "Neo-JMB" female member Israt Jahan Mou, had surrendered to CTTC on October 17 last year from a hideout in Narsingdi's Gangpar area.

Since Rakibul was caught, Arif, Ilias, Forhad and Muntasim went into hiding but they recently surfaced after the group's current leaders instructed them to record a video for the "IS media", said CTTC officials.

"We have come to know that the arrestees were connected with the militant group and also had communication with their current leadership," said DC Saiful.

They were using different online IDs for communication and were also trying to regroup and collect firearms to carry out subversive activities, he said.

"We are now conducting drives to arrest other members of the group by tracing their location after collecting information by interrogating the arrestees," added DC Saiful.

A case was filed against the four with Ramna Police Station.

CTTC Inspector Raju Ahmed later produced the arrestees to a Dhaka court, seeking 10-day remand for interrogation. The court granted two-day remand.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Sayeed passed the order.

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"Bangladesh is now on the highway of development. Security is essential for development. That's why the security of our airspace is vital. I firmly believe that our air force will be able to perform this responsibility successfully," the president said.

Earlier, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Semiatat and Commander of Bangabandhu Base Air Vice Marshal M Sayed Hossain welcomed the president when he reached the parade ground.

Accompanied by Sayed Hossain and Wing Commander Masudur Rahman, the president inspected the parade and took salute. Secretaries concerned to the president were also present during the event.

Body of

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additional district magistrate Rehena Akhter. The probe body has been asked to submit a report by November 8.

Contacted, Rehena said the probe body has already visited the spot. The committee members are going over documents as part of its enquiry. Family members have decided to bury Wazid next to Soyahor.

ACC seeks US

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earlier the conviction rate was 22 percent. Now it has increased to 70 percent. The commission has so far filed over 200 money laundering cases, which are now pending at 16 trial courts, he said.

In reply to a question, Mahmood said the graft watchdog is not only arresting petty criminals, it is also catching big corruptors. "Many high-ups are being interrogated. No one will be spared. Criminals must face punishment," he added.

Seeking cooperation of the US in setting up a state-of-the-art forensic lab, the ACC chairman said they want to arrest corruptors through an optimum use of technology.

Dhaka Lit Fest

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women's rights, said Sadaf Saaz. The festival will also host the Gemcom Literary Awards, said organisers.

Dhaka Tribune Editor Zafar Sobhan, Bangla Tribune Editor Zulfiqar Russell and City Bank Managing Director Mashrur Arefin also spoke at the press conference while DLF directors K Anis Ahmed and Ahsan Akbar were present at the briefing.

Online registration is open at register.dhakalifest.com. Dhaka Tribune and Bangla Tribune are title sponsors of the event, with The City Bank Limited as platinum sponsor.

Minor among two accused

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cancelled, the court said while delivering the verdict on her bail petition.

On June 26, Rifat Sharif, 25, an internet service provider, was hacked to death in broad daylight in front of Minni's college in Barguna town. In the CCTV footage of the incident, Minni was seen screaming and trying to save her husband from the attackers.

Rifat's father filed the murder case with Barguna Sadar Police Station against 12 people on the day of the incident. The prime accused in the case, Nayan Bond, was killed in a "gunfight" with police on July 2.

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Govt, EC show-caused

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should not be declared illegal, Deputy Attorney General Abdullah-Al-Mahmud Bashar told The Daily Star.

The LGRD secretary, home secretary, EC, registrar general of birth and death, divisional commissioner of Chattogram and its deputy commissioner have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader came up with the rule following a writ petition filed by Nashreen Siddiqua Lina, a Supreme Court lawyer and resident of Cox's Bazar, on October 14, seeking its

order on the respondents to resume the birth registration in the areas.

Citing the writ petition, Lina told The Daily Star that birth registration of children at the four municipalities and 71 unions have reportedly been suspended on August 25, 2017, when Rohingyas fled to Cox's Bazar from Myanmar.

Biometric registration of 11.4 lakh Rohingya refugees has already been completed, but the sufferings of Cox's Bazar residents regarding birth registration have not ended, the petitioner said. She also said the suspension of birth registration is contradictory to the constitution.

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