

## PATUAKHALI HOSPITAL

# All 17 water filters out of order

PWD purchased the filters at five times higher prices than real market price

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

All the 17 water filters at Patuakhali General Hospital have gone out of order within three months of installation.

There are allegations that the filters were purchased at almost five times higher prices than the real market price.

The Public Works Department (PWD) in Patuakhali installed the water filters at different points of the hospital for ensuring pure drinking water in March.

Sources at the PWD office said the department spent Tk 67,991 to install each of the water filters. But all the filters are now out of order.

During a recent visit to local markets, this correspondent talked to several technicians and found that each of the similar category water filter can be installed costing around Tk 15,000 to Tk 16,000.

"We see a few water filters installed on the wall. But we don't get any water from these filters," said Jannati Begum, an attendant of a patient of children ward in the hospital.

"It would be beneficial for us, if we could get water from these filters. We have found it useless. Authorities concerned should take immediate steps to make these filters usable," said Abul Hossain, another attendant of a patient of medicine ward.

Seeking anonymity, a male nurse of the

hospital expressed his dissatisfaction over the incident and said this is nothing but wastage of government money. These water filters were purchased in high prices. But its quality is very poor.

Contacted, the hospital's superintendent Md Saiduzzaman said, "We, the hospital authority, requested to install water filters in the hospital. Following our request, PWD installed these. So, they can explain whether these were purchased in high cost or not."

"Unfortunately, these water filters went out of order within a few days of its installation. We have requested the PWD authorities to repair these immediately," said the superintendent.

Contacted, Md Zakaria, sub-assistant engineer of local PWD office, said, "We have already started working to repair the water filters. We hope these filters will start working immediately."

"These filters need regular maintenance. But the hospital authority did not send any requirement to us for its maintenance. Even, the hospital authorities did not conduct its maintenance. That is why, these filters went out of order," he added.

Each of the filters has warranty for one year or purifying around 8,200 litre water, said Zakaria.

Asked about the high price of these filters, the PWD's official said the prices were accurate, not high.



The water filters at Patuakhali General Hospital have gone out of order within three months of installation.

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## Gaibandha Santals cry for justice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Three years have elapsed but Santals are yet to get justice for the killing of three of their men.

They are not even getting return of their forefather's property.

More than 2,000 Santal and Bangalee families were ousted from the "disputed" farmland, on which Rangpur Sugar Mill was established during an eviction drive at Shaheganj cane farm in Gobindaganj upazila in 2016.

Leaders of Santal community said this at a protest meeting on Motherpur Church premises in the upazila yesterday. Philimon Baske, president of Shaheganj-Bagda Farm Bhumi Uddher Sangram Committee, presided over the programme.

On November 6 in 2016, three Santal men -- Shaymol Hembrom, Mongal Murdi and Romesh Todu -- were killed and many others injured during an eviction drive at Saheganj sugarcane farm.

The deceased were Shaymol Hembrom, Mongal Murdi and Romesh Todu.

The eviction took place following a violent clash between the families, mill employees and police.

Police and locals also torched their houses and looted valuables, said the speakers at the programme.

On November 16 the same year, Swapan Murmu filed a case on behalf of the community against 33 people, including former lawmaker Abul Kalam Azad and Sapmara union parishad chairman Sakil Ahmed Bulbul.

On July 30 this year, Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) in Gaibandha submitted a charge sheet against 90 people for killing three Santal men and torching and looting of Santal houses during the drive at the cane farm.

But names of main accused -- former lawmaker Azad and Sapmara UP chairman Bulbul -- have been excluded in the charge sheet.

The speakers at the meeting also demanded a fresh charge sheet incorporating the names of the prime accused in the attack.

Zaferullah Islam Proddhan, secretary of Shaheganj-Bagda Farm Bhumi Uddher Sangram Committee, Shamol Murdi, ethnic leader of Rangpur, Prilica Murmu, leader of Nari Adivasi, Sufal Hebrom, Barnabus Tudu and Dijen Tudu, among others, spoke.

## Man held for torturing stepson in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A man was arrested on charge of torturing his six-year-old stepson in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj district yesterday.

The arrestee is Swapan Mia, 35, of Chargaon village.

The victim's mother Sumana Begum on Tuesday filed a case with Nabiganj Police Station, accusing Swapan, said Officer-in-Charge Azizur Rahman of the police station.

Locals said after the demise of Sumana's first husband Sufi Mia one year ago, she married Swapan, brother of Sufi. She has a son

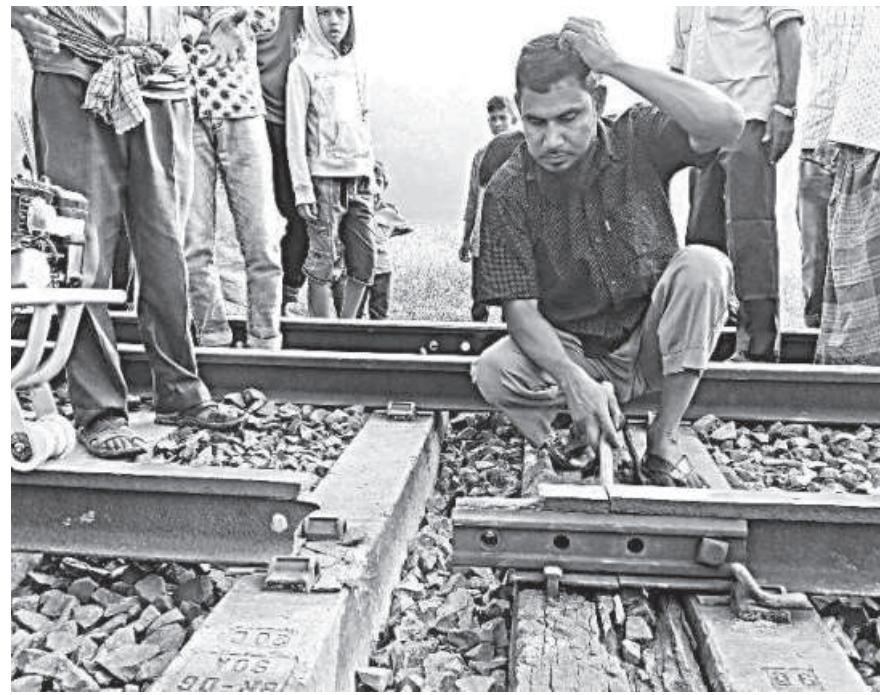
and a daughter from her previous marriage.

Two months ago, Sumana went to Saudi Arabia as a labourer.

In her absence, Swapan confined the children to a room and used to torture them for money. He also filmed the incident on his mobile phone.

"Swapan took money from me several times after sending me the video of torture," said Sumana, adding that she returned home from Saudi Arabia on Monday.

On information, police yesterday rescued the children from Swapan's house and arrested him, said the OC.



Train communication between Dhaka, Rajshahi and several northern districts remained suspended for nearly two hours after a portion of the rail track in Dinajpur's Birampur upazila broke down yesterday.

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## RIFAT MURDER IN BARGUNA

# Case sent to District Judge's Court for trial

Police submitted charge sheet in the case against 24 people, next proceeding November 20

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Barguna Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday sent Rifat Sharif murder case to the District and Sessions Judge's Court for trial.

The court also fixed November 20 for next proceeding of the case, said Advocate M Mojibul Haque Kislu, lawyer of the plaintiff.

Earlier on October 31, the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court of Md Sirajul Islam Gazi sent the case docket to Barguna Juvenile Court for starting trial of 14 underage accused in the case.

"Now trial of all the 10 adult accused will be held at Barguna District and Sessions Judge's Court while trial of all the 14 underage accused will be held at Barguna Juvenile Court," the lawyer said.

Meanwhile, Md Hafizur Rahman, judge of Barguna Juvenile Court, yesterday cancelled the bail of underage accused Arian Shrabon and sent him to Jashore Juvenile Correction Centre where 13 other underage accused in the same case are also staying.

Of the adult accused, eight are in Barguna jail, Aysha Siddika Minni is in bail while another accused Musa is still absconding.

Rifat Sharif, 25, was hacked to death on June 6 in front of Barguna Government College and its video went viral through Facebook.

Rifat's father Abdul Halim Sharif

Dulal filed a murder case accusing 12 people with Barguna Police Station on the same day.

Police on September 1 submitted charge sheet in the case to Barguna Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court against 24 people.

Rifat's wife Aysha Siddika Minni was the only eyewitness in the case but 18 days after the incident, Rifat's father claimed at a press conference that Minni had involvement in the murder.

Then police took Minni to Barguna

**Trial of 14 underage accused will be held at Barguna Juvenile Court**

Police Lines in the name of interrogation and showed her arrested in the case on the same day.

So far, 15 accused gave confessional statement to the court in the case.

Meanwhile, the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court gave permission to Kamrul Hasan Saimun, one of the murder case accused, for taking part in his degree (honours) examinations and asked the authorities concerned to take necessary steps in this regard, said Advocate Kislu.

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**এমবিবিএস কোর্সে ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি (২৫তম ব্যাচ)**

২০১৯-২০২০ইং শিক্ষাবর্ষে শহীদ মনসুর আলী মেডিকেল কলেজে এমবিবিএস কোর্সে ভর্তিচ্ছু ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের নির্ধারিত ভর্তি ফরম কলেজ অফিস থেকে সংগ্রহ ও জমা দিতে হবে। বাংলাদেশ সরকারের স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় (লিখিত) ন্যূনতম ৪০ নম্বর প্রাপ্ত (মেধাতালিকা ১ হতে ৪৯.৪১৩ পর্যন্ত) ছাত্র-ছাত্রীরা ভর্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবে। অফিসে ও মেধাবী কেটাগরি ভর্তির জন্য কলেজ অফিস হতে পৃথক ভর্তি ফরম সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।

**ভর্তির আবেদন ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ও**  
১৩-১১-২০১৯ইং তারিখ হতে ২৪-১১-২০১৯ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন সকাল ৮.০০ মিঃ থেকে বিকাল ৪.০০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত (সরকারী ছুটির দিনসহ) ১,০০০.০০ (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) নগদ মূল্যে ভর্তির আবেদন ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দিতে হবে।

**শহীদ মনসুর আলী মেডিকেল কলেজের বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ :**

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- ঢাকার উত্তরায় নিজস্ব ছয় বিঘা জমির উপর প্রায় ৪,৫০,০০০ (চার লক্ষ পঞ্চাশ হাজার) বর্গফুট বিশিষ্ট ৮ (আট) তলা কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল ভবন।
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শহীদ মনসুর আলী মেডিকেল কলেজ

## Man injured by rivals dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man, who was injured in an attack allegedly by one of his neighbours and his men in Netrakona's Khaliyur upazila on Tuesday evening, died at a hospital yesterday.

The victim, Rafiqul Islam, 48, a poultry farmer, was son of Jobbar Ali of Krishanapur village.

Quoting the deceased's family members and locals, police said there had been a longstanding feud between Rafiqul and his neighbour Abdur Razzak, also a poultry farmer, over rearing their ducks in a local waterbody.

The duo locked in an altercation over the issue on Tuesday evening and at one stage, Razzak and his men beat Rafiqul mercilessly, leaving him critically injured.

Family members rescued injured Rafiqul and took him to Khaliyur upazila Health Complex, from where he was referred to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, Officer in Charge of Khaliyur Police Station ATM Mahmudul Haque said, adding that Rafiqul died at the hospital yesterday morning.

## NGO employee found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A female employee of Brac, a non-governmental organisation (NGO), was found dead at her rented house in Rangpur's Pirganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Rumi Khatun, 30, was daughter of Altaf Hossain of Mohishamuri village in the upazila.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Pirganj Police Station Saroj Chandra said failing to find any response from Rumi's room till noon, house owner Taslim Uddin informed the matter to police.

Later, police recovered Rumi's hanging body by breaking open the doors of her rented house at Bhendabari village.

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