

Youth hacked to death in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A youth was hacked to death by unidentified criminals in Ashulia's Bhadail area of Savar on the outskirts of the capital early yesterday.

The deceased is Nayon (19), a resident of the area.

Miraz Hossen, sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station, said some unidentified criminals hacked the youth to death in front of a school around 3am.

On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, he said.

The body bore several injury marks. Police suspect the deceased might have been killed over a feud or previous enmity.

Police are investigating the incident and trying to catch the criminals. A case was filed in this connection.



ALL FOR ONIONS... People queue to buy onions at Tk 45 a kg from a truck of the state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh in front of port city's Kotwali Police Station. The photo was taken yesterday.

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'A staged lynching'

Charges pressed against Ctg councillor, JP leader in BCL leader Sohel murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Terming the murder of Chhatra League leader Mohiuddin Sohel preplanned, police yesterday submitted the charge sheet before a Chattogram court yesterday, implicating 52 persons including a ward councillor and a Jatiya Party leader.

Investigation officer of the case Jahir Hossain, an inspector of Double Mooring Police Station, submitted it to the prosecution at Chattogram Metropolitan Magistrate court, said Md Kamruzzaman of Chattogram Metropolitan Police.

"The magistrate will go over it during the next hearing," he added.

Saraipara (ward) Councillor Md Saber Hossain and joint secretary of port city JP unit Osman Khan have been implicated in the murder case along with 50 others, said Inspector Jahir. Their connections to the incident were established during investigation, he added.

Saber and Osman are also businessmen and involved in trade at Pahartali Railway Bazar. They are both behind bars now.

During investigation, police found that the murder took place in a preplanned way, following a rivalry over establishing supremacy in the market. They did not want to comment further for the sake of investigation.

On January 7, Sohel, former general secretary of Chattogram Commerce College, was beaten and stabbed to death by a mob -- most of them traders of the bazar -- terming him extortionist.

His brother filed the case, naming 27 persons including Saber, Osman, and 150 unnamed persons with Double Mooring Police Station the next day.

After the murder, Sohel's family claimed that he was targeted as he had voiced concern on irregularities and other crimes that took place at the market in Pahartali.

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Mother, two children rescued in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of Counter Terrorism (CT) unit of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) rescued a housewife along with her two children from a bus stand in Chandgaon area of Chattogram city yesterday morning.

Fatema Akhter Nipa (24), wife of expatriate worker Fakhruddin Rubel, and their children -- Adnan Sayeed Ayon (4) and Fahmida Jahan Rimi (2) -- went missing from Kaptai Rastar Matha area of port city on November 11 while travelling in a CNG-run auto-rickshaw from Aman Bazar. Later, family members filed a general diary with Chandgaon Police Station, mentioning the incident as "abduction".

However, members of CT claimed the woman fled her home deliberately.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mohammed Shahidullah of CT unit remarked, observing the incident, police first apprehended that the woman was abducted by the auto-rickshaw driver and started investigation with due seriousness.

"Analysing CCTV footage, we identified the auto rickshaw carrying Fatema and her children, and detained the driver from Halishahar area. The driver told investigators that Fatema asked him to change direction in Shilpakala area," said the DC.

"Later investigating the information from the driver, we spotted the woman with a man in Dampara bus counter

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON CAMPUS

MATS students continue demo for second day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Protesting sexual harassment incidents on campus, students of Bagerhat Medical Assistant Training School (MATS) continued their demonstration for the second day yesterday.

They came up with an eight-point demand, which includes stopping sexual harassment on the campus by firing the school's staff members responsible for the incidents.

Yesterday, the protesting students vandalised some furniture at the institution's administrative building, said witnesses.

After the incident, a four-member probe committee was formed to investigate into the students' allegations.

They resumed their demonstration around 9am yesterday, claiming they will continue until their demands are met. They also had a dispute with the committee head Dr Samir Kanti Paul.

If the issue is not resolved, the students

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PUSHING PRINCIPAL IN POND

Prime accused among five BCL men held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday arrested five persons accused in a case filed in connection with pushing Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute's principal into a pond on the campus.

The arrestees are prime accused Kamal Hossain Saurav, an eighth semester student of the institute's computer department; Murad Hosen, a fifth semester student of electronics department; Rayhanul Islam Hasib, seventh semester student of electro-medical department; and former students of the institute Sabbir Ahmed Shanto and Md Salman alias Tony.

A special team of the Detective Branch arrested Saurav, Murad, Shanto and Salman from a road along Bismillah Patrol Pump under Belpukur Police Station early yesterday, said Golam Ruhul Kuddus, additional deputy commissioner of Rajshahi police.

Hasib was arrested from Hatikumrul area of Sirajganj by Chandrima police, he said. They are all involved with Chhatra League, said DB. Saurav is the joint secretary of the institute's BCL unit. So far, police have

arrested 14 persons in the case.

WHY WAS THE PRINCIPAL ASSAULTED?

On November 2, a group of Chhatra League men, led by Saurav, intercepted Principal Farid Uddin Ahmed while he was going to his office in the afternoon. They dragged and pushed him into a pond as he did not "accept one of their illogical demands".

At least 133 students, mostly BCL activists, out of 455 examinees got 0, 1 or 2 in the 90-mark exam for second-semester students in September. The BCL men asked the authorities to make sure their activists pass the exam, but he did not agree, the principal said. He said the BCL men in the university often make such demands.

CCTV footage showed around 10 youths dragging the teacher by his hands and neck and then pushing him into the waterbody.

Later, he filed a case against 58 persons, naming eight BCL men, with Chandrima Police Station.

He mentioned that his attackers were followers of a BCL faction led by its president Mehedi Hasan Rigan. Rigan is on the run.

NID SCAM

EC staffer placed on 4-day remand

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN

A court yesterday placed a staffer of Chattogram regional Election Office (EC) on a four-day remand in a case filed with Kotwali Police Station over Bangladeshi National Identity (NID) card forgery for Rohingya.

The remanded accused is Md Najim, peon of Chattogram EC office, who was arrested by members of Counter Terrorism (CT) unit of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) on Monday.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) (Prosecution) Md Kamruzzaman, of CMP, said the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Mehnaaz Rahman passed the remand order after the EC employee was produced before the court with a seven-day remand prayer in the NID forgery case.

With the arrest of Najim, a total of 11 persons -- including nine EC staffers -- were arrested while four gave confessional statement before the magistrates.

On September 15, Anti-Corruption Commission found that using official devices, several syndicates provided

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