

GANG-RAPE OF MINOR IN N'GANJ

Accused BCL leader arrested

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A Bangladeshi Chhatra League leader, who was accused of gang-rapeing a ninth-grader in Narayanganj, was arrested on Saturday in Brahmanbaria in possession of Phensedyl.

Abu Sufian Sohan (24) is vice president of BCL's Tarabo municipal unit under Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj.

Police said Sufian and some of his associates forcibly picked up the girl on a microbus from Gondhrobpur bus stand area of Rupganj upazila on Thursday afternoon. They took the girl to a house in Ruposhi area.

The alleged criminals kept the girl confined for two days in the house and gang-raped her multiple times.

Later on Saturday, the victim's mother filed a case against five, of whom two were unnamed. Police arrested Towsib Miah (22) and Afzal Hossain (24) the same evening, but Sufian went into hiding.

Police in Ashuganj of Brahmanbaria arrested Abu Sufian with 80 bottles of Phensedyl on Saturday, said Rafiqul Haque, inspector (operations) of Rupganj Police Station.

Another case was filed against him with Ashuganj Police Station on the charge of drug possession, for which he was sent to jail in Brahmanbaria. When Narayanganj police came to know about the arrest, Abu Sufian was shown arrested in the rape case as well, said police sources.

Meanwhile, hundreds of students of different local schools yesterday formed a human chain in Gondhrobpur area on Rupshi-Kanchan road demanding that the rapists be brought to book.



Hundreds of school students yesterday demonstrated at Gondhrobpur area on Rupshi-Kanchan road in Narayanganj, demanding trial of the rapists.

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Culprits of casino

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(DNC) headquarters in the capital's Segunbagicha.

AKM Mominul Haque Sayeed is contesting for councillor of ward-9 of DSCC. Asked why law enforcers are not taking actions against him even after allegations of casino business and narcotics trafficking, the minister said those who are earning money illegally are criminals. Whoever the perpetrator is -- whether a politician or public representative -- will not be exempt from punishment, he said, adding that there is a zero-tolerance policy against crimes and the government is determined to establish rule of law.

Asked about the ongoing narcotics drive, Kamal said, "The drive is on and some drug barons have been arrested in the last two years... law enforcement agencies are still conducting the drive to arrest others on their list," he said.

Earlier the minister inaugurated NIMS and its TVC, jointly organised by DNC and Koica (Korea International Cooperation Agency). Through the system, DNC officials will now able to follow cases, licence management, operations and hospital management online.

DNC Director General Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Home Ministry Security Service Division Additional Secretary (Narcotics Control Wing) Dr Tarun Kanti Sikder and Koica Country Director Joe Hyun-gue were also present among others.

Clinic employee

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In Lalmonirhat, a man was killed after being hit by a tractor at Saptina in Sadar upazila yesterday morning, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Doyal Chandra, a resident of Bholabari village in Aditmari upazila.

Quoting locals, Mahfuz Alam, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said Doyal was walking towards the Medical intersection when the sand-laden tractor hit him from behind around 11am, leaving him critically injured.

He was taken to Sadar Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead, the OC said.

By-polls to Ctg-8 today

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movement to free BNP chief Khaleda Zia. He also expressed concern over using EVMs and urged voters to remain vigilant.

Regarding Kalurghat bridge, he said though the AL has been in power for 11 years, they did not construct the bridge.

During campaign, both candidates lodged multiple complaints with the

returning officer over violation of polls code.

Meanwhile, EVM machines and other electoral equipment were taken to the polling centres yesterday.

"The EC is all set to hold the polls in a free and fair manner," said RO Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, regional election officer.

"Strict security measures have been taken centring the polls," he assured.

Protect us

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to cadastral survey (CS) map.

"We have completed 80 percent of the survey and hope it would be finalised within 10 or 12 days," he said.

The residents said around one lakh people will be affected if BIWTA conducts eviction drives after the survey.

Md. Salam, another resident from Palashpur, said, "I purchased a piece of land in the area and have been living there for 20 years. Suddenly, a BIWTA survey team has

marked my houses as a part of the riverbed."

Deputy Director Ajmol Huda admitted the issue, saying over 1,000 establishments were included in the survey till now. "After completing the survey, we will take next steps after consulting with district administration and other authorities," he added.

contacted, BCC Mayor Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah said, "We received the memorandum and I assured them [the concerned residents] that they will not be evicted without rehabilitation."

Border killings

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Early last month, Abul Momen and Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan cancelled their visits to Delhi amid protests against India's Citizenship (Amendment) Act that grants citizenship to people of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian faiths who faced "persecution" in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Critics say it discriminates against Muslims and violates secular tenets of the Indian constitution. The law sparked furious protests as lakhs of people took to the streets across India.

The demonstrations led to many deaths, including more than 20 in Uttar Pradesh alone.

Asked whether media reports claiming Dhaka was not issuing visas to Kashmiri students wishing to study in Bangladesh, the foreign minister said it was not true.

Mansur Ali's 17th death anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the 17th death anniversary of M Mansur Ali, a former minister, says a press release.

Ali passed away in 2003 at the age of 75. He served as the textile minister in 1979, and was also associated with Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy and AK Fazlul Haque.

He also served as president and general secretary of Khulna Bar Association.

M Mansur Ali Smriti Sangsads will hold a discussion and milad-mahfil today at Sathkira Zila Samity Office in the capital's Panthapath at 5pm. Friends, relatives and well-wishers are invited.

Stamford University celebrates anniversary



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Stamford University Bangladesh celebrated its 18th founding anniversary at their Siddheswari campus on Thursday, says a press release.

The university began its journey on January 5 in 2002 with the government's approval. It earned its reputation due to efforts of its founder president and vice chancellor late Prof MA Hannan Feroz.

Stamford Board of Trustees Chairperson Fatinaaz Feroz inaugurated the event, while Vice Chancellor Prof Ali Naqi delivered the welcome address. Top university officials, faculty members and staff participated in the event.

Don't vote for those

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Fauzia said a woman councillor [from reserved seat] has to work in three wards at a time.

In this context, women councillors cannot ensure their due role in development activities as they are deprived of adequate government funds and proper working environment, she said.

In his speech, urban planner Mobassher Hossain blamed the lack of proper coordination among the ministries, lawmakers and two mayors for various irregularities in Dhaka. "A city mayor's power should be increased," he recommended.

Farida Yasmin, general secretary of Jatiya Press Club, said without ensuring women's rights, no development activity could be sustainable.

Nargis Matlab, a councillor candidate in Dhaka North City Corporation, alleged that women candidates are facing various problems; even from male candidates in their own party. "We must change our patriarchal mindset to establish a women-friendly city," she said.

Elections to two mayor, 111 councillor and 37 reserved women councillor posts in DSCC and DNCC will be held on January 30.

Accused sent to jail

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The other absconding accused are: Buet BCL deputy office secretary Mustafa Rafid and members Morsheduzzaman Jishan and Ehtashamul Rabbi Tanim -- all expelled.

Before the order, the same court on December 3 last year issued arrest warrants against them as the investigation officer showed them as fugitives in the charge sheet.

On November 13 last year, DB Inspector and investigation officer of the case, Mohammad Wahiduzzaman, submitted a charge sheet against 25 accused including the four fugitives.

On October 7, Abrar, a second-year student of electrical and electronics engineering department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, was beaten to death by a group of Bangladeshi Chhatra League (BCL) men at the university's Sher-e-Bangla Hall in Dhaka.

The murder triggered a firestorm of protests on campuses across the country. Many took to social media to demand justice for Abrar.

Tabith's campaign

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Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh alleged that their supporters and councillor candidates were attacked on Saturday evening when he visited Ishraque's house.

"While campaigning at RK Mission road, I went to the house of Ishraque Hossain yesterday [Saturday]. Unfortunately after returning from there, our councillor candidates were attacked," said Taposh before starting his campaign from Shantinagar kitchen market area yesterday.

Taposh campaigned in Paltan, Malibagh, Segunbagicha, Motijheel, Shahjahanpur, Shiddeswari and Baily Road areas yesterday.

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