

Sexual harassment in guise of begging!

Police arrest elderly man in Rajshahi from online video

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An elderly man was arrested by Rajshahi police yesterday on charges of sexual assault.

On the previous day, a video of the man sexually harassing women and girls while begging for alms in the crowd at Rajshahi's busy RDA market had gained traction on social media.

Noticing the video, police began an investigation into the matter.

The man was identified as Enamul Haque Bulu (62), a father of two daughters and a son, said Nibaran Chandra Burman, OC of Boalia police station.

Hailing from Naogaon, he lived in a rented house in Rajshahi city's Shekher Chalk area, he said.

Police thoroughly investigated into the matter, they talked to his family members, eye witnesses and scrutinised available video footages, the OC said.

"We found that Bulu was deliberately harassing women in the streets under the guise of begging," said the OC.

One of his victims is a 16-year-old schoolgirl. She had attempted to help him when he saw him shivering in the cold winter morning of last December 28 near Baroda Kalimata temple in the city's Kumarpura area.

"Can you help me? I can't walk," Bulu had told her. The girl tried to give him a hand to help him get up, and then she was sexually harassed.

She immediately ran and then returned to the spot with her relatives, but Bulu had fled by then.

Yesterday morning, the girl learnt from social media that the man was found and arrested by the police.

Accompanied by her relatives, she went to Boalia police station and filed a case against him for sexually harassing her, confirmed OC Nibaran.

Holy Cross school, college to open in Rajshahi city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Holy Cross Brothers, a society of Catholic Church in Bangladesh, are setting up a school and college in Rajshahi city.

The 'Holy Cross School and College, Rajshahi' will be built on 14-bigha land in Boro Bongram area within three years, said sources.

Rajshahi city mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton laid down its foundation stone at a function yesterday.

Dr Subal Lawrence Rozario, Provincial of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Holy Cross in Bangladesh, chaired the function. "The school will maintain a high standard of education to help students compete in the changing global scenario," he said.

Bishop Gervas Rozario of Rajshahi Diocese said the school plans to introduce nursery to university level education from the institute in the future.

Among others, Rajshahi education board chairman Prof M Moqbul Hossain attended the function.



The Left Democratic Alliance, a coalition of eight left-leaning political parties, staged a rally and procession in the capital yesterday, demanding an end to commercialisation of Covid-19 vaccines. They also called for free vaccines for all citizens. The photo was taken near Gulistan Zero Point.

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Nodi's body exhumed for autopsy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday exhumed the body of 13-year-old Nodi Akter, six months after her death at Saudi Arabia, and three months after the burial at the capital's Khilgaon graveyard.

Sub-inspector Jakir Hossain of Kalabagan Police Station sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for inquest report and autopsy.

The exhumation started around 12pm, with executive magistrate Mosharrif Hossain overseeing the work. Nodi's mother Beauty Begum and father Dulal Sheikh were present during the exhumation.

According to DMCH sources, they have received the corpse and will perform the autopsy today, once they receive necessary papers.

Nodi was sent to Saudi Arabia in March 2019, with a passport falsely listing her age as 27. According to Nodi's mother, after failing to contact

Nodi for more than a week, she contacted Dhaka Export—the recruiting agency that sent her to KSA. The agency then informed her that Nodi committed suicide August 14 last year.

On October 30, her body arrived at Dhaka airport, and according to Beauty, police hurriedly buried her, despite their request for an autopsy.

"My daughter was murdered. She was facing trouble since she left for Saudi Arabia, and she told me several times to request Lalon [owner of the recruiting agency] to take her back. Although I repeatedly informed the agency about this, they didn't take any action," Beauty said.

"I'm happy that they have exhumed my daughter's corpse. But along with the inquest report and autopsy, I want them to perform DNA test too," she demanded.

Nodi's family filed a case with Kalabagan Police Station on October 14 last year.

Univ student arrested for rape and blackmail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a private university student from Dhaka on charge of raping a student of another university in October last year and blackmailing her for months afterwards.

A team of police arrested Rafid Sadman (25), a student of South East University, from his Banani DOHS residence after the victim's father filed a case with Cantonment Police Station early yesterday, said Sub-inspector Shyamol Ahmed, who his investigating the case.

According to case statement, the girl got acquainted with Sadman a couple of months ago and met each other on a few occasions.

On October 31, she met the accused at a friend's house in Uttara where she was given a drink with sedatives. As she was unconscious, Sadman took her home, disrobed her and filmed her. He then raped the girl.

He blackmailed the girl using the video clips, the complainant mentioned in the case statement.

The accused let her go that day but used to force her to go to his house, threatening to leak the video clip on social media. He raped her several times, the case statement added.

"As Sadman continued his threats, my daughter at one stage disclosed everything to her mother. Then, we decided to file the case," the father told The Daily Star.

He demanded security for his family.

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Fraudster

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one Zakaria Hossain alias Liton recently who worked at projects of the local government in Kushtia and Magura.

With him, Rubel selected barren land in rural areas of the districts and built structures so that people trusted their activities, said investigators.

They also informed people that CCIC is building houses, schools, and dams to help people affected by climate change.

They then asked the victims to invest in the projects, said ADC Towhid.

He said they are trying to find out other members of the group.

The mad race

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parties use their position for self-interest.

They can be seen overseeing development work in respective wards, although that is not under their jurisdiction. Many of them were accused of embezzling funds allocated for their wards, she said.

As most of them are involved in a brand of politics that misuses power, it is easier for them to control an area, if they are councillors, said Jannatul, adding that they even vie in polls, defying decisions of their respective parties.

Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, a social scientist and former vice chancellor of Chittagong University, pointed out some other reasons. He told The Daily Star that all councillors are members of general meetings of city corporations, where all sorts of policies, budgets and projects are passed.

Every councillor has the right to vote in the meetings to pass an agenda, and so they are powerful in that sense, he said. Moreover, councillors conduct arbitrations in wards. Therefore, they have unofficial scope to exercise power. Considering all this, a section of candidates is crazy for the post.

Talking to this newspaper, Sushasoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujan) Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder, also a local government expert, said the councillor post is a part time job, and councillors virtually have no power, as per the city corporation law.

"But the main reasons behind the large number of councillor contestants is nothing but their desire to establish authority in their respective areas and make a fortune by getting illegal benefits using that power," he said.

Badiul also said if a councillor belongs to the party in power, they have much more scope to exert influence and gain benefits. But it is not possible if they are from opposition parties.

Sources said councillors' main source of income is development activities in their localities, as none can usually carry out development projects without their consent. To make them happy, contractors have to pay them money.



Naziruddin Ahmed passes away

CITY DESK

Former managing director of House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC) Naziruddin Ahmed has passed away on January 17, 2021. He was 79 at the time.

A banker by profession, Naziruddin was born on July 18, 1941 in Barishal. He was the second son of Late Azizuddin Ahmad, former State Minister of the Pakistan Central Government.

Late Naziruddin Ahmed held many important positions in Agrani Bank throughout his career, including general manager. He started his career in 1962 as an officer in the then Habib Bank Limited. He retired in 1999 while serving as the MD of HBFC.

DIU celebrates 19th anniversary

CITY DESK

Daffodil International University (DIU) celebrated its 19th founding anniversary by hosting virtual events over the last two days, a press release said.

The celebration was inaugurated on Sunday through a discussion session titled 'Our University in Our Feelings'. Another programme, titled 'Our University', was held in the afternoon, participated by all the clubs of the university.

Two more discussion sessions, titled 'World Wide Daffodilian' and 'Daffodil Alumni - Then and Now' were hosted yesterday. The first one was hosted primarily with the participation of international students, while the latter featured members of its alumni, the press release said.

Among others, the sessions were attended by Dr Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, Board of Trustees; Professor M Lutfar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of DIU; Dr SM Mahbub-Ul-Haque Majumder, Pro Vice Chancellor and more.

While addressing yesterday's programme, Sabur Khan said "The university has achieved a lot since its founding. The green campus, the huge infrastructure, the halls, the cafeteria, the library, the innovation lab, and placement in international rankings have all been made possible due to the team work of teachers, students and dedicated staff."

Vice-Chancellor Dr Lutfar Rahman said, "Daffodil International University started its journey in a rented building 18 years ago. The university now has its own campus covering more than 150 acres. All this has been possible due to the combined effort of all."

DIU had started its journey on 24 January, 2002 with only 67 students, which now stands at more than 20,000. The university has agreements with 300 universities across the world and boasts the highest number of foreign students among all the universities in the country.

It has also received awards such as the World Quality Commitment Award, Global Amity Award, Best Business School Award in Asia and more, the press release said.

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Contacted, Dr Hasan Shahriar Kabir, director (Chattogram division) of Directorate General of Health Services, said the Covid-19 vaccination programme would be conducted by the city corporation, district and upazila administrations. "As far as I know, all the districts in the division are almost ready," he said.

Meanwhile, residents are worried when they will get the vaccine. "I have heard that vaccines would be given to health officials and workers first," said 70-year-old Babul Dutta, a resident of Jamal Khan area. "We understand it's necessary to vaccinate frontliners but what about the rest of us? When will we be vaccinated? The government should clarify it."

Abdur Rahman (65) said, "Earlier, we heard that the elderly and people with comorbidity would get the vaccine first... but we are not sure as there is no clear announcement in this regard."

"Due to the pandemic, we are afraid of going out... We have been eagerly waiting for the vaccination to start," said the resident of Panchlaiah area.

Asked, the civil surgeon said it would take a while to start vaccination for general people as they will prioritise the frontliners first.

As of yesterday, he said a total of 32,578 people have been tested Covid-19 positive in Chattogram. Of them, 367 died and 30,465 recovered.

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