

## Man kills brother over family feud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A young man was stabbed to death by his younger brother allegedly over a family feud in Basail upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Mazid Miah, 33, son of Sentu Miah of Bathuli Sadi village, was a cloth trader at a local market.

Deceased's wife Mili Begum alleged that Mazid and his four brothers often quarrel with each other over handloom business and ancestral land.

As a sequel, Mazid's younger brother Shafiq Miah, 30, locked in an altercation with his father yesterday morning.

At one stage, when Mazid and his another Lavlu went to stop Shafiq from quarrelling, angry Shafiq stabbed Mazid with a knife, leaving him seriously injured.

Neighbours took Mazid to Tangail General Hospital where the doctors declared him dead. Officer in Charge of Basail Police Station Harun-or-Rashid said they detained Shafiq for his alleged involvement in the murder.

## Man gets life term for rape in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Joypurhat court yesterday sentenced a man to life term imprisonment in connection with a case for raping a teenage girl after abduction in Khetlal upazila in 2005.

The convict, Jahurul Islam, 40 of Banaich Alipur village in the upazila, was tried in absentia.

Joypurhat Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Rustam Ali also fined the convict Tk 1 lakh.

According to the prosecution, Jahurul abducted the 14-year-old victim when she went out of her house on April 12 in 2005. He then took her to an isolated place and forcibly raped her.

After returning home the girl, then a Class VII student, disclose the matter to her parents. Later, victim's father filed a case with Khetlal Police Station accusing Jahurul.

Police arrested Jahurul and produced him before a court that sent him to jail.

Meanwhile, Jahurul came out of jail after securing bail and remained absconding since then, Court Inspector Sunil Kumar Ghosh said.

## Expat's wife murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police recovered the body of a housewife from her in-laws' house in Jashore's Chaugachha upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Hasu Khatun, 24, was wife of UAE expatriate Alauddin of Chakla village. Police, however, detained Alauddin for quizzing.

Victim's father Mohammad Ullah father alleged a couple of days ago Alauddin returned home and demanded Tk 2 lakh from him, but he denied to pay the money, he alleged.

After hearing the news of Hasu's death, he went to Alauddin's house and found the tendons of his daughter's hand and leg cut-off.

# Batighar Adarsha Library: Spreading light in silence

MIRZA SHAKIL

A library, set up at a remote rural area in Tangail by a university student (now a police officer), has been helping local people including youths and students gather knowledge and become enlightened citizen for the last one decade.

Md Kamruzzaman Sohag, former student of criminology and police science department at Mawlana Bhasani Science and Technology University in Santosh, set up the library "Batighar Adarsha Library (Lighthouse Ideal Library)" at his house at Chourakora village in Mogra union in Sadar upazila on February 21, 2010 with a slogan 'Let's read books, enlighten ourselves'.

Men and women of any age, including students, can come here and immerse themselves in the ocean of knowledge. If anyone wants, he or she can become a member of the library following certain rules. If any reader wishes, he can read the book in the library and if he wants, he can take it to home.

Meanwhile, after founder Sohag joined as an officer of Bangladesh Police in 2018, the library has been running under the supervision of a group of local young students studying in local colleges and universities. They help others become members of the library and borrow books from it and return them. Besides, they also organise different positive events at the



Students read books and newspapers at Batighar Adarsha Library at Chourakora village in Tangail Sadar upazila. Below, Md Kamruzzaman Sohag, founder of the library.

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library.

"The library is not only about reading books. We also organise different events including general knowledge competitions among primary and secondary students, providing scholarships, recitation of poems, songs and recitations of the Quran, and holding discussion on various

contemporary issues at the library," Sohag said.

Sohag, now serving as a sub-inspector at police headquarters, also said that he has established the library as there are many people who love to read books but cannot afford to buy books regularly. "Previously it was our small effort to make it easier for them to read books," he said.

The library currently has around 700 different types of books in its collection. Such as science, literature, history, biography, religion, books on job preparation, magazines, newspapers, magazines on current affairs, academic books and juvenile literature.

"I am really grateful to those who have contributed to the development of the library with books and advice at different times," Sohag said.

Aminul Islam, a third-year honours student and also a regular reader of the library, said, "Since there is no library

nearby, we had to go to the district public library to read books, which is 12 kilometres away. So even if I wanted to, I didn't always get the chance."

"Because of the inception of this library, we are getting immensely benefitted," he said.

Anwar Hossain, headmaster of local Chowdhury Malancha High School, said that the library is playing a positive role in building reading habits among the common people. "I believe that by reading different types of books in addition to the textbooks, students are enriching their knowledge which will enlighten their future," he said.

Abdullah Khodabox, a senior citizen and social worker, said, "Reading a book has brought positive change among the boys and girls of our village. Giving time to this library instead of gossiping is keeping them away from various addictions. We hope the 'Lighthouse Ideal Library' will

move forward. The light of knowledge will spread all around."

Azaharul Islam, chairman of Mogra Union Parishad, said, "I would like to thank all those involved in the library for taking such an excellent initiative. This library is making an important contribution in building a knowledge based society. I will always be there for the development of the library."

Asked about the future plans, the founder of the library (SI Sohag) said that there are plans to further enrich the collection of books in the future, including the construction of a modern building for the library. "My father has already assured to donate a piece of land for the new library building," he said.

Apart from developing the habit of reading books among the people, initiatives will also be taken by this organisation to solve various problems of the society, Sohag said.



The dragon fruit orchard of Abu Taleb at Kumrihat village in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

## Dragon fruit gleams prospect in Lalmonirhat

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Lalmonirhat's first commercial dragon fruit grower Abu Taleb hopes to make around Tk 15 lakh in profit this year.

Inspired by YouTube, Abu Taleb started his dragon fruit orchard in 2019, when he was working at a private firm. He invested Tk 5 lakh on the orchard, on 65 decimals of land that he owns at his home village of Kumrihat in Aditmari upazila.

The trees started to bear fruits in only eight months and now each tree produces 12 to 15 kilograms of the fruit. Out of the first harvest, he sold only Tk 10 thousand worth of dragon fruit and he gave away the rest, worth about Tk 70 thousand, to his relatives and neighbours.

"I hope to harvest Tk 14 to 15 lakh worth of dragon fruit from the orchard this year," said Abu Taleb.

When the demand is good, each kg of the fruit can be sold for Tk 200 to 250, he said. "Even if I sell dragon fruit from my garden for Tk 50 per kg, I can still make profit... Initially, due to my lack of experience, I spent extra money to prepare my garden. But now I have gained enough knowledge to cultivate the fruit properly."

Aside from growing fruits, Abu Taleb also grows saplings of

dragon fruit. So far, he grew 2,800 saplings and he is currently making preparations to produce over 10 thousand more. He has been selling each sapling for Tk 50.

Local farmer Mohammad Abdullah bought 100 dragon fruit

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saplings from Abu Taleb in January. Abdullah said Abu Taleb also explained him good techniques to cultivate the fruit.

If he finds success during trial, he will also start cultivating dragon fruit on a large scale like Abu Taleb, he also said.

Jobed Ali, an educated youth from the same village, said he became interested in dragon fruit farming

after seeing Abu Taleb's success.

He already bought 150 saplings of the fruit and he was getting prepared to plant more. "There's a huge demand for dragon fruit at the market. If the production of the fruit is as expected, it can bring expected profits," he said.

Abu Taleb said regular and proper care of dragon fruit can produce expected results and only organic fertiliser should be used in its production.

"I leased 100 decimals of land, next to my garden, where I will plant 5,000 dragon fruit saplings this year. Once the garden is ready, it will be possible for me to earn an income for the next 20 years."

I dream of standing by the educated and unemployed population in Lalmonirhat by getting them involved in dragon fruit farming," he added.

Shamim Ashraf, deputy director of Department of Agricultural Extension in Lalmonirhat, said proper and timely care is essential for cultivation of dragon fruit that grows only on higher ground.

Although many farmers are interested in cultivating dragon fruit, they are unable to do so because a huge amount of investment is necessary in its cultivation, he added.

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This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited on line through any registered banks branches up to 5:00pm on 30/03/2021.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd))

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