

Missing teenage girl found dead in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Police recovered the body of a teenage girl from a pond near her home at Kahetara village in Munshiganj's Louhajang upazila yesterday, 18 hours after she had gone missing.

The deceased -- Humaira Akhter, daughter of Md Hanif Hossain -- was a third-grader at Kahetara Government Primary School.

Police recovered the body from the pond on information from locals. Humaira went missing from her home at 3pm on Wednesday, confirmed Louhajang Police Station Sub-inspector Mohammad Mohiul Islam.

He said signs of injuries were found on her neck. Police are investigating the incident.



The Ramna Kali temple, one of the sites identified and attacked by the Pakistan forces during the infamous Operation Searchlight, will be ready to welcome devotees after 50 years from today. The reconstructed temple will be inaugurated by the Indian President Ram Nath Kovind, currently in Dhaka to be a part of Bangladesh's Victory Day celebrations.

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Others take up our jobs, but we remain the untouchables' Harijan community members recount their woes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

"When other people use our quotas to get jobs, we are deprived of our rights. But we are the ones who remain untouchable," Chuglu Babu Bhanfor, a young member of the community said with great difficulty.

"Meanwhile, we're not allowed to sit at tea shops, barbers refuse to cut our hair, and we're not allowed to sit in chairs," he added. "We keep the town clean, we keep its offices clean, but nothing is done for our development."

He said this at a session titled "The Existing Problems and Possible Development Initiatives to Facilitate the Civil Rights of the Dalit Community", organised by Network of Non-Mainstream Marginalized Communities (NNMC) at the Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner's office on Wednesday.

According to a recent NNMC survey, there are 513 people in 109 families in two Harijan colonies in Lalmonirhat town. They do not have their own housing, don't own any land, and most of their residences do not have tube wells and other toilet facilities. Only 18 of them work in different government and non-government offices.

Speaking at the session, DC Abu Jafor said he will take steps to ensure the Dalit community get their rights.

Municipal mayor Rezaul Karim, officials from various government departments, and more also attended the session.

A celebration

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Yesterday's official Victory Day programmes began by placing wreaths at monuments, and hoisting national flags atop all government, semi-government and private offices as well as offices of autonomous bodies across the country.

Different parts of the country, including the capital, wore a festive look. City streets were decorated with miniature national flags and colourful festoons, and important buildings and roads were adorned with colourful lights at night.

Like previous years, the premier sent flowers, fruits and sweets for freedom fighters to the Muktiyoddha Complex at College Gate.

Awami League (AL), its associate bodies, and different organisations paid tributes to Bangabandhu by placing wreaths at his portrait at the capital's Dhanmondi.

Sheikh Hasina specially paid tributes at Bangabandhu's portrait in the morning. The PM's younger sister Sheikh Rehana was also present.

After placing wreaths, the AL chief stood there in solemn silence for some time, as a mark of profound respect to the memories of Bangabandhu and martyrs of the Liberation War.

The premier yesterday released a commemorative postage stamp, marking the golden jubilee of independence.

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temporary or permanent camp in the coast area," he said.

"We are ready to help, if anyone needs to return to normal life. But if robbers do not leave these criminal activities, stern action will be taken against them," he added.

Regarding robbers using Indian boats, DG Mamun said, "We are communicating with the neighboring country through Interpol round the clock."

Youth arrested over rape of 5-yr-old in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a youth from the port city's Bayezid Bostami area early yesterday over the rape of a five-year-old girl.

The arrestee is Md Kawsar (22), confirmed Md Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bayezid Police Station.

The series of events began a few days ago when a brawl ensued between the victim's mother and Kawsar, after the victim got bruised while Kawsar and his friend lit a polythene bag on fire near the victim's home.

The victim and her mother were on their way home, the official said.

"Following the incident, Kawsar plotted to take revenge."

"As per the plan, he lured the victim to a local temple and raped her, while her parents were outside working on Wednesday noon, leaving her injured. In the evening, the victim disclosed the event to her father," added OC Md Kamruzzaman.

After this, the victim's father lodged a case and the police went for the arrest.

"The victim is currently undergoing treatment at the One-Stop Crisis Centre of Chattogram Medical College Hospital," the OC added.

Cadet College Club elects new officials

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Cadet College Club Limited has recently elected new office bearers.

Shahadat Musharraf Khan (Mukul) has been elected as president, Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir vice president, Md Jakaria Habib secretary general, Reyad Hasnain joint secretary general and Shadhon Kumar Ray treasurer, said a press release.

The office bearers were announced in the club's 19th Annual General Meeting, held recently at the capital's Purbachal.

Other elected officials are Ashfakul Islam, KBM Saiful Alam, Maj (ret'd) Mohammad Nazmul Islam, Wazed Feraj, Mohammad Abdul Mannan, Md Ziaul Haque Shohash, Nazrana Chowdhury, Md Shahrir Mizan, Rafeza Shaheen, Ashrafur Amin Talukder (Robin) and Brig Gen (ret'd) Md Mahbubul Alam, ndc, psc.

Liberation War exhibition held in Barishal city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A day-long exhibition on the Liberation War was inaugurated at the Barishal Reporters' Unity premises yesterday morning.

The exhibition featuring various documentations and artefacts of the war was inaugurated by Barishal University Vice-Chancellor Prof Sadequ Arefin at the reporters' unity's Shaheed Janani Sahar Ara Begum Auditorium. It marks the golden jubilee of the country's independence.

Speaking at the programme, Prof Sadequ said, "Exhibitions like these are way more purposeful than our speeches. I think it will play a significant role in spreading the spirit of the Liberation War among the new generation."

Nazrul Biswas, President of Barishal Reporters Unity, said that their organisation has been carrying out this programme for more than a decade.

Apart from various books on the Liberation War and Bangabandhu



Various books on Liberation War and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, copies of the first constitution, dummy rifles, ammunition and photographs used in the war were displayed at the exhibition.

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war were displayed in the exhibition. Among others, eminent writer and journalist Anisur Rahman Swapan also spoke at the programme.

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Police finally record

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when the accident took place at the New Airport Road around 2:00am on December 3.

Police seized the car and the motorcycle from the scene, but the car was released two days later, she alleged.

62-year-old Manoranjan is a former BGB member who currently serves as security supervisor at a real-estate company.

"He is in a critical state, fighting for his life at the ICU of BIRDEM General Hospital," Mahua told The Daily Star yesterday.

Meanwhile, Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) strongly condemned and criticised the role of police for not registering Mahua's complaint 12 days after the incident.

In a statement yesterday, HRFB, an alliance of 20 human rights organisations, demanded the authorities to ensure justice and security to the victim's family.

The HRFB says that despite being a police sergeant, Mahua Hajong was not able to file the case, which indicates the involvement of an influential group.

The HRFB also asked to ensure that the victims' ethnic identities or the family identities of the accused do not hinder the access to justice in any way.

The HRFB also made five-point demands in this regard, including holding accountable the police officers responsible behind accepting the case, taking appropriate measures to ensure the safety of Mahua and her family, ensuring her professional life is not affected, as well as adequate compensation for the family.

It arrived a day later

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Pakistani soldiers surrendered with their weapons, while the collaborators fled.

The other battle at Khulna Shipyard area bled heavily. It began with the Pakistani forces ambushing a launch that was carrying freedom fighters along the Rupsha River. The liberation forces won, but at the cost of one freedom fighter who embraced martyrdom. Sixteen others were also injured.

Finally at 10:30 in the morning, the freedom fighters marched towards Khulna Circuit House grounds where the flag of an independent Bangladesh was raised by Major (Retd) Joynul Abedin and Gazi Rahmatulla Dadu.

Another flag was hoisted in Shaheed Hadis Park by the freedom fighters.

Sector-9 Commander MA Jalil later handed over several hundred prisoners of war, including commander of the Pakistani forces Brig Hayat Ali Khan, to General Dalbir Singh, chief of the Indian forces in the western region. The handover took place in Khalishpur.

Spirit of freedom

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"false" cases.

"She is fighting for her life at a hospital," he added. Later, the BNP secretary general along with the party's senior leaders went to BNP founder Ziaur Rahman's grave at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital.

BNP standing committee members Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku, chairperson's advisory council members Aman Ullah Aman, Abdus Salam, Abul Khair Bhuiyan, senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, joint secretaries general Mahbubuddin Khokon and Khairul Kabir Khokon were present among others.

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