

GIRL'S DEATH AT SUPPORT CENTRE

Man held after father files case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Rangpur police have arrested a man in connection with a girl's death at the victim support centre of Kotwali Police Station on Monday night.

After producing him before a court yesterday, arrestee Akash (26) alias Mithun, a resident of the Gangachara upazila, was sent to Rangpur jail, said Hossain Ali, inspector (investigation) of the police station. He was arrested after the deceased's father filed a case with the station over abetting suicide.

On Sunday noon, 19-year-old Runa Khatun was found dead at the support centre, 10 hours after police picked her up from an area under Haragachh Police Station around 3:00am. Officials claimed she died by suicide.

Runa's neighbour Sujan Ali said Runa, who hails from Jhenidah's Harinakunda upazila, left home on Friday and came to Rangpur to meet arrested Akash.

Sujan's account was corroborated by Rangpur's deputy police commissioner (crime) Maruf Hossain, who leads a three-member probe body formed to investigate the incident.

Runa and Akash came to know each other through Facebook, Sujan and Maruf said.

After Runa's father and the neighbour called the national helpline, officers of Haragachh Police Station found the girl and took her to the support centre in the early hours of Sunday.

Seeking anonymity, a constable of the support centre said Runa had requested the officers to leave the room so she could rest, which the officers obliged to. During this time, she died by suicide, police claimed.

On Monday, two police officers working at the station were withdrawn over negligence, while the three-member probe body was also formed.

In March last year, Runa was rescued and sent to the same support centre in the same manner by Rangpur police, after being notified by the national helpline. Later, her family took her home, said police and locals.



They are laid out on vines that grow on roadsides. Throughout winter nights, the cobwebs are blessed with dew, which starts to show as soon as dawn breaks. Like pearls on a nakshikatha pattern, they shine as the first hint of sunlight falls on them. This photo was taken from Khulna's Sonadanga yesterday. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

MV ABHIJAN TRAGEDY

'At least give us the bodies'

Missing persons yet to be identified

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

One month after the MV Abhijan-10 launch fire tragedy, relatives of those who went missing are yet to find their bodies.

According to Barguna District Administration, 31 people are still missing while the latest death toll stands at 49. Contacted, CID officials said they will be able to come up with a conclusive report on the missing persons next month.

Farida Begum, who is currently staying in Dhaka, told this correspondent over phone that three of her loved ones - her daughter Pakhi Begum, grandson Nasirullah and daughter-in-law Hakim Sharif - were on the launch during the fire hazard but are yet to be traced.

She said they couldn't find the bodies despite repeated searches at Jhalakathi, Barguna and Barishal Medical College Hospital. "How long will we wait? At least give us the bodies," she said.

The same was echoed by Obaidul Haque of Patuakhali's Mirzaganj, who said his aunt Jahanara Begum and uncle were boarding the launch during the accident. But while his uncle was injured, currently undergoing treatment for burn injury at BIRDEM, his aunt Jahanara went missing.

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1.7m people, ZERO PUBLIC BUS

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

There's no city bus service for 1.7 million residents of Khulna for the last four years.

In 2005, there were 60 functional buses used as public transport in the city, which drastically reduced to 5 in 2017. Only one of them remained in operation till 2018.

As a result, residents of the city, especially students of schools and colleges and people belonging to the lower-middle class, are being deprived of "urban transport" services.

Since the last couple of years, Khulna's transportation has mainly been dominated by syndicates of Mahendra [locally assembled three-wheelers] and CNG drivers.

Though the city mayor promised to re-launch "Nagar Paribahan" in his election manifesto, there has been no progress in this regard. This has left the commuters with no option but to comply with the higher fares charged by the Mahindra and CNG syndicate.

According to KCC, the city has 640-km roads in total. There were about 60 city transport services from Phultala to Rupsha post-independence. Four to five buses would run from one end of the city to the other every hour at the lowest possible cost.

In 2016, five double-decker bus services were introduced by BRTC, but they did not remain in operation for long.

At present, the fare of Mahendra and CNG from Fultala to Rupsha Ghat in Khulna is Tk 60-70 per person, which was Tk 20-25 for city service buses.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN KHULNA

Post independence to 2005: 60 buses
2017: 5 functional
2018: 1 remained
2022: None in operation

Asaduzzaman Rahul, an economics major studying at Government B.L. College, said fares of Mahendra and CNGs from Phultala to Daulatpur is Tk 30-40.

"But with city buses, it would've cost only Tk 10," said Rahul.

"I spend around Tk 1,500 to 1,800 per month

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GK Shamim's mother sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of Ayesha Akhter, mother of expelled Jubo League leader GK Shamim, and sent her to jail in a graft case.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after she surrendered before the court through her lawyer, seeking bail in the case. The judge also transferred the case to the Special Judge's Court-4 and fixed March 30 for hearing on the charge framed against them.

On November 16 last year, the same court accepted the charges. ACC filed the case against Shamim, a top government-listed contractor, and his mother on October 21, 2019 for accumulating illegal wealth worth Tk 297 crore.

Two PUST officials suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Two officials of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) were suspended yesterday, after cases were filed against them. They are: Harunur Rashid Don, assistant registrar of mathematics department and president of PUST Officers Association, and Sultan Mahamud, senior office assistant of Bangla department.

One Mozammel Hossain filed the case against Don on December 12 over the killing of his son independent chairman candidate Yasin Ali, who died in an incident of polls-related violence on December 11. Against Sultan, his ex-wife filed a case on January 19 over threatening her.

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Invitation for Tender (works)
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2	651231 GDP-3/ MA-80	Improvement of Falsatia Juncalsia More-Sakrail Bazar via Maniknagar Road by BC Ch.1000-2251m Under Upazila: Shibalaya, District : Manikganj (Road ID No. 356784063) (Salvage Cost Tk.1133526)	LTM	23-February-2022 16:00 & 24-February-2022 16:00
3	651233 GDP-3/ MA-84	Construction of 38.0m Long RCC Inverted Girder Bridge on Jamunabad High School Mr. Rabi house-Basta Bazar via Hamid Mridha house Road at Ch.0+005km Under Shibalaya, District : Manikganj (Road ID No. 356785055)	OSTETM	23-February-2022 16:00 & 24-February-2022 16:00
4	651232 GDP-3/ MA-85	Construction of 40.0m Long PSC Girder Bridge (With 15.0 x2=30m viaduc) on Katigram GC-Bhagabanpur via Bangobandhu High School road at Ch.4800m Under Sadar, Dist : Manikganj (Road ID No.356464008)	OSTETM	23-February-2022 16:00 & 24-February-2022 16:00

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2	651874	Goods Supply of Equipment for Software Lab.	26-Jan-2022 10:00:00	16-Feb-2022 12:30:00
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4	651869	Goods Supply of Equipment for CAD Lab	26-Jan-2022 10:00:00	16-Feb-2022 12:30:00
5	651866	Goods Supply of Equipment for Electrical wiring & Appliances Lab	26-Jan-2022 10:00:00	16-Feb-2022 12:00:00
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