

MITU MURDER Law must be followed to record children's statement: HC

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During a hearing centring the murder of Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, the High Court yesterday stated that the investigation officer (IO) can record statements of the two children of Mitu and Babul Akhter, former superintendent of police, by strictly following relevant rules of the Children Act.

The IO, an officer of Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI), will record their statements in presence of their grandfather (Babul's father), district social service officer, and a female police officer, the HC said.

The HC bench of Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim and Justice Shahed Nuruddin passed the order, following a revision petition filed by Babul's father Abdul Wadud Miah and brother Habibur Rahman Labu, challenging a Chattogram court order.

Ever since Babul was arrested in the murder case, filed by Mitu's father Mosharraf Hossain on May 12 last year, Babul's children have been staying with their grandfather in Magura.

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PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

This grandfather-grandson duo was seen taking a dip in the waters of Bhairab river in Khulna amid the swelter yesterday. The quick swim brought much joy to the toddler, who was seen enjoying the company of the grandfather as much as the cool water. This photo was taken from Ghat-5 area.

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People need to know they exist

FROM PAGE 3 According to official estimates, there are around 50 indigenous groups in Bangladesh.

"Many of the general population do not even know the names of some of these indigenous groups. People need to know that groups like Ganju and Banai exist," said Sanjeeb Drong, secretary of Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum.

Rashed Khan Menon, parliamentarian and president of Workers' Party, said it is tragic that the indigenous groups are disappearing while the government is debating whether or not the word "adibashi" can be used.

"There needs to be a

separate land commission for indigenous people of the plain lands," said Menon. "Because of lack of formal systems, they face eviction from their villages, while their lands and properties are taken away from them."

Artiste Mamunur Rashid spoke about the need to represent the communities in a way that does not exoticise them. "The communities are portrayed as tourist attractions -- with photos of colourful, dancing indigenous women."

"The documentation must also be in their own mother languages. There are no known novels or extensive literature in indigenous languages.

These need to be encouraged."

"Our state is afraid of letting indigenous people build their own cultural narratives, lest they begin demanding their rights using that as a medium."

Prof Mesbah Kamal, vice chancellor of Bangladesh University, said the term "indigenous nationalities" should be used instead of "indigenous communities".

Parliamentarian Aroma Dutta also spoke at the event. Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, opened the programme.

Excavation work

FROM PAGE 3 "The width of the canal -- which was 100 feet -- came down to only eight feet due to the encroachment. We have recovered those. We even demolished a 10-storey building constructed on the encroached canal," said Taposh. Taposh also said DSCC will bring back the previous looks of the

old Buriganga channel by creating an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere.

About the sluice gates in Beribadh area, the mayor said they have started their work to keep the sluice gates on the flood protection embankment operational before getting the official jurisdiction.

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Five shoe factories gutted in fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire gutted five shoe factories and a shop in port city's Mazinghat area early yesterday.

The fire originated from a shoe factory on the first floor of a multi-storey building around 5:45am. It spread to adjacent factories and a grocery shop, said Anisur Rahman, deputy director of fire service in Chattogram.

Firefighters doused the blaze around 8:00am with the help of locals. No causality was reported.

As per factory workers, the fire originated from an electric spark. But fire service officials said they were yet to ascertain the reason.

2 die in Joypurhat road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two persons were killed as a speeding pickup hit a battery-run easy-bike in Khetlal upazila of Joypurhat on Tuesday night.

The accident occurred on Molangari-Dupchachia road at Shibpur Bazar around 11:30pm, said police.

Sahadul Islam (28) from Khetlal, and Shyamal Boiragi (32) from Bogura died on the spot.

Md Mokhles, sub-inspector of Khetlal Police Station, said the victims were going to Shibpur Bazar in Khetlal on the easy-bike.

Five jailed for killing trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Tangail court yesterday sentenced five people to different jail terms in a case filed for murdering a trader in Basail Parvez.

Judge Md Masud Uzzeq of First Additional District and Session Judge's Court passed the order.

The convicts are Rezaul Islam Reza, Alo Begum, Rezvee Miah, Alamgir Hossain and Lal Miah. Rezaul was jailed until death and the rest were given life-term imprisonment.

According to the prosecution, following a dispute, the convicts killed their relative Moniruzzaman, a trader, on September 12, 2010.