



HOUSES ON THE EDGE... Residents of Satkhira's Gabura area are living in constant fear of losing their homes. Every day, during high tide, the Kholpetua river eats away bits of the bank, eroding the embankment that was set up there to prevent the erosion in the first place. If prompt action isn't taken, an unfortunate fate seems to be unavoidable. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Two get life term for raping child in Natore

STAR REPORT

A Natore court yesterday sentenced two people to life-term imprisonment for raping a child in Baraigram upazila of the district in 2016.

They are Sohag, 29, and Sagar, 27, of the upazila, reports UNB.

The court also sentenced another accused, Roni, to 10 years' detention under the Children's Act.

Natore Women and Child Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Abdur Rahim handed down the verdict in presence of the convicts.

The convicts were fined Tk 20,000 each and ordered to give it as compensation to the victim.

According to the statement of a case filed by the victim's mother, the three intercepted the girl at a fair and took her to a nearby pond, where they raped her.

MAN ARRESTED OVER RAPE OF CHILD IN NGANJ Police yesterday arrested a man for allegedly raping a 10-year-old on yesterday in Fatullah of Narayanganj.

Arrested Shahin Nawab, 45, is from Farazikanda area of Fatullah.

Police said the child's father filed a case against Shahin under Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children Act with Fatullah Model Police Station on Monday night.

Police then arrested the accused from his home yesterday morning.

The accused and victim's family were living in the same rented house.

Shahin raped the child on Monday noon, said sub-inspector Md Rezaul of the police station, according to case statements.

The accused was sent to jail through court on yesterday afternoon, he added.

A health hazard for Khulna residents

Poor medical waste management leading to unsanitary condition on streets

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Khulna is facing a severe health hazard as around half of the clinics, hospitals, and diagnostic centres in the city do not have their own waste-disposal mechanism and dump unsorted garbage in street bins, said officials of Directorate General of Health Services and Khulna City Corporation (KCC).

Similar situation prevails in the other 117 medical facilities in nine upazilas of Khulna, they said.

According to Md Abdul Aziz, chief conservancy officer of KCC, 12 to 14 tonnes of clinical waste is produced every day. Of those, two NGOs -- Prodipan and Sadichha -- collect only 7 to 8 tonnes from 172 out of the 406 hospitals and clinics regularly.

Only Khulna Medical College Hospital and BNS Upasham (Navy hospital) have their own waste disposal plants, the KCC official added.

Each patient of a private hospital produces 1.15 kilos of waste a day, while a public-hospital patient generates 0.69 kilos. As there are no specific legal provisions for clinical waste management, half of the hospitals dispose of their waste in city corporation bins with other wastes, according to KCC.

Amputated body parts, stool, urine, blood, phlegm, bandages, syringes, needles, and other materials used in laboratories and medical services are often dumped on the city's roadsides, causing serious public nuisance and health risk.

Palash Das, a resident of the city's Boyra Das Para area, said amputated human body parts are often seen in front of KMCH and adjacent areas.

Dr Sheikh Baharul Alam, president of Bangladesh Medical Association Khulna, said unsafe dumping poses a serious health risk. "Some trash collected pick up used syringes and other clinical materials from the hospitals and sell them to syndicates at low prices."

Dr Sujat Ahmed, civil surgeon of Khulna, issued notices to all clinics to

AT A GLANCE

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- Waste collected: 7 to 8 tonnes per day

waste.

Dr Gazi Mizanur Rahman, chairman of Gazi Medical College Hospital, admitted that it is difficult to maintain medical waste properly in their social and practical reality, and they rely on an NGO for waste management.

Iqbal Hossain, director of the Department of Environment, Khulna, said a lack of human resources prevents them from conducting drives in regards to waste mismanagement in every sector.

The hospital and clinic authorities should install their own incinerators to destroy waste, and they should follow the rules for their own interest," he added.

If clinical waste is not managed properly, waste collectors, health professionals, and common people may be affected by various contagious diseases.

Free iftar at High Court Mazar Mosque



HELEMUL ALAM

For Muslims, Ramadan is about restraint, austerity and fostering social cohesion and brotherhood among all, irrespective of wealth.

Iftar at High Court Mazar is epitomised by that spirit in the fullest sense.

Around 2,500 people from all walks of life gather here to break their fast.

The process of cooking and distributing iftar for so many people is a huge task, said Md Shahid, a follower of Khawaja Kasheem Ali Shah Chisti, who is involved in the endeavour for around 30 years now.

Around 3:15pm yesterday, two hours ahead of iftar, several volunteers were seen busy completing the cooking of vegetable khichuri. They had no time to waste as they will need to serve iftar exactly at 6:30pm at the High Court Mazar Mosque.

The iftar preparations started in the morning. They cut vegetables and different kinds of fruits and prepared other iftar items like chickpeas, beguni, potato chop, piaju and sherbet.

Shahid said around 1:00pm, they started to place plates and glasses on the floors at the premises next to the mosque.

"Most importantly we have to ensure that everybody gets equal shares," he said.

Zihad Ali Pagla, another follower of Kasem Ali, said most people who come here for iftar are the poor, including beggars, orphans, street children, rickshaw-pullers, unemployed and homeless people.

Ahaduzzaman said the followers of Kasem Ali have been arranging this kind of iftar at 11 places in 11 districts, an initiative which was started by Kasem himself.

However, the picture is a little different inside the Dhaka High Court Mazar Mosque, where food items are distributed through bowls and one bowl was dedicated to four persons.

They also distribute a glass of sherbet to each person.

During a visit to the mosque at 4:00pm, it was found several hundred red bowls were placed on the

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31pc working women experienced physical violence: study

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Women in eight districts of Bangladesh, particularly those who have low-paying jobs, face multiple challenges at workplaces, including poor working conditions, low wages, and violence, revealed a new study.

The study was conducted over three months in 2022, covering 1,507 women from four divisions: Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong, and Khulna.

Presented yesterday at a dialogue organised by OXFAM Bangladesh in the capital, the study found that 75 percent of live-out domestic workers lived in slums with only one room for living quarters.

Furthermore, 81 percent of women workers had poor physiological conditions, and only 1 percent received paid maternity leave. Additionally, 76 percent did not receive social security support at work.

The study found that 72 percent of women workers faced "mental violence", with 74 percent facing verbal abuse, 31 percent experiencing physical violence, and 6 percent sexual violence.

The dialogue featured women from various professions, including Rahima Begum, a domestic worker from

Chattogram, who described how she worked 18 hours a day for just Tk 1,500 and suffered verbal abuse from colleagues.

Helena Begum, a fisher from Patuakhali, also spoke, describing the difficulties she faced when her husband was away at sea and the lack of recognition for women in her profession.

The study -- conducted over three months in 2022, covering 1,507 women from Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong, and Khulna divisions -- found that 75 percent of domestic workers lived in slums with only one room for living quarters.

Women domestic workers, tea-garden workers, home-based workers, and fisherfolk women workers faced various challenges related to their salaries, lack of nutritious food, fair leave and bonus facilities, and other difficulties, according to the study.

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3 trucks with Indian goods worth Tk 3cr seized at port

S DILIP ROY

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members have seized three Indian trucks with Indian goods worth Tk 3 crore, including sarees, three pieces, chemical products, and spectacles, which were illegally coming through the Burimari land port in Lalmonirhat's Patgram upazila.

Rangpur Lt BGB Battalion's Commanding Officer (CO) Lt Col Mir Hasan Shahriar Mahmud confirmed this information through a press conference yesterday.

BGB members of Teesta Battalion 2 under 61 BGB Battalion seized the trucks from Kala Bagan and Burimari Bus Stand around 11:00pm on Monday night.

However, none of the truck drivers and helpers were arrested.

BGB officials said through secret intel, they

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'Influenced by video games to commit violence' Rab claims after arresting two in double murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prime accused for the murder of two schoolboys in Patuakhali's Baufal upazila was influenced by playing video games to commit the act of violence, claimed Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday.

Rab made the claims yesterday following the arrest of the prime accused and another associate from Dhaka and Narsingdi on Monday night.

Both the accused are aged around 15 years, said Rab.

On March 22, Maruf Hossain Bappi and Nafis Mostofa -- both 15 years of age and tenth graders at Indrakul Secondary School -- were killed brutally by a group of ninth graders studying at the same school.

Nafis' mother Nargis Begum filed a murder case with Baufal Police Station accusing nine teenagers, including three unnamed ones.

While conducting a shadow investigation, a team of Rab headquarters' intelligence wing and Rab 3 arrested two absconding accused of the case, said Commander Khandaker Al Moin,

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808142	e-TENDER/NPI/Rev/22-23/GD-04	Procurement of Engineering & Others Equipments for Civil Technology Modern Lab (Surveying Equipment) (411204)			
807689	e-TENDER/NPI/Rev/22-23/GD-01	Procurement of Engineering & Others Equipments for Electrical Technology Modern Lab (Electrical Power Shop) (411204)			
807684	e-TENDER/NPI/Rev/22-23/GD-03	Procurement of Engineering & Others Equipments for Civil Technology Modern Lab (Geotechnical Lab) (411204)			
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CORRIGENDUM

With respect to the CORRIGENDUM No 14.39.0000.012.07.001.23.95; Date: 22 March 2023, the following changes has been made for the Tender Notice No: 14.39.0000.012.07.001.23.36; Tender Publication Date: 15/02/2023 "Procurement of Multiple Carrier Per Channel (MCPC) Broadcast Platform":

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