

EXPAT KILLING Eight get death penalty after 23 years

UNB, Cox's Bazar A Cox's Bazar court yesterday sentenced eight people to death in a case over the killing of a Bangladeshi expatriate in the district's Sadar upazila around 23 years back.

Mosharraf Hossain, judge of Cox's Bazar's Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court-4, pronounced the judgment in the absence of the convicts.

The convicts are Manjur Hossain, Md Alam, Shahrul Muluk alias Kalu, Anwar Hossain alias Kaluina, Jasim Uddin, Mostak, Aktar Kamal and Shahab Uddin, residents of Rumaliyachhara area of the Sadar upazila.

Of them, Manjur is Md Hossain's son-in-law. According to the case statement, a group of miscreants, led by Manjur entered the house of victim Hossain by breaking the door open in Bachamiaharghona area on June 15, 2000.

The miscreants gunned down the expatriate and left the house. Later, the victim's wife Sabur Khatun filed a murder case with the local police station.



PHOTO: SHEKH NASIR

Law enforcers and fire service personnel salvage the battered microbus and auto-rickshaw after the microbus hit the auto-rickshaw around 8:30am on the Sylhet-Bholaganj highway, killing seven people yesterday.

Seven killed as microbus hits auto-rickshaw in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Seven people were killed and five injured after a microbus hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Gowainghat upazila of Sylhet yesterday. The accident occurred after one of the front tyres of the microbus burst.

Police said the accident occurred around 8:30am on Sylhet-Bholaganj highway in front of Piyangul Kazi Kalimullah High School.

The microbus that was carrying tourists and the auto-rickshaw plunged into a roadside ditch, leaving four auto-rickshaw passengers and the microbus driver

dead on the spot.

Two more passengers -- one of the microbus and another of the auto-rickshaw -- succumbed to their injuries hours after they were taken to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

The deceased were identified as Kazi Amir Uddin, 42, Kalon Miah, 30, Idris Ali, 40, Rita Akter, 18, Ekabbar Ali, 55, Abu Taher, 45, and Jalal Miah, 45.

Of them, Abu Taher was the microbus driver from Manikganj, Ekabbar from Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila and the rest were from Companiganj upazila in

Sylhet.

Amir Uddin's neighbour Rofiq Miah said Amir was a teacher of Parua Government High School.

The injured were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

According to the police, the microbus carrying 10 persons from Manikganj was on the way to Bholaganj, a popular tourist spot in Companiganj.

Prabash Kumar Singha, assistant superintendent (Companiganj and Gowainghat Circle) of Sylhet District Police, said, "After autopsy and legal process, the bodies will be handed over to the family members."

PABNA MEDICAL Students boycott classes over dorm safety

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Students of Pabna Medical College started agitation for an indefinite period to press home their eight-point demand, including ensuring security in the dormitory area, yesterday. They boycotted classes and examinations on the day and demonstrated on the college, saying that they would continue such programme until their demands are met.

Their other demands include providing at least three buses for students, repair of road in front of college, removal of waterlogging problem

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'He was buried alive' Decomposed body of man recovered after a year

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police yesterday recovered a decomposed body from Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila. The deceased, identified as Alamgir Hossain, 45, of the district's Kaliganj upazila, had gone missing about a year ago, said family members.

Earlier, police arrested three men after Saddam Hossain, the victim's brother, filed a case accusing seven of kidnapping Alamgir.

The body was recovered based on information revealed by them during primary investigation, said police.

According to the arrestees, Alamgir was drugged and buried alive in a bamboo cluster in Aditmari. They were hired by his step brothers. The arrestees are Rashdul Islam alias Aziz Driver, 30, of Gazipur; Manarul Islam, 35, of Rangpur; and Sekender Ali, 55, of Aditmari.

They confessed to the crime during primary interrogation, said Intiaz Kabir, officer-in-charge of Kaliganj Police Station.

Alamgir had gone missing on the eve of August 13, 2022, after he went to meet Rashedul in Paschim Ramdev village. A missing diary was filed in this regard, said OC Mozammel Haque of Aditmari Police Station.

"Drives are underway to arrest other accused," Shaiful Islam, Lalmonirhat police superintendent, told The Daily Star.

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'Sajeeb was killed to halt our movement' BNP protests death of Laxmipur Krishak Dal activist

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protesting the killing of Krishak Dal activist Sajeeb Hossain in Laxmipur, BNP leaders and activists brought out a mourning procession in the capital yesterday.

The procession started from the party's central office in Nayapaltan around 4:00pm and marched through Kakrail, Fakirapool and finally ended in front of the party office around 5:00pm.

The party also held rallies and processions in other cities across the country.

In the capital, BNP also held a rally before the procession. Speaking at the rally, senior party leaders voiced their criticism against the current government, especially regarding the attack during the two-day road march.

BNP senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said Sajeeb's murder was pre-planned.

Dhaka North City BNP convener Amanullah Aman said, "The main motive behind this murder was to halt the movement against the current government."

BNP vice chairman Barkatullah Bulu said, "The movement for demanding elections under a non-partisan government has been ongoing since August 24 last year. So far, 19 of our leaders have lost their lives in this movement. Around 20,000 leaders and activists went to jail. New cases have been filed against 8,000 of our leaders and activists in the last two days. So far, cases have been filed against 40 lakh BNP men."

To expedite the trials in these cases, a special branch has been established in the home and law ministries, he claimed.

A large number of law enforcement personnel was deployed in the area during the rally.

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BARKATULLAH BULU BNP vice chairman

Two hacked to death in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Two people were hacked to death in Bagherbari area of Tangail's Sakhipur upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased are Mohammad Shahjalal, 35, a shop owner, and his relative Majnu Mia, 50, both residents of Bagherbari.

Being informed, police recovered the bodies yesterday.

They had stab wounds in their body, said Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge of Sakhipur Police Station.

"Shahjalal and Majnu closed shop and started for their home on a motorbike around 10:30pm on Wednesday. Locals found them dead on a road near their village early morning," he said.

"We are trying to find the motive behind the killing," the OC added.

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