

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

Victim’s family calls for justice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Family members of a victim of enforced disappearance from Pabna yesterday demanded that the authorities concerned find his whereabouts and sought justice for him.

Abdul Gaffar Piyash, a student of Pabna Polytechnic Institute who hailed from Library Bazar area of Pabna town, went missing on December 4, 2016.

His family members held a press conference at Pabna Press Club yesterday.

At the press conference, Piyash’s brother Md Abdul Hamid alleged plainclothes men on a white microbus had abducted his brother in broad daylight on the day.

“We went to Pabna Sadar Police Station to lodge a missing diary but police officials rejected to take our complaint. Since then, we have been searching for him,” Hamid said.

“If my brother is guilty of any crime, he could have been punished according to legal procedure, but why would he be made a victim of disappearance? We want to know about his whereabouts,” he added.

“My son was not involved in politics. I demand justice for him,” said Piyash’s mother Saleha Khatun.

Contacted, Md Rawshon Ali, officer-in-charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station, said he was not working with the station eight years back, and as such, he does not know what happened to Piyash.

Man stabbed to death in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A man was stabbed to death in Baniachong upazila of Habiganj yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Nawshad Ali, of Doakhani Mohalla in the upazila.

Aminul Islam, officer-in-charge of Baniachong Police Station, said a case was filed in this connection in the afternoon.

Nawshad had a dispute with his neighbour Zuhed Mia over boundary of their respective property. Yesterday morning, Zuhed stabbed Nawshad following an altercation, leaving him dead on the spot, according to the case statement.

On information, police went to the scene, recovered Nawshad’s body, and sent it to Habiganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC added.

HC questions

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By Supreme Court lawyers Dr Shahdeen Malik and Md Tayeb-UI-Islam Showrov challenging the legality of sections 9 and 6(2) of the Quick Enhancement of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provisions) Act, 2010.

Secretaries at the legislative and parliamentary affairs division of the law ministry; at the finance division of the finance ministry, secretary of power, energy and mineral resources ministry and chairman of power development board have been made respondents to the rule which is returnable in four weeks.

Lawyer Shahdeen Malik placed arguments on the petition.

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“We have suspended him from all academic activities until the university administration makes a decision based on the students’ complaint. Since we lack the authority to remove him [permanently], we must wait for the university’s decision,” said Prof Mozammel.

Sex workers under attack

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sex worker. He then attacked a girl so severely that she fell to his feet, pleading that she would “no longer do this job” and begged him to let her go.

At one point, he even snatched her mobile phone.

The video was widely shared on social media and even garnered some support from people. However, many condemned the incident, calling it a gross violation of human rights.

On the same day, Shaila, another field worker, was beaten by some unknown youths in the Sangsad Bhaban area.

Rina Akter, president of Kalyanmoyi Nari Sangha, which supports 350 floating sex workers in the

capital, said attacks on sex workers have surged since the fall of the last government.

“Our girls are no longer safe on the streets. They are inhumanely attacked, mugged, and even handed over to BGB members,” Rina said.

“This is happening not just in Shyamoli but across the city, including Jatrabari, Dholaipar, Sadarghat, Kamalapur, Press Club, and Gulistan. Many now face starvation because they can’t go out to work.”

Aleya Begum Lily, president of the Sex Workers Network Bangladesh, said, “The day the government resigned, there were incidents of attack and looting in at

least 15 houses at the Daulatdia brothel. Now, in Dhaka, floating sex workers are being attacked daily,” she said.

“In areas like Sangsad Bhaban, Shyamoli, Zia Uddyan, Jatrabari, and Mazar Road, girls can’t even stand without being beaten and having their phones taken by youths,” she added.

“In Shyamoli, they were even filmed, and the videos were spread on Facebook. These women work discreetly to support their families, keeping their profession hidden due to the stigma. Now, their privacy has been violated, and their human rights have been trampled,” she added.

“Many of them are injured, and if they can’t work for a day, they go hungry,” she said.

“We’ve been trying to reach the coordinators of the student movement through women leaders, who have agreed to speak with the victims. We planned to form a human chain in front of the Press Club, but now we fear being attacked ourselves,” Lily added.

Women leaders have condemned the attack as a severe violation of human rights and urged the interim government to address it.

Nijera Kori coordinator Khushi Kabir described the attacks as illegal and unconstitutional, calling for immediate action from the government to restore law and order.

“This is a dangerous situation. This is unchecked mob violence where individuals take the law into their own

hands without regard for established systems or human rights,” she said.

“Such actions pose a serious concern. We expect grievances to be addressed through our courts and legal systems.”

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Fauzia Moslem said sex workers are among the most marginalised communities in the country and they often enter this profession after facing significant deprivation.

“While the debate on whether this profession should exist is a separate issue, it is important to recognise that, as citizens of the country, sex workers are entitled to protection, which the state must ensure,” she added.

Shahnaz Shumi, deputy director of Nari Pragati Sangha, said, “We call for improvements in the law and order situation, an end to chaos, fear, and terror, and the end of brutality. The perpetrator should be brought to justice to deter others from committing similar acts.”

Contacted, Social Welfare Adviser Sharmin Murshid said, “I became aware of this issue on Sunday and have informed the administration to halt these attacks immediately.”

“Most importantly, this is an act of anarchy and a criminal offence. I will bring this matter to the attention of our advisers and work on developing relevant policies.”

(All the victims’ names used in this article were changed to protect their identities)

HC agrees

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“I hope the High Court, after hearing the appeal, will direct the police to conduct a further investigation into the case,” he said.

The lawyer said even the statement of the investigation report made by the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) has revealed sufficient evidence and elements of offence for holding trial of the case.

Munia was about three weeks pregnant before the murder, he said.

Barrister Sarwar said he will move the appeal before the HC for its hearing after reopening of the court following its upcoming annual vacation.

Both the Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court will go into annual vacation on September 6 and will reopen on October 20.

The Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-8 of Dhaka on March 20 accepted the PBI’s final (investigation) report rejecting the no-confidence petition submitted by Mumia’s elder sister.

Police recovered the body of 21-year-old Mumia from a Gulshan flat on April 26, 2021.

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Free our 158 acres

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is managing director of the park while Delwar is a major stakeholder.

“We urge the interim government to help in recovering our grabbed lands,” Sovon added.

Contacted, Delwar claimed that the indigenous families had sold their lands to them.

Shibli went into hiding after the AL government resigned on August 5.

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Washington to work

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and the amount of monthly food aid for the Rohingya has increased this year after more US funding, she said.

Yunus thanked the US for supporting Bangladesh, including its continued funding for more than one million Rohingya in Bangladesh.

Prof Yunus called for a “combined” effort and “a common platform” among the donors for flood response in Bangladesh.

Helen LaFave raised some concerns over labour and minority issues in Bangladesh, especially in the aftermath of the ouster of the Awami League regime.

Prof Yunus said every citizen in the country is “protected by the constitution” and the interim government is committed to upholding the human rights of all citizens.

Human rights issues, cyber security laws, and the Rapid Action Battalion also came up during the talks.

LaFave said Washington was trying to help Bangladesh set up a prosecutorial service to ensure fair trials in the country.

Meanwhile, UN Refugee Agency Chief Filippo Grandi congratulated Prof Yunus over a call on his assumption

as head of the government.

He said Dr Yunus has taken up “an incredible task” to rebuild Bangladesh.

They discussed the Rohingya issue, including about thousands of people who have been displaced by the ongoing conflict in Myanmar’s Rakhine state.

Yunus asked for UNHCR’s support for the dignified and voluntary return of more than one million Rohingya people to Myanmar.

He also sought assistance from the UN refugee agency to build a better future for young Rohingya children who are growing up in the Bangladesh camps.

Grandi requested the chief adviser to attend a meeting on the Rohingya crisis on the sidelines of the upcoming UNGA in New York. He also informed that he plans to visit Bangladesh in October this year.

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IAB also criticised the delay in gazetting the Dhaka Structure Plan, which was formulated in 2016 – but was later followed by the DAP in 2022, allegedly in violation of laws.

The IAB further questioned the basis on which the development intensity and population density in the DAP were determined, alleging that Rajuk ignored repeated appeals to reveal the tools, data, and working papers used in the plan’s development.

The IAB also condemned the DAP for its discriminatory policies, particularly the separate Floor Area Ratio (FAR) set for planned and unplanned areas of the city, which they claim benefits specific groups unfairly.

Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed, president of the IAB, said 66 percent of Dhaka city is excluded from Rajuk’s plan, leaving those areas to develop without any civic amenities.

He also called for the restructuring of Rajuk to address these issues.

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