

Pistol used to kill woman was looted from police station

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

The weapon used in the murder of 22-year-old Saheda Begum on the Dhaka-Mawa highway in Munshiganj was earlier looted by the accused from Wari police station in Dhaka on August 5.

Munshiganj Superintendent of Police Muhammad Shamsul Alam Sarkar disclosed the information at a press conference held at his office yesterday.

Saheda was brought to the Dhaka-Mawa highway in Munshiganj by her alleged lover, Touhid Sheikh Tanmoy, after she pressured him to marry her as she was two and a half months pregnant, the SP said.

"The detectives in Munshiganj arrested Touhid Sheikh Tanmoy at a passenger launch in Bhola's Ilisha after he tried to escape to Monpura Island after killing Saheda. The location of the accused was identified by using technology," he added.

He also said, "According to the information provided by the accused, the pistol used in the murder was recovered from the water under the Battali Bailey Bridge in South Keraniganj, Dhaka on Monday."

The accused told the police that he had looted the foreign pistol from the Wari police station in the capital on August 5.

Meanwhile, Faisal Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Wari Police Station, said, "Weapons were looted from Wari Police Station on August 5, and a case was filed with the police station in this regard. Most of the weapons were later recovered."

The OC could not say how many weapons were looted and how many were recovered.

The OC said, "We have been informed that the weapon recovered in the murder of a young woman in Munshiganj was looted from Wari Police Station. We are investigating the matter."



People form long queues from early morning to buy essential products at subsidised prices. The Department of Agricultural Marketing has established distribution hubs across Khulna city, offering bundles containing eggs, potatoes, onions, and other items for Tk 350. This photo was taken in the city's Shibbari yesterday.

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DENGUE OUTBREAK

500 deaths and counting...

HELEMUL ALAM

The annual death toll from dengue so far crossed 500 mark yesterday, for the second year in a row.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, the total number of deaths now stands at 504, with 93,685 patients hospitalised as of yesterday.

The DGHS data reveals that 16 people died in the first three days of December alone.

Bangladesh saw a record 1,705 dengue deaths in 2023, the highest annual toll to date. This marks a sharp rise from 281 deaths in 2022 and 179 in 2019.

Dr Tahmina Shirin, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), said 70 percent of this year's fatalities were caused by the Dengue Den-2 virus. However, being infected with this serotype does not necessarily mean severe outcomes.

"Cross infections involving different serotypes can cause severe complications, particularly if hospitalisation is delayed. Timely medical attention is crucial," she said. She advised those with fever

to consult a doctor immediately and remain well-hydrated.

Experts have identified four dengue serotypes (Den-1 to Den-4). The Den-2 cosmopolitan sub-variant, prevalent this year, is associated with severe infections and higher mortality rates.

Dr HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College, explained that secondary infections with Den-2 are particularly dangerous for individuals previously infected with other serotypes.

"Many patients arrive with multi-organ failure caused by shock syndrome after the fever subsides. Persistent shock leads to liver, kidney, and other organ failures, which are often fatal," he said. Patients with comorbidities such as hypertension, diabetes, and chronic lung disease are especially vulnerable. Those in end-stage organ failure face even slimmer chances of survival, he added.

Dr Nazmul urged patients to remain alert to warning signs, such as severe abdominal pain, difficulty breathing, bleeding, extreme weakness, or decreased urination. "Many fail to recognise these

signs and seek care only when their condition has critically worsened," he said.

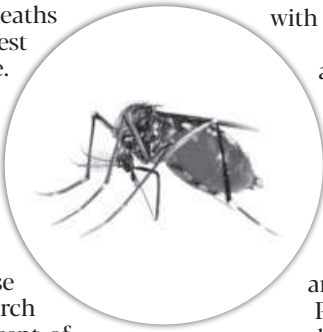
He added that shock syndrome, bleeding, and expanded dengue syndrome have been major contributors to the rising death toll.

He emphasised the importance of early hospitalisation and monitoring to reduce fatalities.

Meanwhile, researchers at an event in Dhaka said that the NSI ELISA test is the most reliable and cost-effective method for diagnosing dengue in Bangladesh. While the NSI ICT test is widely used for its quick results and affordability (around Tk 50), it often gives false negatives, delaying treatment. In contrast, the RT-PCR test is highly accurate but costly at Tk 3,500 per test. The NSI ELISA test, costing about Tk 400, offers a balance between accuracy and affordability.

The study, based on 200 patient samples, showed NSI ELISA's superior performance over other methods. Public health experts urged the government to make this test widely available and subsidise its cost, emphasising that ignoring accuracy could lead to higher financial and human losses from untreated cases.

Our staff Correspondent Ahmed Deepto also contributed to this report.



Locals block roads to protest sand lifting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Locals blocked a highway and vandalised trucks, excavator, and pipes demanding an end to illegal sand lifting on Jamuna river in the Garabari Tarai area in Tangail's Bhuapur upazila yesterday afternoon.

A syndicate of local influential started sand lifting on Jamuna river Tarai, Kuthiboyra, Arjuna, Jagatpura and Nalin areas recently.

In response, angry locals vandalised the sand-carrying trucks, excavators and pipes used for sand lifting. They also kept the Bhuapur-Tarakandi regional highway blocked in Tarai area by burning tyres for one hour.

Villagers alleged that previously local Awami League leaders lifted sand from the river illegally, causing erosion at the riverside villages. Now local sand traders, backed by BNP leaders, have started lifting sand.

"Local villagers became victims of river erosion earlier. Now, sand cutting on the char started again day and night," Ramzan Ali of Tarai village told The Daily Star.

Another local Sifat Miah echoed him.

Mozammel, a BNP leader of Tarai area of Arjuna union, said party leaders were informed and they assured of looking into the matter.

Bhuapur Police Station Officer-in-Charge AKM Rezaul Karim said after hearing the news, police went to

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BHAVADAH WATERLOGGING Four schools submerged for a year

Over 250 students forced to attend classes on market, temple premises

MOHSIN MILON, Jashore

Over 250 students of four government primary schools in Jashore's Bhavadah region have not been able to attend lessons in their classrooms for an entire year.

Instead, they had to attend classes held on local market and temple premises, in corridors of shops, and similar other spaces, as their schools have been under water throughout the year.

The schools are Andha Govt Primary School, Bedvita Govt Primary School, Arpara Govt Primary School and Dumurtala Govt Primary School.

Amid the persistent waterlogging, these students are being deprived of proper academic activities all year.

According to the local education office, there are 100 students in Andha Govt Primary School, 43 in Bedvita Govt Primary School, 59 in Arpara



Govt Primary School and 49 in Dumurtala Govt Primary School.

Amid this situation, these students were scheduled to take their annual examinations from yesterday (December 2).

"Our classrooms, school playground and road leading to the school are all submerged under water. We could not conduct academic activities in classrooms amid such a situation," said Palash Mallick, head teacher of Dumurtala Govt Primary School.

Dilip Kumar Bairagi, head teacher of Bedvita Govt Primary School, said, "We have been holding classes in the corridor of a local shop, but it's hardly a conducive space for giving lessons to students."

Talking to this correspondent, students expressed their frustration.

"I could hardly study and learn properly as our classes could not be held in classrooms. My preparation for the examinations is not good at all. I am worried about how I will do well in the upcoming final examinations," said Faisal Islam, a fourth grader at Dumurtala Govt Primary School, a few days ago.

Many other students echoed him.

Contacted, Muhammad Abul Kashem, upazila primary education officer, acknowledged the matter. "Right now, we have nothing to do for them (students). Waterlogging at Bhavadah region is a longstanding problem and the government is trying to solve it," he said.

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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Labour and Employment		
2	Agency	Department of Labour (DoL)		
3	Procuring Entity	Director General (DG)		
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Physical Services from Service Provider Firm for various offices under the Department of Labour (DoL) by Outsourcing process.		
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8	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (GoB)		
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