

Man beaten to death over theft suspicion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A man was beaten to death by a mob on suspicion of theft in Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur early yesterday.

The incident occurred around 3:00am, said locals.

Md Selim Shah, 50, son of Doulat Shah from Pasharibuniya village in the upazila, was caught red-handed after entering the house of one Shohidul Islam Malakar alias Firoz, said Palas Chandra Mitra, a member of ward-8 in Dhawa Union Parishad.

Selim and an accomplice reportedly dug a hole through the earthen floor to break into the tin-shed house, the UP member added.

While the mob caught and severely beat Selim, his accomplice managed to escape. In the morning, Selim's body was found on a road in front of Firoz's house.

Bhandaria Police Station Inspector Mohammad Zia Uddin said they recovered the body and sent it to Pirojpur District Hospital morgue for an autopsy. The filing of a case in connection with the incident was underway, he added.

Rare Asiatic black bear spotted in Satchari park

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A rare Asiatic black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), also known as the "moon bear," has been spotted in the dense forest of Satchari National Park in Chunarrughat upazila, Habiganj.

The sighting has prompted authorities to issue warnings to visitors about safety and to restrict free movement within the park.

The discovery was made by Haris Deb Barma, a 30-year-old amateur photographer and member of the Tripura community.

"I couldn't believe such a rare species lived in this forest when I first saw it," he said. "I immediately took a photo, and after consulting with zoologists, I confirmed it was indeed an Asiatic black bear."

The species is classified as "vulnerable" on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List.

Beat Officer Mamanur Rashid said, "This is an endangered



PHOTO: HARIS DEB BARMA

species of Asiatic black bear. They are globally vulnerable. They are rarely seen and very aggressive in nature. We estimate there are 10-12 such bears, both large and small, in the park. We are taking additional steps to preserve them and are cautioning tourists about potential risks."

These bears, known for the distinctive "V" or half-moon-

shaped white patch on their chests, belong to the carnivorous family but mainly feed on insects, fruits, and honey. Except for mothers with cubs, they are solitary animals, often seen climbing trees and roaming the forest day and night in search of food."

Md Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, former divisional forest officer

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DoE director hurt in attack during anti-polythene drive

STAR REPORT

A director of the Department of Environment was injured during an operation against illegal polythene production in Dhaka's Chawkbazar area yesterday.

Shawkat Ali, director of monitoring and enforcement at the DoE headquarters, was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He sustained severe injuries, including a fractured nose and a deep head wound.

Rezaul Hossain, officer-in-charge of Chawkbazar Police Station, said the attack occurred as the DoE team, assisted by police, was returning from the operation on Haji Shahidul Islam Babul Road. A group of individuals affected by the drive hurled brick chunks at the team around noon.

Shawkat, who was on foot, suffered head injuries during the attack, OC Rezaul added.

No arrests have been made yet.

SpaandanB holds first fundraising event in Bangladesh

CITY DESK

The non-governmental organisation "SpaandanB," with the vision "Together for Brighter Tomorrow," organised a fundraising event in Bangladesh for the first time to support the "SpaandanB School".

Mentionable, "SpaandanB USA" was established in 1998 through the initiative of a group of Bangladeshi living in the United States, said a press release.



Students of SpaandanB School perform at the fundraising event.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

In addition to other activities, SpaandanB USA launched the "SpaandanB School" in 2011. Operating across four centres in Dhaka's Mirpur (two centres) and Mohammadpur (two centres), the school provides quality education, nutrition, school supplies, uniforms, shoes, school bags, educational materials, and basic healthcare services to underprivileged children. Two doctors regularly visit the centres to provide medical consultations.

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China can be alternative to India for medical treatment
Says foreign adviser

UNB, Dhaka



China's Kunming can be an alternative to India for medical treatment, as medical expenses and travel costs there are comparatively low, said Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain yesterday.

The adviser, who paid a bilateral visit to China recently, said this while talking to reporters at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The adviser, during his meeting with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Beijing last Tuesday, requested China to reduce interest rates from 2.3 percent to 1 percent, waive commitment fee, and extend the loan repayment period from

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UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 01 (One) permanent post of Associate Professor in the Department of Geology, University of Dhaka. Scale of Pay: Tk. 50,000-71,200/- (National pay scale 2015).

Qualifications: Candidates must have high academic qualifications along with a Ph.D. in Geology from a reputed university. They must have at least 07 (seven) years of teaching experience at a university or at least 14 (fourteen) years research experience as a research/scientific officer or an equivalent position in reputed research organizations. Candidates shall require at least 07 (seven) research publications in the indexed/quality journal with DOI (Digital Object Identifier). Articles published in predatory journals will not be accepted. Relevant notes and conditions apply. (For details, see the Dhaka University Website).

Application Guideline: Eleven copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, Mark sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 1000/- (One thousand) only, payable to the Registrar, University of Dhaka, should reach him on or before 27/02/2025. Candidates already in service must apply through the proper channel.

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RAJKHAL IN HABIGANJ Once vital canal now a source of contamination

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

The Rajkhal canal, once a vital source of irrigation and fish for the residents of Madhabpur upazila in Habiganj, is now on the brink of destruction due to unchecked industrial pollution.

The canal, which previously provided water for croplands across five haors in the region, has suffered severe contamination since three industrial facilities began discharging untreated waste into its waters.

These facilities, located along the Dhaka Sylhet highway in the Haritala area, have turned the canal's once pristine water dark and foul-smelling, disrupting



agricultural activities and degradation have been suppressed, as influential politicians sided with the industries to silence dissent.

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Case filed over KU student murder, one held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A case has been filed against 20-25 unidentified individuals in connection with the murder of Khulna University student Arnob Kumar Sarkar.

The victim's father, Nitish Kumar Sarkar, filed the case with Sonadanga Model Police Station on Saturday night, said Shafiqul Islam, officer in-charge of the police station.

Police have already arrested one suspect, Golam Rabbani, following an investigation based on mobile call records. "The suspect initially claimed to be a friend of Arnob. We are continuing our drives to arrest other accused," the OC added.

Earlier, police detained three individuals for questioning. Arnob Kumar Sarkar, an MBA student at Khulna University, was gunned down near his home in Khulna city on Friday night.



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