

Man arrested over rape of 10-yr-old girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police arrested a man in Dewanganj upazila of Jamalpur early yesterday on the charge of raping a 10-year-old girl.

Yasin, 32, from Purbo Jhalorchar in Bahadurabad, was held in Bakshiganj upazila, said police.

On Wednesday afternoon, Yasin took the girl to a cornfield and raped her, according to local and police sources.

Upon hearing the girl's screams, locals rushed to the scene, but Yasin managed to escape.

That night, the girl's mother filed a rape case against Yasin.

Dewanganj Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nazmul Haque said, "He [the accused] was sent to jail through Jamalpur court."

Youth stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man was stabbed to death over a trivial matter in Mymensingh city's Kanchijuly area on Wednesday night.

The victim was identified as Sajid Mia, 23, police said. Quoting locals, Md Shafiqul Islam Khan, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said Sajid had an altercation with Monti Mia over a trifling matter.

At one stage, Monti stabbed Sajid with a sharp weapon, injuring him critically around 11:30pm.

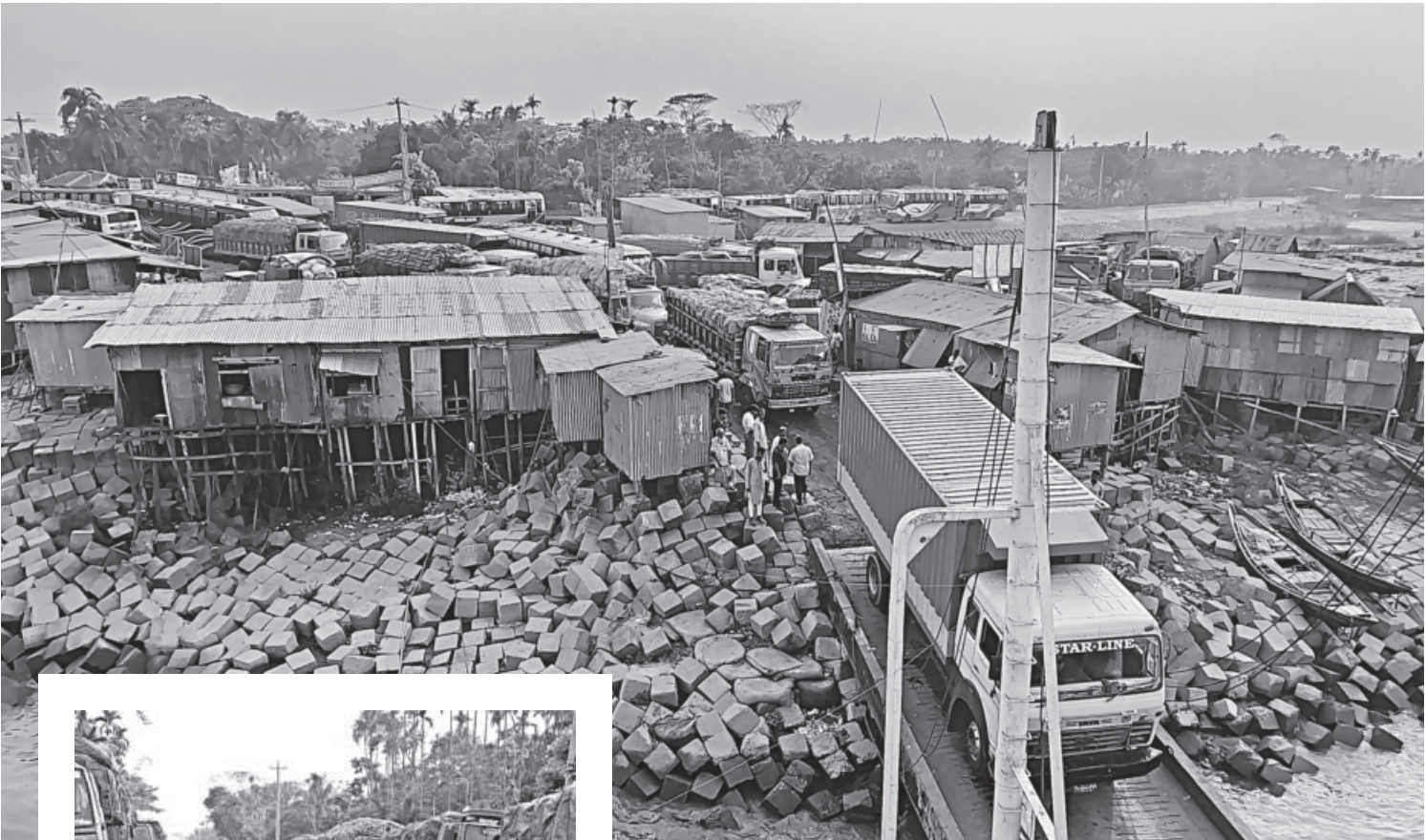
He was taken to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead, said the OC.

Monti fled the area soon after the incident.

Police quizzed Sajid's uncle Nuru Mia over the incident.

On information, police sent the body to MMCH morgue for autopsy.

The victim's mother Rozi Begum filed a case with the police station accusing Monti yesterday, said the OC.



Nearly two and a half kilometers of road are blocked by hundreds of trucks, most of them carrying watermelons, waiting to board ferries yesterday. Due to sandbanks (sand deposits) in the Meghna river, ferry operations are disrupted as they get stuck during the low tide. As a result, on the Bhola side of the Bhola-Lakshmipur ferry terminal, hundreds of watermelon-laden trucks have been stuck for 3-4 days.

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Sutang: from thriving ecosystem to toxic waterway

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Once a thriving aquatic ecosystem, the Sutang river in Habiganj has now transformed into a toxic waterway due to indiscriminate industrial pollution from nearby factories.

The river's water, now pitch black and tainted with microplastics and heavy metals, has oxygen levels so low that no aquatic organism can survive.

Sutang, an 82 kilometre-long transboundary river between Bangladesh and India with an average width of 36 metres, is meandering in nature.

It originates in the hilly region of India's Tripura and enters Bangladesh through the Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj before joining the Kalni river in Lakhai upazila.

"I've used water from this river for domestic purposes for years, but now I wouldn't even dare go near it. The water is extremely polluted due to industrial runoff," said Joytara Bibi, a farmer from Nurpur village.

Ranjit Paul, a potter from the Paul Bari area, said he earlier used to collect soil from the river for making pottery items, but not anymore.

According to sources, 35 to 40 factories along the riverbank -- producing plastics, food and beverages, textiles, stationery, and ceramics -- discharge untreated industrial waste into the river, contaminating its waters.

Mahbubul Mia, a fisherman from Sutang village, and several others lamented the loss of their traditional livelihood. "For generations,



we lived by fishing, but those days are gone. I now drive a rickshaw because the Sutang river is disappearing," he said.

Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon's Habiganj unit, said, "Sutang is now completely devoid of fish and other marine species. The water is so contaminated that even after casting

nets at 12 different locations on February 22, we barely found trace of any thriving aquatic life."

A team of researchers from Habiganj Agricultural University is conducting a study on the water quality and fish of Sutang and has collected water, fish, and sediment samples from different points of the river to assess the extent of contamination.

"Laboratory analyses have already confirmed the presence of microplastics in both water and fish samples. We have also found that industrial pollution has significantly deteriorated the river's physicochemical parameters, making survival increasingly difficult for fish and other aquatic organisms in the downstream areas," said Iftekhar Ahmed Fagun, a researcher in the team and a lecturer in Department of Aquatic Resource Management of the university.

Contacted, Md Ferdous Anwar, director of the Department of Environment in Sylhet, said his office has submitted an action plan with 8-9 recommendations to headquarters. "If approved, the river can be saved. We are also implementing measures for 24-hour monitoring of industrial ETPs," he added.

2 journos attacked at Barishal court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Two journalists were assaulted while covering a report at the Barishal court premises yesterday afternoon, with assailants also setting fire to a motorcycle, eyewitnesses and victims said.

The injured journalists, N Amin Russell and Monirul Islam, who work for two local dailies in Barishal, were admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for treatment.

According to the victims, the attack was led by Barishal District Chhatra Dal's Organising Secretary, Sohel Rari, and his associates.

Amin said they were reporting on an incident involving the confinement of some accused individuals when they were ambushed near the main gate of the District and Sessions Judge Court while leaving on a motorcycle.

The journalists alleged that Sohel and his group accused them of having links with Awami League before physically assaulting them and setting their motorcycle on fire. Police later rescued them.

Following the attack, local journalists staged a protest, blocking Fazlul Huq Avenue near the court and demanding justice.

Law enforcement, including police and army personnel, arrived at the scene, assuring swift action against the perpetrators.

The journalists withdrew their protest after receiving assurances.

Sohel denied any involvement, calling the allegations a "political conspiracy" against him. Barishal Metropolitan Police Commissioner Md Shafiqul Islam said, "We have identified Sohel Rari and others involved in the attack, and an operation is ongoing to bring them to justice."

Fire destroys 5.5 acres of Sundarbans



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Fire in two separate locations within the Chandpai Range of the Sundarbans East Forest Division has damaged approximately 5.5 acres of forestland.

According to Divisional Forest Officer Kazi Muhammad Nurul Karim, the affected areas include 1.5 acres in Tepar Beel area under the Kolomejhi Patrol Outpost of Dhan Sagar Station and 4.05 acres in the Teisher Chila Shaplar Beel area under the Dhan Sagar Patrol Outpost.

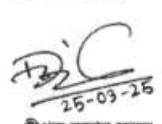
Reports indicate that most of the trees in the Tepar Beel and Teisher Chila Shaplar Beel areas have dried up, he said, adding that several large Sundari trees in Teisher Chila Shaplar Beel show visible signs of burning at their bases.

It is feared that these trees, weakened by the intense heat, will die soon.

"There are no active fires at the site now. The fire has been completely extinguished. However, as a precautionary measure, we are continuing to spray water during high tide. We will also continue monitoring," he said.

**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি-৩১ এর সংশোধনী**

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, শিক্ষা প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর, পাবনা এর স্মারক নং-৩৭.০৭.৭৬০০.০০.০৭.০৩৩.২৪-২৫/৫৮, তারিখঃ ২৩/০৩/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ মূলে উপরে উল্লিখিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং এ Tender ID's: ১০৮৫২০৮, ১০৮৫২০৯, ১০৮৫২১০, ১০৮৫২১১ বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং এর দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হয় এবং **The Daily Star, Dhaka** পত্রিকায় ২৪/০৩/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখে প্রকাশিত হয়। পত্রিকায় Last Date Selling document, Last Date of Security Submission এবং Tender Opening Date যথাক্রমে ০৯-মার্চ-২০২৫, ১০-মার্চ-২০২৫ ও ১০-মার্চ-২০২৫ ছাপা হয় কিন্তু যাহার সংশোধিত তারিখ হবে ০৯-এপ্রিল-২০২৫, ১০-এপ্রিল-২০২৫ ও ১০-এপ্রিল-২০২৫ এবং সময় অপরিবর্তী থাকবে।

  
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Man, daughter killed in Natore road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A man and his daughter died yesterday when their private car lost control and crashed into a tree in the Godhra area in Natore on the Natore-Pabna road.

The accident occurred at around 11:00am.

They were on their way to Bogura from Jashore.

The deceased are Shahriar Shakil, 27, and his 2-year-old daughter Sumaiya Akhter.

Shakil's wife, Ayesha Akhter, 23, and the car's driver, whose identity could not be immediately known, were injured.

They were rescued and admitted to a local hospital.

Banpara Highway Police Officer-in-Charge Md Ismail Hossain confirmed the incident.

He said legal action is underway.


**প্রশিক্ষণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

**জাতীয় উন্নয়ন প্রশাসন একাডেমি**

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