

## Two held over rape in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two men accused of raping a woman in the capital's Khilkhet area.

"The victim was lured to a house on the pretext of lending money and was raped by two men," said Talebir Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The incident occurred around 7:15pm on June 14.

The arrestees are Akkas Ali, 44, and Amanullah Bhuiyan, 45.

Quoting Khilkhet police, the DMP official said the woman had approached her neighbour Akkas Ali to borrow Tk 1,000. Akkas took her to the house of his acquaintance, Amanullah Bhuiyan, saying the money would be arranged there.

Once inside the house, the woman was asked to wait in a room while they claimed to arrange the rest of the money. When she entered, the two men allegedly locked the door and raped her.

Around 8:30pm, she managed to force open the door and return home, after which she fell ill.

The woman filed a case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act with Khilkhet Police Station yesterday.

The two men were arrested from the Barua Parulia area of Khilkhet, the official added.

## Woman found dead in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrokona

Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman, found in the Kongsha River in Barhatta upazila of Netrokona, yesterday.

Locals spotted the body floating in the river around 9:30am in the Noapara area of Raypur union. Upon receiving the news, police arrived at the scene and recovered the body, said police.

## Arrest

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after agreeing to pay the dues. Of these, only two were honoured, while eight bounced, totalling Tk 601,824.

The court issued summons to the six individuals on the day the case was filed. Later, on December 31, Noor filed another case over the dishonoured cheques.

"I worked for the institution since the beginning, yet I had to file cases for my rightful dues. I will continue to fight to establish my right," said Noor.

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## 2 sisters among 3 killed

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Meanwhile, in Pabna, a man was killed and three others were injured when a speeding pickup truck hit a motorbike at Kalikapur near the Pabna-Rajshahi highway in Ishwardi upazila yesterday morning.

Police were able to detain the driver and seize the pickup truck from the spot.

The victim, Md Belal Hossain, 45, was heading

to Pabna town along with his wife and two children on a motorbike.

Officer-in-Charge Md Moshfekur Rahman of Pakshy Highway Police Station said the accident took place around 10:30am, when Belal and his family were traveling to Pabna on a motorcycle.

When they reached the Kalikapur area of the highway, a pickup truck hit the motorbike, leaving Belal dead on

the spot, while his wife Rupali Khatun, son Tanjil Hossain, and daughter Bushra were injured.

Police and firefighters rushed to the spot and rescued the victims, he added.

The injured were taken to Pabna General Hospital in critical condition.

Police seized the pickup truck and detained its driver from the scene. A case will be filed with the highway police station, he added.

## SAD men claim financial

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settle the matter privately.

However, things escalated when Rofiq Mithu, Shah Ali unit convener, lost his temper and physically assaulted Amirul, said Refatul.

The group said Rofiq reacted after discovering Amirul had exchanged sensitive political information on WhatsApp with Awami League leaders and spread rumours targeting various groups.

"This was a spontaneous and personal act. Rofiq apologised, and the situation was defused," Refatul said.

They also claimed a TV report falsely framed the incident as politically motivated extortion, using a video recorded by Jamil Taj to tarnish SAD's image.

"The matter ended peacefully with Rofiq's apology," the statement added.

On May 26, SAD suspended Refatul and Parvez for "moral misconduct".

Meanwhile, Amirul Islam filed a case on May 28 with Mirpur Police against 19 individuals, including Refatul and Sadman, over the incident, which took place on May 13.

According to the case, on May 13 around 1:30pm, 6-7 youths claiming to be officers from Mirpur Model Police Station intercepted him, accused him of 41 cases, and forced him onto a motorcycle.

He was taken to the rooftop of a 10-storey building in South Bishil under Darussalam Police Station.

There, 20-25 people were present. Inside a room, he was allegedly detained and tortured. Refatul, Sadman, and Parvez allegedly snatched his phone, wallet, and two blank cheques. Others tied him to a chair and beat him with rods, pipes, and bamboo sticks until he lost consciousness, Amirul alleged.

Upon regaining consciousness, he was allegedly forced to issue a bank cheque, sign blank stamp papers, and record a video promising to pay Tk 5 crore within seven days or hand over his assets, the case stated.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Amirul denied all claims made by SAD.

"I received a contract through another contractor to construct a road in Rajbari and assigned the work to a man named Golam Mostofa. Amzad was brought in as a sub-contractor to supply sand. Later, he showed interest in completing the rest of the construction of the road but failed to do so. Despite that, he later demanded payment," he claimed.

Amirul expressed little hope for justice, saying none of the accused had been arrested.

Sajjad Rumon, officer-

in-charge of Mirpur Police Station, said some accused have secured High Court bail and their documents are being verified, while others are on the run.

### ALLEGATION OF LOOTING FREEDOM FIGHTER'S HOUSE

In a separate incident on February 6, around 35 to 40 men identifying as students attacked the Mirpur residence of freedom fighter Kazi Abdul Haque around 2:30am.

The family claimed the attackers looted 22 bhoris of gold ornaments, Tk 8 lakh in cash, two televisions, watches, and important documents.

The family blamed SAD members for the attack.

SAD denied involvement, saying they arrived after the incident to calm the situation.

"We were there to control the mob and immediately informed the police," Refatul said yesterday.

As of yesterday, no case had been filed, and the family alleged police refused to record their complaint.

At the press conference, SAD leaders said media reports were part of a campaign to discredit their role in last year's anti-discrimination movement.

The Daily Star attempted to reach SAD spokesperson Umama Fatema for comment, but she did not respond.

## From modest hobby

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Kamalganj, Lawachhara, and Sreemangal often make a stop to purchase his pieces," said Sadequl Islam, a local resident.

The proximity to the major local tourist spots, such as Madhabkunda, has brought Siraj's furniture to the attention of both domestic and international tourists. Many of them now place orders online, and his furniture even gets shipped to countries including Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UK, and the US.

"In recent years, the demand has increased considerably. I am now selling furniture worth 35-40 lakh takas annually. We send furniture through courier services, and some buyers even arrange for international shipments themselves," said Siraj.

"If I get more institutional support, I want to take my brand to a bigger scale. Bamboo furniture is not just eco-

friendly -- I believe it is the future," said Siraj.

Contacted, Md Masud Hossain, deputy manager (additional responsibilities) of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation in Moulvibazar, said if artisans like Siraj reach out to them, BSCIC can provide support through small-scale loan packages without any mortgage required.

"For full industrial financing, banks would need to be involved. However, we can assist them with smaller, targeted loans," he also said.

"Such initiatives not only foster rural entrepreneurship but also promote sustainable, locally sourced alternatives to conventional materials," the BSCIC official added.

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Director (Administration)

## ICT appoints defence counsel for Hasina

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an amicus curiae.

Prosecutor Gazi

Monawar Hossain Tamim cited Section 41 of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, which allows the tribunal to appoint one or more amicus curiae.

file the contempt petition under Section 11(4) of the Act.

He said the tribunal had earlier ordered both accused -- Hasina and former Gobindaganj

Upazila Parishad Chairman cases filed against me, so I have received a licence to kill 227 people."

The tribunal considers the remark contemptuous. The petition was filed on April 30 this year.

Meanwhile, Toby Cadman, special prosecutorial adviser to ICT Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam, said reforms are still needed to align the tribunal more closely with international standards.

Speaking to reporters, he acknowledged progress in bringing the tribunal's rules in line with global norms, but added that further amendments are necessary. "The details are for the government to decide," he said.

Cadman also stressed the need for additional

judicial appointments with the establishment of a second tribunal. "This process is too important, not just for Bangladesh but for international criminal justice," he said.

Regarding the contempt case, he said it is separate from the tribunal's core charges and that Hasina had the right to boycott the proceedings. "However, the tribunal must ensure the rights of any accused are fully protected," he said.

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### FCPS (Final), Preliminary FCPS and MCPS Examinations.

Subject	Paper	Date & Day	Time	Venue
All Subjects	Paper – I	01.07.2025 (Tuesday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper – II	02.07.2025 (Wednesday)	12.00 Noon	

### FCPS Mid-Term Examination

Subject	Paper	Date & Day	Time	Venue
1. Anaesthesiology	Paper – I	01.07.2025 (Tuesday)	9.00 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
2. Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics	Paper – II	02.07.2025 (Wednesday)	9.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon	

### FCPS Part-I Examination

Subject	Date & Day	Time	Venue
Medicine & Allied	03.07.2025 (Thursday)	9.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
1. Biochemistry	05.07.2		