

Three arrested over worker’s murder in Konabari factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Three people have so far been arrested in connection with the murder of a garment factory worker in Konabari, Gazipur city.

The arrestees are Hasan Mahmud Mithun, 28; Shafiqul Islam, 30; and Belal Hossain, 43.

They are all staffers at Greenland Garments Ltd, the factory where Hridoy, 19, a mechanic, was beaten to death on Saturday, said police.

Of them, Belal was arrested yesterday, Shafiqul on Monday and Mithun on Sunday, said Md Salah Uddin, officer-in-charge of Konabari Police Station.

“Mithun is a security guard, and Shafiqul’s name appeared on the duty roster at the time of the incident. We believe they may possess crucial information regarding the murder.”

“Belal was seen tying the victim’s hands in CCTV footage of the incident,” said Helal Miah, a sub-inspector at Konabari Police Station and investigating officer of the case.

Of the trio, court sent Mithun and Shafiqul to jail, and Belal will be produced before a court today, said police.

Hridoy was tied up and beaten to death early Saturday inside the factory premises.

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Man sent to jail over sexually harassing 6-yr-old in Netrokona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrokona

A Netrokona court yesterday sent a 60-year-old grocery shopkeeper to jail for allegedly sexually harassing a six-year-old girl in the district’s Khaliajuri upazila.

Police arrested the accused, Zafar Ali, from his home on Monday evening after the child’s father filed a case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act with Khaliajuri Police Station.

Around 4:00pm yesterday, Zafar was produced before the judicial magistrate court in Netrokona, which ordered him to be sent to jail, said Khaliajuri Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Mokbul Hossain.

According to the case statement, the child went to a nearby grocery shop to buy chips on Monday afternoon.

The shop is located right in front of Zafar’s house.

Finding no one else around at the time, Zafar lured the child into his house with the promise of chocolate and sexually harassed her.

Hearing the child’s screams, locals rushed to the scene, prompting Zafar to flee. Later, the child told her family about the incident.

KALIA UPAZILA IN NARAIL Staff shortage renders maternity centre ineffective



PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY, Bagerhat

An acute shortage of doctors and staff has left the 10-bed Parali Mother and Child Welfare Centre in Khairya of Narail’s Kalia upazila largely non-functional.

As a result, at least 40,000 people across Parali, Paingram, and Singasholpur unions in the upazila are being deprived of essential health services.

Built at a cost of Tk 4.62 crore and inaugurated in 2020, the maternity centre comprises two three-storey buildings – one for the hospital and the other for staff quarters. It features two five-bed wards, 10 private cabins, and a modern surgical theatre.

During a recent visit to the centre, this correspondent found no doctor present, and all patients were being turned away.

Rafiqul Islam, the lone office assistant present, said only a pharmacist and a family welfare inspector are assigned full-time to the centre, while one doctor is temporarily attached.

“Each of them visits only twice a week. Today, the doctor is on leave. That’s why patients are being turned away,” he said.

“I came to consult for an urgent issue, but there’s no doctor, no medicine. It’s frustrating to return without receiving any help,” said Poly Akter, a student from a nearby village.

Another local, Saima Akter, said, “The doctor is often not present. Medicines are rarely available. Still, we come because this is the only place where poor people like us can hope for free care.”

According to the local health office, the centre has 10 approved posts, including two medical officers, one lab technologist, one pharmacist, four family welfare inspectors, and two administrative staff. However, since its inauguration, most of these posts have remained vacant.

“Though officially posted here, I am also required to work at three other places. So, I can only attend two days a week. With no permanent staff and no medicines available, patient numbers are dropping,” said Geeta Rani Biswas, the assigned family welfare inspector.

Contacted, Alif Nur, deputy director of the District Family Planning Office in Narail, said, “Our department has recently taken steps for recruitment, and we hope the crisis will be resolved soon.”

Three killed as balcony collapses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two engineers and a worker were killed as a balcony of an under-construction building collapsed in Jashore’s Circuit House Para area yesterday.

The deceased are Mizanur Rahman, 35, Azizul Islam, 36, and Nuru Mia, 45.

A local, Fardin Hossain, said the incident took place while the three were working on the balcony of the fifth floor. Suddenly, a section of the balcony collapsed, he said.

Mujibur Rahman, who was working there, said the three suffered injuries. They were declared dead at Jashore General Hospital. Abul Hasanath, officer-in-charge of Jashore Kotwali Model Police Station, said the ‘bodies were kept at the hospital morgue.

BRAHMAPUTRA One dead, 2 missing as boat capsizes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A student died and two others went missing as a boat carrying nine students capsized in the Brahmaputra river in Pakundia upazila of Kishoreganj yesterday morning.

The incident took place at around 9:30am when the students of Birui Dakhil Madrasa were going to attend their class on a boat. The three drowned as their boat ran aground near Dutta’s Bazar area, while six other students managed to swim ashore.

The body of Shapla Akhtar, 14, was later

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Two canals recovered from encroachment

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The local administrations have recovered two important canals from illegal encroachment after decades in Tangail.

The Bhuapur upazila administration recovered the Pashchim Bhuapur-Shialkhol canal, the only means of drainage for Bhuapur Municipality, after being illegally occupied 50 years.

The move is expected to mitigate the town’s waterlogging woes by improving drainage during monsoon.

“The canal used to connect to the Lauhajang river and flow through Pashchim [west] Bhuapur through Biramdi to Shialkhol market, which was once a busy commercial river port. Goods used to be transported to the market through large cargo boats navigating the canal. However, illegal encroachment on both banks and construction of numerous establishments on the canal’s land over the decades shrank the canal, leaving its waterway no longer viable for navigation,” said Ashraf Ali, 75, a local resident.

“As a result, during minor floods or heavy rains, several neighborhoods in the town suffered from waterlogging, especially Ghatandi, Faslandi, and Bhuapur Bazar areas,” he added.

Local environmentalists have long alleged political involvement behind the unchecked encroachment of the canal.

Recently, the Bhuapur Upazila Administration took the initiative to recover the canal from encroachment. Sharifa Haque, deputy commissioner of Tangail, officially inaugurated excavation of the canal on June 2.

Meanwhile, Ghatail Upazila Administration recovered a 1.5km canal connecting the Chitai river in Panjana village of Deulabari union from illegal grabbing after around 20 years.

Some unscrupulous residents grabbed the canal for long and filled it up for their use, choking its flow, adversely affecting the irrigation of arable lands in the area, local fisheries, as well as its ability to drain away excess water during the monsoon.

As a result, about 800 people on both sides were affected, said locals.

Enamul Haque, project implementation officer in Ghatail upazila, said with the cooperation of the upazila administration, necessary arrangements were made to excavate the canal to restore its water flow.

Rahima Begum, 70, from Panjana village said reviving the canal has solved the longstanding irrigation problem.

Ghatail Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Abu Sayeed said legal action will be taken if anyone tries to occupy the canal again.

Tangail DC Sharifa Haque said such development work will continue.



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It’s deeply tragic

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appreciates her bravery and sees legal action as an example of women’s rights.”

However, despite the High Court’s directive and strong condemnation on social media, videos and photos of the incident are still online, which is very worrying, CSWC said in the statement.

In Bangladesh, the absence of a reliable framework for personal data protection and the lack of clear legal guidance on technology-based sexual violence are hindering victims from accessing justice, said the rights body.

In particular, according to Section 14 of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, 2000, the

provision of keeping the identity of the victim secret needs to be implemented effectively.

CSWC urged the authorities to maintain the confidentiality of victims’ identities and photographs in all cases of sexual violence, including rape; to refrain from publishing any content online without the victim’s consent; to take effective legal action against offenders by strengthening the legal framework for personal data protection; to introduce clear legal definitions and safeguards for Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV); and to properly implement existing laws to ensure the privacy of victims’ digital information and evidence.

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