

GOPALGANJ VIOLENCE Case filed over attack on DC's residence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Another case has been filed over the July 16 attack on the Gopalganj deputy commissioner's residence, bringing the total number of cases to 14 and the number of accused to 15,735.

Gopalganj Sadar Police Station Assistant Sub Inspector Faruk Hossain filed the latest case under the Anti-Terrorism Act on Tuesday night, confirmed Officer in Charge Mir Mohammad Sajedur Rahman to reporters yesterday.

The case names 41 leaders and activists of the Awami League and its affiliated organisations, along with 50 to 60 unidentified individuals, the OC said.

On July 16, protesters allegedly attacked the DC's residence during demonstrations aimed at disrupting the NCP's rally, vandalising government property, and inciting public disorder.

Previously, police filed 13 other cases with the Sadar, Khashiani, Kotalpara, and Tungipara police stations. So far, law enforcers have arrested 336 people across the district in connection with the unrest.

Youth sued over rape of 4-year-old girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A case has been filed against a youth over the rape of a four-year-old girl in Sreenagar upazila of Munshiganj.

The victim's mother filed the case against Al Amin Khan, 18, with Sreenagar Police Station yesterday, said Md Nazmul Huda Khan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Quoting the family, OC Nazmul said the victim's mother worked as a house help in the upazila.

According to the case statement, she had brought her daughter along to her workplace on Sunday.

Around 11:00am, Al Amin, who lived nearby, allegedly took the girl to an isolated place and raped her. He then fled the scene, it added.

Following the complaint, police launched an operation on Tuesday night to arrest the accused, but he has been in hiding since the incident, said the OC.

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The men, chanting slogans associated with the AL, were seen pushing her repeatedly. Later, police and bystanders escorted her behind gate for safety. Even then, the men continued shouting insults in front of cameras.

Asked what gave her the courage that day, she simply said, "I just did what any teacher should. If we don't stand by our students, who will?"

For nearly three weeks after the incident, Aklima said she lived under what felt like "house arrest". The local AL office, only metres from her home, became a source of threats and fear.

"They threatened my husband and even the building's doormen," she

said. "They'd say, 'Let the right time come and we will deal with you.'"

Branded a traitor and "Razakar" by local thugs, she stopped leaving the house.

"Some of them have known me since childhood," she said quietly. "But when it comes to political gains, people forget who you are."

Still, she continued supporting her students remotely, as many were reaching out to her for guidance and reassurance.

"I told them whatever I could. If I could protect even one student, I felt I was doing my duty," she said.

Though not politically active, Aklima said her conscience had been stirred earlier, on July 16, when Abu Sayed, a student of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur, was killed.

"Abu Sayed was not my student. But he was a student. The fact that no teacher came forward, no one stood by his body, haunted me," she said.

It was then that she made a promise to herself: "If something like this happens again, I will not stay silent."

Aklima has lived her whole life in the same Badda neighbourhood.

She completed her HSC at Holy Cross College and later studied philosophy at Dhaka University.

She recalled her university days in the early 2000s, which were marked by unrest.

"There were processions, gunshots... We'd run to Kalabhaban to hide," she said. "Our honours took eight years to complete. But I was never involved in politics. I was always focused on books and classes."

Aklima's dream is a revolution through curriculum, not slogans. "We need an education system that produces human beings, not just degree holders."

Real reform, she believes, starts in classrooms – with updated curricula, trained teachers, moral education, and above all, compassion.

"In universities, we say, 'Enter to learn, leave to serve.' But right now, we are doing neither. That must change."

She knows change is not possible overnight, but believes it can happen over generations. "I may not see it in my lifetime, but if we start now, maybe our grandchildren will see it."

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Two schoolgirls drown in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Two schoolgirls drowned while bathing in the Narsunda river at Karimganj in Kishoreganj yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at Ashtaka Manikpur village in Gundhar union, police said.

The victims were Saifa Akhter, 10, daughter of Ratan Mia, a class four student, and Maymuna Akhter, 9, daughter of Ikhlas Mia, a class three student.

Azharul Islam, a member of the local union parishad, said the girls were playing near the riverbank close to their homes. At one point, they entered the water to bathe and went missing.

Locals later recovered their bodies from the river around 3:00pm.

Karimganj Police Station Officer in-Charge Sheikh Mohammad Mahbub Morshed said police visited the spot and that initial reports indicated the girls drowned.

Two more die of dengue; 386 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two dengue patients died while 386 others were hospitalised across the country in the 24 hours till this morning, according to the DGHS.

Both deaths were reported in Dhaka.

With the latest figures, the total number of dengue related deaths this year has risen to 81, while the number of reported cases has reached 20,702.

Of the total infected, 19,332 dengue patients have so far been released from hospitals, including 15,221 from outside Dhaka. Currently, 1,289 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals, 941 of whom are from outside the capital.

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প্রধান কার্যালয়
মিরপুর-২, ঢাকা-১২১৬।

পুনঃ টেক্সার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

তারিখ: ০১-০৭-২০২৫

গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, পটুয়াখালী মোনাল অফিস ভবন নির্মাণের জন্য সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/বায়ুত্বসামূহিক প্রকল্পের তালিকাভুক্ত প্রক্রিয়াত ইমারিট ইমারিট প্রক্রিয়াত নির্মাণ করার পরামর্শ দিয়ে সীলমোহরভূক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, মোনাল অফিস, পটুয়াখালী (আফাজ মহল, সুব্রজবাংশ, পটুয়াখালী-৪৬০০)।

লট নং-০১, প্রক্রিয়াত মোনাল অফিস, পটুয়াখালী মোনাল অফিস ভবন নির্মাণ কাজ, সিএক্সির রেজিস্ট্রেশন (ফার্মের সার্টিফিকেশন রেজিস্ট্রেশন), ওয়ার্ড নং-০৮, মোজা: পটুয়াখালী সদর, জেলা: পটুয়াখালী।

১) উকে কাজের টেক্সার সিএক্সির মোট উক্ত ২.৫% পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টির মাধ্যমে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকে

২) প্রতিটি টেক্সার দলিলের মূল্য ৪,০০০/- (চার হাজার) টাকা (অফেরণযোগ্য)।

৩) কার্য সম্পন্ন করার সময় ৩০ (ত্রিশ) মাস।

৪) বাংকে ও অর্ডারের উৎস: নিজের অর্ধায়ন।

৫) উক্ত কাজের টেক্সার সিএক্সির মোনাল অফিস হতে ০১-০৭-২০২৫ তারিখ থেকে ২৭-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকলীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

৬) আগস্ট ০৩-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ থেকে ২৭-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত পর্যবেক্ষণ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকলীন সময়ে এবং ২৮-০৮-২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত পর্যবেক্ষণ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকলীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

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৯) টেক্সার দলিলের নিয়মাবলী টেক্সার দলিলের সাথে সময়সূচী দ্বারা নির্দেশিত করা হবে।

১০) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোটি টাকা হতে হবে। তবে টেক্সার বাকি খোলার সিএক্সির মোনাল অফিস চলাকলীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

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