

Man to die for rape, murder of madrasa girl in Barguna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A Barguna court yesterday sentenced a man to death and another to five years in jail over the rape and murder of a madrasa student in Barguna's Amtoli. The convicts are Hridoy Khan, 20, and his accomplice Zahidul Islam, 19.

Barguna Women and Children's Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Lailatul Ferdous delivered the verdict in their presence, said Special Public Prosecutor Ranjuara Sipu.

The father of the victim filed a complaint with the Amtoli Police Station against the two on February 8, 2022.

According to the case statement, the 12-year-old student went out of her house on February 5, 2022. When she did not return home, her parents started looking for her.

The next day, the complainant filed a GD with the Amtoli Police Station. His son, Imran, told him that a text message was sent to his phone from an unknown number saying that the girl had been abducted and demanded a ransom of Tk 15 lakh. The father then reported the matter to the police.

Police arrested a suspect, Hridoy, on February 7, and during interrogation, they learned that the victim had been abducted for ransom. When he failed to extort the ransom, he took her to the Hoglata forest and raped her. Fearing that she might reveal the matter, Hridoy killed her, according to the case statement.

Police later recovered her body based on the information.



Bamboos transported from Faridpur being soaked in a ditch in Barishal before being processed into sticks used to fence betel leaf plantations. A worker engaged in this work from morning till evening earns Tk 20,000-25,000 a month, while traders sell 160 sticks for Tk 675. The photo was taken in the Baichkhola area of Gournadi upazila, Barishal recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

KALAPARA IN PATUAKHALI

River dam leaves arable land submerged

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

An embankment built across the Boritala River at Gabbaria in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila has blocked the natural water flow, leaving vast areas waterlogged.

Hundreds of farmers in at least 40 villages under five unions are facing distress as nearly 50,000 acres of arable land remain inundated, they said.

At least 19 sluice gates in the area have become inoperative, while branch canals are silting up, worsening the crisis.

Residents said the Boritala once flowed through Dalbuganj and Mohipur unions. In 2015, the Water Development Board built a cross dam at Gabbaria point, cutting off tidal water flow. Since then, three connected canals have become nearly dead, while heavy silt has turned many



branch canals into farmland. "Due to the blockage in the Boritala River, people have built small dams at the Okkachora point of Bablatala canal to make ponds for fish farming," said Siddiq Mia, a farmer from Monsatia village. "The river is gone. People can now walk across it. But once, fishermen made their living here," said Altaf, a farmer from Mirpur village. "If a sluice gate is built on the dam, we can get relief from this suffering."

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secret detention centres, have been added.

According to complaints filed with the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances, formed by the interim government, about 1,850 people were victims of enforced disappearance between 2009 and 2024 during the Awami League government. The whereabouts of around 350 of them remain unknown.

To mark International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances on August 30, Mayer Daak will also organise a seminar at the Bangla Academy auditorium on August 29, Sanjida added.

Curator Tanzim Wahab noted in a message displayed at the exhibition that the issue of enforced disappearances became clearer after the July uprising, when people released from Aynagar recounted being picked up and subjected to horrific torture.

"However, these photographs stand as protest, preserving the memory of those who never returned," the message read.

Md Romeo, a student who visited the exhibition yesterday, said it sends a strong message to the government to ensure justice for victims and their families.

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We will share the action plan with you once we have prepared it."

Asked why the roadmap -- which was supposed to be released last week -- was delayed, he said, "It is my own shortcoming. Since I was outside Dhaka, I might have fallen a bit behind."

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PRAYER TIMING
AUGUST 28

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AZAN	4-30	12-45	4-45	6-33	8-00
JAMAAT	5-05	1-15	5-00	6-36	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Call-Ready once

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Suhrawardy, Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq, Nelson Mandela, Indira Gandhi, Bill Clinton, and Pranab Mukherjee all addressed crowds through Call-Ready microphones.

By the mid-1950s, the company employed at least 20 workers, with members of the Ghosh family managing the growing business.

The journey of Call-Ready began in 1948, when brothers Doyal Ghosh and Haripada Ghosh from Bikrampur's Srinagar started a business in Laxmibazar under the name I Am Always Ready. On Call At Your Service -- later shortened to ARJA, or Arju Electronics. Initially renting out lighting, decoration, and even gramophones, the shop soon introduced microphones, many of which Haripada himself built using imported parts.

When this correspondent visited the shuttered shop on Wednesday, even the signboard had been removed. "The shop has been closed since August 5," said local resident Shoibal Sarkar.

Another resident, Tariq Aziz, recalled, "We grew up seeing this shop. These mics are in the photos of our history. But it has been closed for a year now."

With modern, portable sound systems dominating the market, Call-Ready could not keep pace.

One of the authorities, wishing anonymity, said, "Business was declining as new technology spread. We are closing the shop now and will try to restart in another location in Dhaka."

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percent for the next five along with reduced duties on solar equipment, he said.

Meanwhile, the Merchant Power Policy will allow producers to sell electricity directly to customers using the national grid on a wheeling-charge basis, he added.

He also said the National Rooftop Solar Program will start with government offices, then expand to schools and hospitals, with systems installed under public-private and OPEC models.

BIDA, in coordination with the home ministry, is also working to digitise security clearance processes for foreign professionals, with the reform set to go live in September, he said.

BIDA's priorities for the rest of the year include completing 32 reform initiatives and converting high-priority investment leads generated from recent visits, he added.

to introduce electric trains. At the event, BIDA Executive Chairman Ashik Chowdhury said the authority has set up the country's first Investor Relationship Management team to serve as a single point of contact for investors and guide them through government processes.

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The government is also preparing for the transition to electric mobility, having signed agreements with the World Bank for 450 electric buses and planning

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e-GP Tender Notice (OTM) 2025-2026

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SL No.	Tender ID No.	Name & Packages	Tender Publication date	Tender last selling date and time	Tender closing date and time	Tender opening date and time
1.	1145235	Supply the training beg and instruments at NACTAR, Bogura.	28-08-2025 9.54 AM	11-09-2025 10.49 AM	11-09-2025 10.54 AM	11-09-2025 10.54 AM

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