

Parents among 3 held for teenage daughter’s murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police have arrested the parents and brother-in-law of a teenage girl, following her murder. The three are now facing murder charges.

The victim was allegedly strangled to death by her family members on the night of August 20 in Patuakhali’s Bauphal upazila, following an altercation regarding her relationship with a local youth, said Patuakhali Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police (Bauphal circle) Arif Muhammad Shakur.

While briefing reporters around 8:15pm on Wednesday, the police officer confirmed that the arrests were made on August 26.

The arrestees -- including the 14-year-old’s father Nazrul Islam, mother Amena Begum, and brother-in-law Kamal Hossain -- admitted to killing her during primary interrogation, said Shakur.

He added that the arrestees were produced before a local court on Wednesday, where they also gave confessional statements under section 164.

Md Atikul Islam, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Bauphal Police Station, said that locals on August 23 found the body from a canal, which is one kilometre away from their house in Konakdia. Following the recovery, Nazrul himself filed a case accusing unidentified persons of abducting and killing his daughter, he added.

He said, “During investigation of the case, we had suspicions about the case. After gathering evidence and questioning suspects, we confirmed that the victim’s parents and brother-in-law were directly involved in the killing.”

Police official Atikul told The Daily Star that on the night of August 20, the victim got into an argument with her family over her relationship. At one stage, her parents and brother-in-law strangled her to death. Later, they dumped her body in the canal.

Ancient printing press left to decay in M’singh

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The remains of a printing press, believed to be around 150 years old, have been left abandoned for decades near Mrittunjoy School in Mymensingh.

City residents, researchers, and activists are demanding that this historic printing press be preserved before it is completely destroyed.

In early August, members of the Antiquities Preservation Committee -- a local group comprising researchers and social and cultural activists -- found the decaying press left under the open sky, with most of its parts missing.

Abdul Kader Chowdhury, a member of the committee, claimed the press is about 150 years old.

Citing The Monthly Sourav, a newspaper edited by Kedarnath Majumder in Mymensingh’s history, archaeology researcher Swapon Dhar said Harchandra Roy Chowdhury, a zamindar of Sherpur, brought the printing press to Mymensingh in 1875. Later, Girish Chandra Roy Chowdhury, Sreekantha Sen, Sreenath Roy, Horikishore Ray, and Upendra Kishore Ray from Sherpur and Kishoreganj were also involved with the press, mainly for literary works, he said.

In 1947, Anath Bandhu Guha, founder of Mrittunjoy School, also used the press, Dhar added.

“After a few years of use,

responsibility for the press was handed over to Maulana Shamsul Huda Panchbaghi, an Islamic scholar, social reformer, and political leader from Mymensingh’s Gafargaon upazila. The press continued operating even after Bangladesh’s independence, mainly printing political leaflets and posters,” Dhar said.

However, in an essay titled Mymensingher Patrapatrika, published in 1987 to mark two centuries of Mymensingh town, Prof Abdul Kader



Khan noted that Mymensingh has a rich history of printing presses, many of which were established primarily for literary works.

Prof Khan wrote that this press was brought to Mymensingh from Sherpur in 1893. In his essay, he listed many names behind the printing revolution in Mymensingh, including Chandra Kumar Dey, Kali Charan Sannayal, Maharaja Suryakanta Acharya Chowdhury, Maharaja Kamol Krishna Singh, Prasannya

Chandra Sannayal, Horichandra Roy Chowdhury, Boikuntha Soom, Durgadas Roy, Madhusudan Sarker, Makhon Lal Lahiri, Shibdayal Tribedi, Rukkhinikanta Thakur, Mouavi Abdul Hamid Khan Yusufjai, Begum Korimennesa Khanam, Muslem Uddin Khan, Khandakar Nazim Uddin Ahmed, Anil Kumar Bandhopadya, Gyanendra Prasad Chakraborty, SM Nurul Hossain Kashimpuri, Jagannath Agnihotra, Radhanath Ghosh, Ramchandra Ananta, Nibaron

Chandra Das, Akkhoy Kumar Majumder, Pandit Umesh Chandra Bidhyaratna, and Mujibur Rahman Phulpuri, among many others.

Referring to historical evidence, Rezaul Karim Aslam, a collector of ancient musical instruments in Mymensingh, said the design of the printing press shows it was manufactured by HS Cropper and Co, a company established by Henry Smith Cropper in the United Kingdom.

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Over 1500 sued for looting stones from Sada Pathor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday submitted two compliance reports to the High Court stating that 1,500 to 2,000 unidentified individuals have been sued over the large-scale looting of stones from Sada Pathor, a major tourist site in Bholaganj of Sylhet’s Companiganj upazila.

The case was filed on August 15 with Companiganj Police Station under the Mineral Resources Act and relevant sections of the Penal Code, according to a report from the secretary of power, energy and mineral resources ministry.

In another report, the Sylhet deputy commissioner said 50 lakh cubic feet of stone and 11 lakh cubic feet of sand have already been reinstated at the Bholaganj stone quarry.

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Freeze 120 bank accounts of ex-land minister
Court passes order

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to freeze 120 bank accounts owned by former land minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, his family members, and their beneficiaries over corruption allegations brought against them.

The former land minister and others deposited Tk 44,24,70,965.87 in these accounts.

Judge (in-charge) Md Ibrahim Miah of the Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge’s Court passed the order after ACC Deputy Director Md

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Aarti Pal makes malsha (traditional clay bowls), a staple household item made by artisans of Kumar Para. Each bowl is sold to traders across Khulna and beyond at a wholesale price of Tk 5–7. The photo was taken in the Palpara area of Sharafpur union yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

HABIGANJ-SHAYESTAGANJ

Illegal sand trade damaging road

MINTU DESHWARA

If you travel along the Habiganj-Shayestaganj road, particularly near the Sudiakhal area, you will see large piles of sand stacked on the roadside.

Locals allege that certain individuals have been illegally extracting and selling this sand without government permits.

They claim that the stockpiling of sand has caused severe damage to the Habiganj-Shayestaganj road, turning it into a deadly stretch prone to frequent accidents.

Residents are now demanding that the administration launch an immediate drive to remove these illegal depots.

During a visit, this correspondent found sand heaped along the Sudiakhal section of the regional road. The sand is dredged from the other side of the road and later transported across Habiganj on tractors.

Locals blame these overloaded tractors for damaging the road.

According to sources, the business is run by a man named Nazim Ahmed.

One resident, requesting anonymity, said Nazim operates alongside an influential syndicate. Out of fear, locals avoid speaking against them publicly, though anger over the issue is widespread.

Faruk Ahmed, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, said, “Sand is often loaded onto tractors. This has broken

several spots on the road, and a major accident could happen anytime.”

Residents of Chunarughat added that the illegal extraction continues “right under the nose of the authorities,” undermining both environmental and institutional integrity.

Pedestrian Minhaj Mia said,

permission, he denied causing damage to the road. “I am not involved in these things [damaging the road]. Some people are doing this to tarnish my reputation,” he said.

Tofazzal Soheli, a member of the central executive committee of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) and general secretary of Habiganj



“Accidents frequently happen here. On rainy days, when sand mixes with rainwater, the risk increases. We want this illegal sand business removed.”

Local resident Alamgir Mia noted that an illegal depot has been built beside the road for easier transport, disrupting traffic.

He added that indiscriminate dredging is altering riverbeds and worsening erosion.

Although Nazim Ahmed admitted to running the sand trade without

BAPA, told The Daily Star, “Unplanned sand extraction is collapsing canal banks and cutting into farmland and tea gardens. Bamboo groves, trees, and homes near canals are also at risk. The sand sold on the roadside is causing many accidents. Without urgent government action, both accidents and environmental disasters will worsen.”

Shayestaganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Pallab Hom Das said, “I am not aware of the matter. Necessary measures will be taken immediately after investigating the issue.”

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Corrigendum/Amendment-01

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport & Bridges/Road Transport & Highways Division			
2	Agency	Roads & Highways Department			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur			
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A			
5	Procuring Entity District	Pirojpur			
6	Corrigendum for	Toll Collection Activity and Operation & Maintenance of Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System for Bekutia Bridge at 41st Km of Barishal-Jhalokathi-Pirojpur-Bagerhat-Khulna Road (N-807) for 3(Three) years under Pirojpur Road Division during the year 2025-2026			
7	Corrigendum Ref No	35.01.7980.462.99.171.20-2384			
8	Date	28/08/2025			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	NCT & OTM			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB			
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	N/A			
13	Project Name (if applicable)	N/A			
14	Tender Package No.	01/Manual/PSN/PRD/2025-2026			
15	Tender Package Name	Toll Collection Activity and Operation & Maintenance of Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System for Bekutia Bridge at 41st Km of Barishal-Jhalokathi-Pirojpur-Bagerhat-Khulna Road (N-807) for 3(Three) years under Pirojpur Road Division during the year 2025-2026			
16	Tender Publication Date	13/08/2025			
17	Pre-Tender Meeting Date	27/08/2025 at 12:00 p.m. Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur (Zoom Meeting ID- 634 685 4277; Passcode: 12345)			
18	Tender Last Selling Date	14/09/2025 up to 05:00 p.m.			
19	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date	Time		
		15/09/2025	12.30 p.m.		
20	Tender Opening Date and Time	15/09/2025		02.00 p.m.	
21	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address			
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur			
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barishal			
	Receiving Tender Document	(i) Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Barishal Circle, Barishal			
		(ii) Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur			
	Opening Tender Document	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division Pirojpur			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh.Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of BangladeshAs per requirements specified in TDS & TOR			
23	Brief Description of Services	Toll Collection Activity and Operation & Maintenance of Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System for Bekutia Bridge at 41st Km of Barishal-Jhalokathi-Pirojpur-Bagerhat-Khulna Road (N-807) for 3(Three) years under Pirojpur Road Division			
24	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	TK . 4000.00 (Four Thousand) Only			
25	Package No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
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26	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings. This notice will be available on RHD website www.rhd.gov.bd and CPTU website www.cptu.gov.bd.				

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Corrigendum Text: This corrigendum has been made due to unavoidable circumstances

Field Name	Old Value	New Value
Specific Experience [ITT 11.1 (b)]	5.5 Crore (Five Point five Crore) Taka	4.5 Crore (Four Point Five Crore) Taka
Average Annual Turnover [ITT 12.1 (a)]	3.00 Crore (Three Crore) Taka	2.75 Crore (Two point seven five crore)
Liquid Asset/working Capital [ITT 12.1 (b)]	8.00 Crore (Eight Crore) Taka	6.00 Crore (Six Crore) Taka
Section 6. Activity Schedule Table A	As per Table attached in previous Tender Document	Table has been rearranged (Attached in updated Tender Document)
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Section 6. Activity Schedule Table D	As per Table attached in previous Tender Document	Table has been rearranged (Attached in updated Tender Document)

**All the tenderers who have already purchased the tender document before 28/08/2025 are requested to collect amended tender document from the respective tender selling offices free of cost and return the previously sold tender documents.

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