

RAPE OF STUDENT Fugitive man sentenced to 44 years in jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka tribunal yesterday sentenced a man to 44 years' rigorous imprisonment in absentia for abducting and raping a student of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College eight years ago.

Judge Munshi Md Moshir Rahman of Dhaka Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-4 delivered the verdict against Anis Ahmed Neel.

The tribunal also fined him Tk 1.5 lakh, in default of which he will have to serve 18 more months in jail.

According to the case documents, Neel used to harass the victim on her way to and from school.

On October 30, 2017, he abducted her from Kamrangirchar while she was going to attend a coaching class and raped her.

The victim's father filed a case with Kamrangirchar Police Station, and police later rescued the girl from Dinajpur.

Police submitted a charge sheet on March 31, 2018.



Individuals from low-income households wait in line early in the morning to buy rice at Tk 30 per kilogramme from OMS (open market sale) dealers on Boyra College Boundary Road in Khulna. Like them, many endure long hours to purchase daily essentials at a subsidised rate.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Jubo Dal man hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A local Jubo Dal activist was hacked to death by miscreants in Kachua upazila of Bagerhat early yesterday.

The deceased is Jahidul Islam Mintu, 45, of Shibpur village under Raripara union, said police.

Raripara union BNP President Rezaul Hossain said Mintu was a Jubo Dal activist.

According to locals, Mintu's family had been dealing with complications due to his two marriages. On Monday night, an argument broke out between Mintu and his first wife, Jharna Begum. Around 3:00am, a group of 8-10 men stormed their house, beat him up, and hacked him with sharp weapons, leaving him critically injured.

He was declared dead at Khulna Medical College Hospital, said Shamim Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Kachua Police Station.

Md Shamim Hossain, additional superintendent of police (Sadar Circle), said police launched an investigation to identify and arrest the killers.

He said police detained Jharna Begum in connection with the murder.

No case was filed till the filing of this report around 6:00pm.

Rusty bell rings again

School for tea workers' children reopens after 2 years

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

For two long years, an eerie quiet hung over the schoolyard of Bawani Tea Garden Primary School in Habiganj's Nabiganj upazila. The bell that once rang every morning had gathered rust.

But on Sunday, the bell rang again — and with it, laughter returned to the schoolyard.

The small school reopened through the initiative of local administration officials. It had been shut down two years ago due to ownership complications at Bawani Tea Garden.

With salaries and allowances remaining unpaid for months, the teachers gradually left. With no replacements, the classrooms fell silent.

For the children of more than a hundred tea worker families, the closure was devastating. Most of their parents earn daily wages, plucking leaves under the scorching sun, and sending their children to school had always been their only hope for a better future.

Habiganj Deputy Commissioner Md Faridur Rahman and Nabiganj UNO Md Ruhul Amin took the initiative to reopen the school.

They also appointed a temporary teacher to resume classes.

The reopening brought life back to



the once-deserted school premises, now filled with children's laughter once again. Some students were seen eagerly flipping through new books, while parents looked on with tears of joy and gratitude.

Md Yamin Mia, the newly appointed teacher, said, "We are currently operating from 9:00am to 12:30pm due to the lack of basic facilities such as water and proper sanitation. As a result, we allow students to leave early."

"However, we are in the process of admitting students across various year groups. Today, we welcomed three new

students," he added.

Sabuj Jhara, a fifth grader, said, "There hasn't been a school in our area for a long time. I studied at home for the past two years. It's really nice that the school has reopened. I come to school in the mornings, and it's great to see my friends again."

"Our children couldn't study for two years. Today, they've returned to their classrooms. This is a day of great happiness for us," said Rambhajan Robidas, a tea worker.

UNO Ruhul Amin said, "Efforts are underway to appoint permanent teachers."

Security tightened around US embassy

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A police intelligence source said the move followed a specific threat alert shared with law enforcement, which prompted an urgent reinforcement of security.

"Upon receiving the intelligence input, we immediately strengthened security and coordinated with all relevant units, including the Detective Branch and uniformed police," another senior DMP official said.

"In the Diplomatic Security Division, we always remain alert and take precautionary measures whenever necessary," the officer added.

M o h a m m a d Salauddin Sikder, deputy commissioner (cybercrime and investigation) of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit, confirmed to The Daily Star that an investigation has been launched.

Asked about the source of the threat, he said no breakthrough had yet been made, but further details may emerge as the probe continues.

Candidates make last-minute push as campaigning ends

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campaign meeting of the Shibir-backed "Sommito Shikharthi Jote" on Monday night.

"The move actually benefited Shibir. It sent a message that Shibir wanted to serve food but the administration did not allow it," he said, adding that no action had been taken against earlier code violations by other panels.

On Monday night, the Rucsu Election Commission stopped around 400 food packets brought by "Sommito Shikharthi Jote" during a campaign meeting at Mannujan Hall and Khaleda Zia Hall, citing a violation of the electoral code of conduct.

Panel representatives, including its VP candidate Mostakur Rahman Zahid and Shibir's general secretary Mujahid Faisal, alleged that they

were obstructed during campaigning by the commission.

Rucsu Chief Election Commissioner Prof F Nazrul Islam said the decision was made to maintain fairness, noting that not all candidates could afford such expenses.

"We want to ensure equal opportunities for all. Our teams are visiting halls regularly to prevent irregularities and intimidation," he said.

Nur Uddin Abir, VP candidate from the Chhatra Dal-backed "Ekushey Notun Projonmo Panel", accused Shibir-backed candidates of violating the polls code by distributing food and gifts in different halls.

According to a notice signed by RU Proctor Prof Mahbubur Rahman,

only vehicles bearing university stickers will be allowed on campus, while all motorcycles will be

completely restricted.

Media personnel with passes issued by the Rucsu Election Commission will be allowed entry.

Students with disabilities will be exempt from the vehicle restriction. Teachers, officers, and staff living in the western residential area will enter through the Shahid Sakib Anjum (Kajila) gate and exit via the Paris Road main gate.

Prof Mahbubur said strict security measures have been taken for election day. "All temporary shops near polling centres will remain closed. Two thousand police personnel, six platoons of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), and 12 platoons of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) will be deployed," he said.

"We have also coordinated with the army. However, we hope their deployment won't be necessary," he added.

Try accused military personnel

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officers were charged at the ICT on October 8 in three cases — two over enforced disappearances during the Awami League government and one over killings during the July uprising.

"Military law could work in coordination with the ICT to set a historic example of justice. Otherwise, the sustainability of such trials might be uncertain in the future," said Lt (ret'd) Saifullah Khan Saif,

general secretary of the association.

"We stand for justice, but it must be transparent, evidence-based, and consistent with the Constitution and human rights," he said.

The association also called on citizens, including current and former military personnel, and the media to reject "propaganda by vested quarters".

Brig Gen (ret'd) Rokan Uddin said those involved

in crimes such as enforced disappearances and killings during the "fascist" period before the July uprising must be brought to justice, but trials should be coordinated under both military and civil law.

He warned that hastily amending the ICT Act or conducting one-sided trials could make the process flawed and resemble those carried out during the "fascist era".

A health centre

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Local resident Faruk Hossain said, "Since its inception, this hospital has never been fully staffed. As a result, the people of the area have always been deprived of healthcare."

The hospital, inaugurated on February 25, 2012, has been chronically short-staffed ever since. At times, there were only two physicians and sometimes just one, as many doctors were unwilling to settle in the small town.

Earlier this year, Dr Sayem Poonam left on a two-month training programme in April, leaving the facility doctorless. Even though Dr Supriya Das joined later, her transfer last month has pushed the hospital back into crisis.

Al Amin, 45, a resident of Bahamkanda village near the hospital, was admitted with fever on September 30. However, as there was no doctor available, he did not receive any treatment and had to get admitted to Kalapara Upazila Health Complex on October 2.

"There is no doctor at the hospital. We have to come to the upazila town for treatment, which increases our expenses and causes suffering," he said.

Patuakhali Civil Surgeon Dr Khaledur Rahman Mia said almost all hospitals and health complexes in the district are suffering from a shortage of doctors.

"We have already informed the higher authorities several times, and they have assured us that the vacant posts will be filled soon," he said.

Three children drown in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three children drowned in a pond during a wedding ceremony at Chanpur Tea Garden in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj yesterday afternoon.

The deceased are Moskan Akhter, 13; Shamima Akhter, 12; and Sania Akhter, 9. They were from Ramganga area of the upazila.

Quoting locals, Zahidul Islam, officer-in-charge of Chunarughat Police Station, said the children, along with their family members, were attending the wedding ceremony of a relative at a house inside the tea garden. While wedding preparations were underway, the children went to a nearby pond to bathe.

As none of them could swim they drowned, he added.

Locals later rescued and rushed the children to Chunarughat Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared them dead.

Madrasa director held over rape of student

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police have arrested a madrasa director in Kurigram's Ulipur upazila on charges of raping a student.

The arrestee, Riazul Islam, 28, is a resident of Sarai Para village in the upazila.

Ulipur Police Station's Officer-in-charge Zillur Rahman said, "The incident took place on October 5. Locals caught Riazul on October 12 when the madrasa student disclosed the matter."

Later locals handed him over to police, he said. The girl's father filed a case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act on Monday, he added.

The victim has been sent to Kurigram General Hospital for a medical test.

Hajj registration extended till October 16

UNB, Dhaka

The Ministry of Religious Affairs has extended the deadline for hajj registration until October 16, according to a press release signed by Md Abubakar Siddique, public relations officer at the ministry, yesterday.

The notice was addressed to prospective pilgrims for hajj 2026, hajj agencies, banks, and other relevant parties.

It requested all eligible individuals to complete their registration within the extended period to ensure participation in the pilgrimage.

Earlier, following the roadmap announced by the Saudi government, the original deadline for hajj registration was set for October 12.

The extension applies to both government and private registration channels, giving prospective pilgrims additional time to secure their arrangements.

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OCTOBER 15

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-45	12-45	4-15	5-45	7-15
JAMAAT 5-20	1-15	4-30	5-50	7-45

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