

Cop sent to jail over rape of girl in N'ganj

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A policeman has been sent to jail on charges of raping a 12-year-old girl in Narayanganj's Bandar upazila.

Md Ruhul Amin, 41, a constable of Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Dhanmondi Traffic Division, was arrested at Chashara in Narayanganj city on Monday evening, said said police.

Following a case filed under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, he was produced before a court yesterday, said Liaqat Ali, officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station.

The victim, a domestic worker from Madaripur employed in Dhaka's Kalabagan area, is receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said OC Liaqat.

According to the case statement and initial investigation, the girl was found crying near the Kalabagan police box on Monday afternoon, where Ruhul was on duty. "He took the child to his flat in Bandar and raped her. While returning to Dhaka later that evening, the girl began crying again in Chashara, which aroused suspicion among locals who informed police," Liaqat said.



A vendor outside a school holds up his hand to signal eager students to wait their turn to order through the gaps in the institution's entry gate yesterday. Sales for such vendors in different parts of Rajshahi city, selling fuchka and chotpoti outside various schools, surge during school breaks or after classes. Since students are not always allowed to leave school premises, they buy from behind the gates.

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Not possible to accept all demands of 6 rights bodies

Says foreign adviser

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid Hossain yesterday said it would not be possible for the government to accept all the demands made by six human rights organisations in a letter to Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus on Sunday.

"We believe that everyone will do their respective work. Human rights organisations will do theirs. However, it will never be possible for the government to accept everything they demand. Of course, when any concern regarding human rights arises, we take it into consideration, and the government does what is possible on its part," he told reporters at the foreign ministry.

The adviser made the remark in response to queries about the letter sent by six global rights bodies, including Human Rights Watch, to the chief adviser.

The rights bodies called for justice for enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings in Bangladesh, as well as halting arbitrary arrests and lifting the ban on the activities of the Awami League.

They urged the chief adviser to take steps to prevent incidents of human rights violations in the country.

The letter welcomed the interim government's reform initiatives since coming to power while calling for broader human rights protection during the short period remaining

before the upcoming election.

The rights groups said the interim government must take further measures to ensure justice for serious abuses committed under the previous government and immediately halt ongoing arbitrary arrests and detentions.

They also called for the withdrawal of the existing ban on Awami League activities under the anti-terrorism law.

Asked about the interim government's position on the matter, Touhid said, "Not everyone's perspective is the same. Everyone speaks from their own perspective. The government has to work considering many factors. I think we will look at it this way."

Fire likely started in import courier

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about the incident, saying, "The intensity of the fire was high because of the presence of flammable materials. That is why it could not be brought under control in the initial stage."

Answering another question, he said, "No firefighting vehicle was obstructed from entering. Neither the fire service nor any other agency has claimed that their vehicles were delayed in reaching the site."

The CAAB chief acknowledged that while

airports have firefighting capabilities, they need to be strengthened.

Asked about piles of goods that reportedly blocked access to fire trucks, he said, "The goods stacked on the runway abhor belonged to Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Dhaka Customs House, and C&F agents. These are supposed to be cleared within 21 days, but they often remain for years."

He declined to blame any particular agency before the investigation is complete.

The CAAB chairman

also said the Cargo Village building is owned by CAAB, but its operations are run by Biman, Dhaka Customs House, and C&F agents. He also denied reports which claimed 19 letters had been sent earlier seeking fire safety improvements.

Meanwhile, the newly built cargo facility at the airport's third terminal cannot yet be taken over due to unresolved financial issues, said Mostafa.

He explained there is a gap of around Tk 1,000 crore between the

contractor's claim and CAAB's estimate.

Following the fire that gutted the existing Cargo Village, CAAB wrote to the contractor, requesting use of the newly built cargo facility at the third terminal.

After the fire, CAAB requested temporary use of the new cargo building, but the contractor refused, demanding payment of outstanding bills.

To launch the new cargo shed, some contractual and financial issues must be resolved. Discussions are ongoing," he added.

Inside colleges where no one passed

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At Jashore's Abhaynagar Sridharpur Union College, all seven examinees failed. "There's no English teacher here. Outsiders were hired, but we barely had classes," said student Mursalin Molla.

Echoing her, Principal Kamal Hossain admitted, "None of our teachers get paid."

Most of the failing colleges are non-MPO institutions where teachers receive no government salary support. Dinajpur's 43 and Mymensingh's 15 zero-pass colleges fall in this category.

These colleges survive on small tuition fees, often collected irregularly, leaving them unable to retain teachers or maintain academic activities.

Rangpur Divisional Deputy Director Rokhsana Begum said, "These colleges have approval but are not under MPO. District and upazila education officers have been asked to explain their performance."

At Bakhra Hajirbag Ideal Girls' College in Jashore, and Rashed Khan Menon College in Kurigram.

Principals said centralised online admission has worsened enrolment.

Previously, they could attract students through local outreach. Now, most students choose reputed city institutions, leaving rural campuses deserted.

"Earlier we could enrol students through local outreach. Now very few

select our college online," said Meron Sun's vice-principal.

Several colleges are in a similar state. Chattogram Zilla College had two irregular examinees, Chakaria Commerce College in Cox's Bazar had two, and Abhaynagar Sridharpur Union College in Jashore had seven – all failed.

Rajshahi Board Chairman Prof ANM Mofakhhul Islam said some colleges had only one or two examinees. "It raises doubts about whether the college functions at all," he said.

Many students, officials said, still expect leniency like during the pandemic years, when exams were relaxed and auto-passes were given.

"Many spent time demanding exam postponement instead of studying," said Prof Mofakhhul Islam.

Board Exam Controller Prof Ariful Islam added, "Some students still think they might get an auto pass like in 2020 and neglect their studies, particularly during movements."

Jashore District Education Officer Mahfuzul Hossain said,

"Many students spent days on the streets even after July uprising, instead of in classrooms."

Education boards usually act only after results are out, issuing show-cause notices that rarely lead to action.

"Some colleges no longer conduct classes – we only find out about them after results," said a Dhaka Board official.

Dhaka Board Chairman Khondoker Ehsanul Kabir, who also heads the Inter-Education Board Coordination Committee, said, "All boards have been asked to prepare reports on zero-pass institutions. We hope to receive data within 10 days and accordingly take steps."

Asked why earlier actions brought no visible change, he declined to comment on the past.

"There is no record in board data showing that any visible action was taken in previous years," Prof Kabir added.

Our correspondents from Rajshahi, Lalmonirhat, Mymensingh, Cumilla, Sylhet, Jashore, Narayanganj, and Chattogram contributed to this report.

Student beaten to death in Ctg

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A 16-year-old student was beaten to death allegedly by a group of teenagers in Hathazari upazila of Chattogram yesterday.

The victim, Md Tamvir, was a class nine student at Alipur Rahmania School and College in Hathazari and son of Abdul Barek from Munshipara in the municipality.

Witnesses said a group of 10-15 teenagers attacked Tamvir near the old municipal office on Alipur Road around 1:30pm, leaving him critically injured.

He was rushed to the Hathazari Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead, said Monjur Kader, officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police Station.

A classmate of Tamvir said a conflict arose between two groups of students – from class nine and class ten – at the Alipur Rahmania School on October 15, over filming a clash on mobile phones.

Tamvir reportedly tried to mediate the dispute but became a target of class ten students involved in the feud.

Yesterday, Tamvir and a friend were taken to Alipur Road, about 500 metres from the school, under the pretext of resolving the conflict, where he was attacked.

OC Monjur also said the motive behind the killing is being investigated, and efforts are underway to apprehend the perpetrators. The body will be handed over to the family after the autopsy.

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এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবস্থান ও প্রয়োগীয় ব্যবস্থা এছেন্নের জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গণপূর্তি অধিদপ্তরের ক্ষেত্রে পিপিআর ২০২৫ অনুযায়ী সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (LTM) এর মাধ্যমে ক্রয়কার্য সম্পাদনের লক্ষ্যে গণপূর্তি অধিদপ্তরের ২০২৫-২০২৬ সনের ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারি প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য আগামী ১০/১১/২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে নির্ধারিত ফরমের সংশ্লিষ্ট নির্বাচিত প্রকৌশলীর দ্বারা আবেদন জানানো হচ্ছে।

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