

Man detained for ‘attempted rape’ of six-year-old girl

UNB, Sylhet

Police yesterday detained a 68-year-old man on charges of attempting to rape a six-year-old girl in Gowainghat upazila of Sylhet.

The detainee was identified as Nur Uddin.

According to police and local sources, Nur Uddin allegedly took the girl to an isolated place yesterday morning and attempted to rape her.

The incident came to light after she alerted her family members.

On information, a team from Gowainghat Police Station went to the spot and detained the accused.

M o h a m m a d Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Gowainghat Police Station, said the victim was sent to a hospital for medical examination.

“The victim’s family is in the process of filing a case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act. The detainee will be produced before the court following standard legal procedures,” the OC added.

402 killed

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The victims included 80 drivers, 89 transport workers, 59 pedestrians, 64 women, 45 children, 66 students, five law enforcers, three teachers, one doctor, three journalists, one engineer and four political activists, said the report.

Mozammel said the government’s 10-12 days of Eid-focused monitoring would not be sufficient to save lives or reduce suffering during such a large scale movement of people.

He called for short, medium, and long-term plans, alongside a major reshaping of the public transport system.

The organisation attributed the accidents to the movement of motorcycles, battery-run rickshaws and auto-rickshaws on highways, the absence of adequate road signs and markings, poor lighting, road defects, unfit vehicles, unskilled drivers, reckless speeding, overloading, wrong-side driving, extortion, rain-induced potholes and prolonged driving hours without rest.

It also recommended the introduction of a modern bus network, technology-driven traffic management, proper driver training, service lanes and footpaths on highways, improved road maintenance, regular road safety audits, stronger capacity at the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), and an end to monopoly control in the transport sector.



Vehicles barely move amid heavy traffic on Mirpur Road near Gabtoli Bus Terminal in Dhaka yesterday. With the Eid-ul-Azha holidays over, the capital returned to its usual bustle.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Bridge lies unused for 7yrs in Kulaura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A concrete bridge in the Kaerchak area of Moulvibazar’s Kulaura upazila has been lying unused for seven years as approach roads on both ends are yet to be constructed.

Locals say the structure, completed on June 10, 2019, at a cost of Tk 30.74 lakh, has brought no benefit to thousands of residents across seven villages.

Built over a canal in the Hakaluki Haor area, the bridge stands around 15-16 feet high. As the canal remains dry for much of the year, residents simply walk beneath the bridge, while local schoolchildren sometimes climb it, risking accidents.



Rahela Begum, mother of two school-going children from Kaerchak village, said, “That bridge is like a trap, high, broken in places, and with no road leading to it. Out of curiosity, children sometimes climb it. One wrong step and a tragedy can happen.”

Azizur Rahman Monir, chairman of Bhukshimol union parishad, said soil had been dumped on both ends of the bridge to form connecting roads, but it was repeatedly washed away by floodwaters.

Contacted, Sanjida Akter, upazila nirbahi officer of Kulaura, said she would look into the matter and take necessary steps to construct the bridge’s approach roads.



Budget session to continue till July 9

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For this session, a total of 3,228 questions have been received, 191 for the prime minister and 3,037 for ministers. Besides, 98 notices of attention under Rule 71 and 293 notices of resolutions under Rule 131 have been submitted.

At the outset of the session, parliament mourned the death of eight-year-old schoolgirl Ramisa Akter, along with several political leaders, former MPs, and prominent figures, including Tofail

Ahmed and Badruddin Umar.

The parliament expressed condolences over the deaths of Awami League leaders and former MPs AKM Rahmat Ullah, Dabirul Islam, ABM Anwarul Haque, and Moslem Uddin; former AL minister Shafique Ahmed; and Abdul Matin, an independent MP of the 10th parliament.

Parliament also expressed sorrow over the deaths of former BNP state minister Mizanur Rahman

Sinha, Prof MA Mannan, former MPs Dewan Shamsul Abedin and GM Fazlul Haque; Jatiyo Party MPs Syed Md Kayser, Abu Noor Mohammad Bahauul Haque, and Golam Sarwar Milon; and CPB MP Md Shamsuddoha.

Condolences were also offered for Speaker Hafiz’s wife, Prof Dilara Hafiz, National Professor Sufia Ahmed, poet Helal Hafiz, Chhayanaut president Sanjida Khatun, singer Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Nazrul singer Dalia

Naushin, former BNP chairperson’s adviser Abdul Quddus, cultural figure Ataur Rahman, Social Welfare Minister AZM Zahid Hossain’s mother Begum Zebunnesa, former Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal general secretary Shafiq Bari Babu, monk Dr Gyanishree Mahasthabir, and journalist Gazi Ruhul Amin.

The House also mourned the deaths of children Fahima Mim, Amina, and Tabassum Akhter, all victims of rape and murder.

Shift from certificate

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He was addressing the inaugural session of a training programme organised by the National University (NU) at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka. The programme aims to develop 12,000 college teachers across the country into skilled educators.

Highlighting the role of the NU in expanding higher education, Tarique said more than 40 lakh students are currently studying in over 2,000 affiliated colleges across the country.

Former prime minister late Khaleda Zia established this university in 1992 to resolve the crisis in higher education management and ensure education for all, he said, adding, this institution can play the most important role in expanding modern and technology-based higher education in the country.

Highlighting the government’s various

initiatives to develop young people as entrepreneurs, Tarique said, “A decision has been taken to provide ‘seed funding’ or ‘innovation grants’ through a competitive process to commercialise ‘innovative business ideas’ in colleges and universities to create business entrepreneurs from the campus.”

Urging teachers to play a role as pioneers and role models for social change, the premier said, “If the country’s students and youth are transformed into a technologically skilled workforce, a prosperous and self-reliant Bangladesh will be a role model for the world.”

PRAYER TIMING
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

MPs slam govt over power cuts

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passed, but gas has not yet been supplied,” she said.

In reply, Iqbal Hassan said, “We have a gas crisis. We need to keep our power plants running, so we cannot provide gas there.”

“Once the gas situation improves, supply will be given. No drilling was done in the past 17 years. We have started drilling now. Hopefully, we will find gas, and then supply will be given to Ashuganj fertiliser and other factories,” he added.

After the statement, Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad reminded Iqbal Hassan of his earlier promise to ensure gas supply to the Ashuganj fertiliser company by May 1.

He advised the minister to be more cautious about making promises and suggested that ministers should properly “study” or review relevant issues before making any commitment in parliament.

Replying to a question

from MP Faridul Kabir Talukdar of Jamalpur-4, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir also told parliament that fertiliser factories cannot operate due to a lack of gas. He said the government was considering creating a separate gas network for fertiliser factories.

Iqbal Hassan said the country’s maximum daily electricity demand during summer and the irrigation season is about 18,000 megawatts.

Responding to a query from Jashore-4 lawmaker Mohammad Golam Rasul about prolonged load-shedding in rural areas, the minister said, “There is currently no shortage of electricity in Bangladesh. Temporary outages may occur due to storms, trees falling on lines, or faults in transmission and distribution lines, but these should not be called load-shedding.”

“Load shedding means electricity being unavailable due to a shortage of supply. At present, Bangladesh has no such shortage,” he added.

Replying to MP Rashedul Islam Rashed of Sherpur-1, Iqbal Hassan said the government was prepared to face the possibility of a prolonged heatwave across South Asia, adding that some areas may have to face load-shedding.

Responding to another query from MP Kazi Rafiqul Islam of Bogura-1, the minister said although extending new electricity connections to char areas is costly, it is being planned gradually.

In reply to MP Shafiqul Islam of Patuakhali-2, the minister said preventing transformer theft across the long rural electricity network is difficult, and assured that delays in getting replacement transformers would be investigated.

July survivors need mental health

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strengthen assistance for those affected by the uprising.

Speaking at the event, psychiatrist Abdullah Hasan said, “Ensuring mental rehabilitation is just as important as addressing physical injuries.”

He called for sustained support programmes and greater policy attention to the long-term needs of

survivors.

Addressing the programme, Col MA Salam, Bir Protik, said the July fighters had helped free people from years of fear and uncertainty.

“People in this country spent years living in fear. It was the July fighters who helped free them from that situation,” he said.

He expressed confidence that those injured during

the uprising would continue to receive support, saying there was no reason for concern on that front.

The foundation said it hopes such initiatives will increase public awareness of the psychological impact of the uprising and contribute to broader discussions on survivor rehabilitation and mental health support.

Reject, resist and exit

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He called the agreement a “US order paper, Trump’s order paper”, with a noose around the Bangladeshi people’s neck.

“The order paper states we cannot conduct our own quality tests. We must accept US standards. If toxic, dangerous, or prohibited products arrive, no questions can be asked. We must buy them at high prices, without imposing tariffs.”

“Unless we reject, resist, and exit this order paper, Bangladesh faces a grave future,” he added.

Prof Anu said the deal was already being implemented through the purchase of Boeing aircraft, LNG imports, and the signing of supplementary agreements.

He warned that agriculture, poultry, and dairy sectors, built over three decades and employing millions, face devastation. He urged people to protest against the agreement for

the sake of Bangladesh’s existence, sovereignty, and the lives and livelihoods of its people.

He said revenue losses would be offset by subsidies funded through new taxes on the people.

“The blood of the Bangladeshi people will be used to protect US corporate interests,” he said. “Militarily, politically, and existentially, we are being pushed into dangerous servitude,” he added.

Prof Anu also criticised the government’s stance on the deal, terming it “deeply worrying”.

“This government has shown no proof of sovereignty. It is subjugated to the US and other international powers and has taken anti-people positions. Otherwise, the issue would have been discussed in the last parliamentary session,” he said.

“The country is being run by the US, the Trump administration, the IMF, and corporate interests. This cannot continue. Those elected must be held accountable. The government is bound to answer to the people.”

“Since a US court has already declared Trump’s tariff structure illegal, if the Bangladesh government has even minimal backbone, responsibility, and commitment rooted in the Liberation War, it must find a way to exit this deal,” he added.

He also demanded trial of those responsible for signing the deal and announced a protest rally in the first week of July.

Moshahida Sultana, a member of the platform, garment workers’ leader Mushrefa Mishu, Dhaka University teacher Rushad Faridi, activist Baki Billah, among others, spoke at the rally.

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