

Man killed for protesting harassment of granddaughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

An elderly man was hacked to death at Sharmapur village in Jashore's Monirampur upazila on Monday night following a dispute linked to the alleged harassment of his granddaughter.

The deceased -- Imamul Hossain, 65 -- was from Farasatpur in Jhikargachha upazila.

Raziullah Khan, officer-in-charge of Monirampur Police Station, said the deceased's family filed a murder case yesterday morning against six individuals.

"An accused named Hossain has been detained in connection with the murder. During primary interrogation, he confessed to his involvement," said the OC.

"Legal proceedings are underway, and police have intensified efforts to arrest the remaining accused," he added.

According to the case statement, Imamul's granddaughter had been subjected to repeated harassment by a local youth for some time, which led to a dispute a day earlier between Imamul and several local residents.

Later, on Monday night, the accused allegedly attacked Imamul with sharp weapons and sticks, leaving him critically injured.

He was rushed to Jashore General Hospital, where the on-duty physician declared him dead.

Extortion row

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Two people, including ward-19 Jubo Dal Convener Al Amin and Riazul, were arrested in connection with the killing.

Billal's widow, Ambia Khatun, has since filed a murder case naming 21 individuals and accusing 27 unidentified others.

During a visit to Anarkali Market yesterday, posters of Riazul were still visible on the market walls, though shopkeepers were reluctant to discuss the murder.

Local sources and eyewitnesses said disputes between Jubo Dal and Swechhasebak Dal leaders over control of footpaths and alleged extortion in Anarkali Market and Mouchak area had been ongoing.

A week earlier, an arbitration meeting was held to settle the matter, where it was decided that no extortion money would be collected. On the day of the incident, Siraj and Riazul were reportedly collecting money from footpath shops when Billal's nephew protested and was beaten.

A senior official of the DMP's Ramna Division confirmed Riazul's arrest from Munshiganj, saying initial findings suggest he stabbed Billal.

Ramna Thana BNP President Ashraf claimed the killing was "planned murder". He said, "We took a stand against extortion. A few days ago, the matter was resolved at the MP's residence. It was decided there that no extortion money would be collected in this area."

BNP sources said Babu is a follower of a central Jubo Dal leader, under whose influence extortion money was collected. Jubo Dal Central Committee Joint Secretary Rabiul Islam Noyon stated, "Babu has been involved in Jubo Dal politics for a long time. However, we were not aware of the extortion. After learning about the incident, we dissolved the committee and expelled Babu."

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Two workers spray water on flower and fruit saplings to protect them from the intense heat in Pirojpur's Nesarabad upazila. The photo was taken at Kuniari village yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Ex-banker held over misuse of credit card

STAR REPORT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has arrested a former bank official on allegations of using a customer's returned credit card for years and carrying out transactions worth more than Tk 17 lakh.

The accused, Sarwar Hossain, 40, was arrested in Dhaka's Gulshan area on Monday, according to a CID press release issued yesterday.

CID said the alleged fraud began in 2017 when a customer applied for a credit card but later decided to return it. Sarwar, then a senior relationship officer in retail banking card sales, allegedly kept the card instead of surrendering it.

Investigators alleged that he altered the customer's contact information by adding a fake mobile number and address, enabling him to receive OTPs and use the card for transactions.

According to CID, Sarwar continued using the card even after leaving the bank in 2019.

The matter came to light when the customer checked his Credit Information Bureau report, found an outstanding liability in his name, and lodged a complaint with Bangladesh Bank.

Following an internal inquiry, the bank reportedly detected the irregularities and filed a case with Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station on April 15.

CID said transactions worth more than Tk 17 lakh were made using the card. Although Tk 14.13 lakh was repaid over the years, an outstanding amount of Tk 5.57 lakh, including interest, remained unpaid.

Sarwar has been accused of misappropriating the outstanding amount. CID said he would be produced before a court.

Justice remains

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This year, between January and April, 118 children were raped, while 17 children were killed following attempted rape, she said.

In May alone, 78 rape incidents were recorded, according to a report by the Manabdhikar Shongskriti Foundation cited in the presentation, she added.

The coalition demanded reforms to rape-related laws in line with human rights standards, including a broader and non-discriminatory definition of rape, improved access to justice for survivors with disabilities, and a comprehensive victim and witness protection law.

It also called for implementation of the amended Evidence Act, enforcement of the High Court directive banning the two-finger test, and gender-sensitivity training for judges, lawyers, police, journalists, doctors, nurses, social workers and other professionals.

The coalition recommended including lessons on consent, gender equality, violence against women and harmful social norms in school curricula from the primary level.

It further demanded sentencing guidelines to ensure proportionate punishment and a state-run compensation fund so survivors receive compensation once an offence is proven, regardless of whether the offender is identified or convicted.

Shireen Pervin Huq, a founding member of Naripokkho, said increasing punishment alone will not prevent rape. "What matters most is the certainty of punishment, not only the severity of punishment," she said.

Liza Begum, deputy commissioner of the DMP's Women Support and Investigation Division, said delayed medical and DNA reports often slowed investigations.

She urged stronger forensic capacity and

better coordination among relevant agencies.

Justice Zinat Ara, chairperson of the Law Commission, said sentencing guidelines are needed to ensure consistency in judgements. She said the commission had prepared the guidelines and submitted them to the law ministry and the Supreme Court.

Justice Mohammad Imman Ali said rape cases should be handled swiftly, but not at the expense of proper investigation.

"Speed is important, but justice cannot suffer because of a weak investigation," he said. Journalist Quratulain Tahmina said protecting victims' identities is both a legal and ethical responsibility that requires cooperation among law enforcers, political actors, and media outlets.

Senior Advocate SM Shahjahan said confessional statements under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure could carry significant legal value if made voluntarily and found to be true. However, if such statements are later retracted, convictions should not rely on them alone, he said.

Speakers also called for expanded shelters, counselling and rehabilitation services, as well as stronger coordination among police, hospitals, forensic departments, prosecutors, social services and NGOs.

They said delays in investigations, witness examinations and trial disposal, weak case monitoring, poor enforcement of legal timeframes, delayed medical and DNA reports, lack of witness protection, and pressure for out-of-court settlements continued to discourage survivors from seeking legal remedies.

The event was moderated by Professor Taslima Yasmin of Dhaka University. Advocate Shipra Goswami and lawyers Masuda Rehana Begum and Kazi Zahid Iqbal also spoke, among others.

Man arrested with capped langur, 12 turtles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

A capped langur and 12 turtles were rescued, and a suspected wildlife trafficker was arrested during a raid in Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar on Monday, forest officials said.

Hadis Rahman, 40, of Dhaka's Mirpur-11 area, was arrested from a house in Bhangarmukh Bazar, said Forest Department.

Officials said they carried out the raid after receiving information that wild animals were being kept at the house for trafficking.

"We rescued a capped langur and 12 turtles and arrested Hadis Rahman from the scene," said Anisuzzaman Sheikh, an officer of the Chunar Wildlife Sanctuary.

Forest officials alleged that Hadis had long been involved in wildlife trafficking and often travelled to Chakaria to collect animals for smuggling.

A case was filed against him, Anisuzzaman added.

Two killed in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Two people were killed in separate incidents of violence in Pabna town on Monday.

The victims were identified as Hossain Ali, 55, of Jafrabad village in Sadar upazila, and Monirul Islam, 22, a college student from Shibrapur Paschimpara in Santhia upazila.

Sadar Police Station OC Tariqul Islam said Hossain had come to Pabna Jamia Ashrafia Madrasa to admit his son. Around 7:30pm, several assailants opened fire on him in front of the boy near the madrasa, killing him on the spot.

Earlier around 4:30pm, Monirul was fatally stabbed behind the Pabna Central Bus Terminal following an altercation with another youth, identified as Rakib, said police.

MJF condemns

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and can encourage hatred and violence. The reported use of children in such activities is particularly disturbing and unacceptable."

MJF said differences of opinion are a normal part of democracy. However, public debate must remain respectful and free from hate speech, personal attacks, and misogyny.

The organisation called on the relevant authorities to take immediate action to stop the campaign and hold those responsible accountable.

"We also urge citizens, political leaders, media, and civil society to reject online violence and promote respectful dialogue. Attacks on an elected member of parliament not only harm the individual concerned but also damage the dignity of the National Parliament and democratic institutions," it said.

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Bangladesh reaffirms labour rights pledge

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Labour Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury has reaffirmed the new government's commitment to labour rights, social justice, human rights, and the rule of law.

Addressing the plenary session of the 114th International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva on Monday, the minister outlined key reforms undertaken by the Bangladesh government, including amendments to the Labour Act, the simplification of trade union registration procedures, and the modernisation of the labour inspection system.

He also highlighted initiatives aimed at advancing women's empowerment, including the implementation of a Gender Roadmap, and the government's decision to provide free education for women up to the tertiary level.

He called for the democratisation of

global labour governance to ensure labour rights for workers worldwide and more inclusive and representative decision-making within the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Reaffirming Bangladesh's commitment to international labour standards, Ariful Choudhury noted that the country recently became the first in Asia to ratify all fundamental ILO Conventions.

He further stated that Bangladesh has ratified 39 ILO conventions, the highest number among countries in the region.

The minister highlighted several challenges, including the impact of artificial intelligence, global conflicts, climate change, economic uncertainty, and disruptions to trade and migration, and stressed for stronger international cooperation and a renewed commitment to social justice to address these challenges.

People's Republic of Bangladesh
Metropolitan Senior Special Judge Court, Dhaka.

Present:

Mr. Md. Sabbir Faiz
(Metro Sessions Judge)
Metropolitan Senior Special Judge, Dhaka.

Permission Petition No.285/2026

Order No.- 01, Date: 06-05-2026

Investigation officer Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, BP-8303018982, Sub-Inspector of Police, (Financial Crime), CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka submitted a petition under Memo-CI/Financial Crime/2917, Dated:-05.05.2026, Source Memo- CI/Financial Crime/BFIU/Verification/17-2026/2536, Dated:-17.04.2026 under sections 2(*) (16) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012 (amendment-2015) to freeze assets of accused Khandokar Habibur Rahman and Asia Akter and 16 Bank accounts and his family members and also related to his interests under section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

The petition is taken up for hearing.

Heard learned Additional Public Prosecutor and gone through the petition as well as the records. It is found that an enquiry is undergoing against the aforesaid alleged accused Khandokar Habibur Rahman and Asia Akter and 16 Bank accounts and also related to his interests under section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

It appears from the record that the alleged offender has acquired huge amount of illegal wealth beyond his known source of income by adopting illegal means and if those assets are not attached and frozen those assets will be laundered or transferred and those can not be possible to be forfeited after trial which will frustrate this case. Hence those assets need to be frozen and attached.

Considering the facts and circumstances, I am convinced to allow the petition submitted by Investigating officer Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, BP-8303018982, Sub-Inspector of Police, (Financial Crime), CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka and accordingly the assets as mentioned in the petition are hereby frozen and attached until further order as per section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

It is hereby further ordered that the copy of this order be issued to the Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka to the effect that while the freezing order is in effect regarding the said accounts, the account holders will not be allowed to withdraw any money. But they will be at liberty to deposit only.

Let this order be published in the Government Official Gazette along with widely circulated one daily Bengali and one daily English newspaper under section 14(3) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012 for information of the citizens at large.

Let this order along with the photy copy of the application be sent to Investigation officer Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, BP-8303018982, Sub-Inspector of Police, (Financial Crime), CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka and Publication department, Tejgaon, Dhaka; Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka, and other concerned authorities for necessary action.

Inform all concerned Authorities at once.

Directed & Corrected by me.

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