

# Couple's death sentence

A court here sentenced death penalty to husband and his first wife in a murder case today.

The victim was identified as Zarina Khatun who was the second wife of convict husband.

The convicts are Saidul Islam, son of Nabisuddin and his first wife Jamela Khatun of village Jadobpur under sadarupazila of the district. The accused were absconding when the verdict is announced.

Ripti Kumar Biswas, Additional District and Sessions Judge pronounced the verdict around 11am on Monday.

According to the case statement, Saidul Islam of Jadavpur village of Sadarupazila and his first wife Jamela Khatun killed his second wife Zarina Khatun in 2010 and put her in a potato field. Police recovered the body a few days later. On January 7, 2010 Zarina Khatun's sister Ferdousi Khatun filed a murder case against five people at Meherpur Police Station. When Saidul Islam and his first wife Jamela Khatun were arrested on suspicion of involvement in the incident and taken to court, they confessed their guilt under Section 164. Three people were released from the chargesheet as they were not involved in the incident. Fourteen witnesses testified in the case. The court passed the order after a long review of the statements and evidences of the accused.

Additional Public Prosecutor Kazi Shahidul Haque pleaded the case on government side while Advocate Nargis Ara pleaded for the accused.

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# **Human chain in protest of rape in Meherpur.**

Wave Foundation 'Youth Assembly' has organized a human chain to protest the rape with the slogan "Joy of rapists and cry of victim no more' in Meherpur.

The human chain was held in front of Meherpur District Press Club on Sunday morning under the leadership Abdus Salam, Deputy Coordinator of Wave Foundation.

At that time, he said, the way children and women are being abused all over Bangladesh is worrying. There is an environment where rapists are crossing legal gaps due to lack of justice.

He added that, As a result of which the rate of rape is increasing all over the country, the only demand from the Hon'ble Prime Minister is that the maximum punishment for rape should be implemented very soon.

Also present at the occasion were Raju Ahmed, Joint Convener of the Youth Association, Tariq Kazi, Unit Manager of the organization, Youth Members Jahangir Alam, Mitu Akhter, Jabeda Khatun, Sabbir Hossain Zia, Shamim Zaman, Rabia Akhter and others.

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**Shahiduzzaman MP joined the function even though he was**

# attacked by Corona!

Mohammad Sahiduzzaman, an MP from Meherpur-2 (Gangni) constituency, was attacked by his family on August 13. A lockdown sticker signed by the Upazila Nirbahi Officer is hanging in his house. He broke the lockdown and held a meeting to protest the grenade attack on August 21 at 9 pm on Friday with more than 50 leaders and activists.

Witnesses said he addressed the protest in person as the chief guest.

Witnesses said, he spoke in person as the chief guest at the protest rally. It is learned that on August 13, Shahiduzzaman MP along with his family was infected with coronavirus. Shahiduzzaman is an MP of the ruling Awami League. President of Upazila Awami League. His wife Laila Arjuman, son Sadiuzzaman Saif, Samiuzzaman Sami Corona are positive. In addition to family members, his personal driver Shamim Parvez, PS Sabuj Ahmed, assistant Rashed Raihan were attacked by Corona.

Gangni Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Reazul Islam said, Sahiduzzaman MP and his family were affected by the corona. He is in home isolation with his family in Gangni municipal town. He and every member of his family are healthy.

Asked about this, District Civil Surgeon Nasir Uddin said that, MP Mohammad Sahiduzzaman and his family are suffering from corona. His residence has been locked down for 14 days. What does he have to do if he does not accept the lockdown as a responsible MP?

Gangni Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Selim Shahnewaz said, his house was lockdown after MP Shahiduzzaman and his family were attacked by Corona.

However, when an attempt was made to contact MP Shahiduzzaman Khokon, he did not receive a call.

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# Meherpur jail serves pitha to inmates

Inmates of Meherpur jail had a chance to escape from their everyday mundane activities inside the prison on Thursday when the authorities arranged a pitha festival for them.

On Thursday night, the prison compound was brimming with aroma of various types of pitha, the rice-made delectable winter delicacies of the country.

ASM Kamrul Huda, superintendent of Meherpur jail, said they arranged the festival for the 227 male and 6 female inmates so they also can join in the pitha-tasting festivities that grip



the nation during the winter time.

Professional pitha makers were brought in and some of the inmates along with staff members of the jail took part in preparation, presentation and distribution of the pithas among all.

As a correctional facility, they try to organise these types of activities for inducing humane qualities among the inmates and the pitha festival will continue in years to come, he added.

Tajmid Ali, whose brother has been in the jail for the last eight years in connection with a murder case, said since there is a restriction on bringing home-cooked meal for a prisoner, it was a laudable initiative of the prison authorities.

Meherpur Deputy Commissioner Ataul Gani said treating inmates with compassion through such programmes can go a long way in facilitating behavioural correction of prison inmates.

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