

Women Child Repression Tribunal 3 to die for killing school girl in Rangpur

RANGPUR, Oct 28:—A special tribunal here today handed down death sentence to three people and awarded life term to another accused for murdering a school girl here two years ago, reports BSS.

Judge A M M Sayeed of the Women and Children Repression Control Tribunal pronounced the verdict acquitting three of the seven accused at a jam-packed courtroom here.

The culprits set Mala Begum, a student of class nine, on fire in November 2000 after she refused to marry one of them. She died on the next day in Rangpur Medical College Hospital but before her death she got her statement recorded identifying the culprits.

The three convicts to get the death sentence are: Mohammad Haroon, Mohammad Bullet and Mohammad Jewel of Balichara village under Sadar upazila. They were also fined Taka two lakh each. Jewel was tried in absentia.

The fourth convict was Munni Begum, who was awarded life imprisonment along with a fine of Taka two lakh. In default she will have to serve 10 more years in jail.

According to Mala's statement, recorded as in the FIR, their neighbour Munni Begum called

her out of the home on the evening of November 6, 2000 and requested her (Mala) to stay with her at night.

But at the mid-night Munni Begum went out of the house with Mala to "respond to the call of nature". But instead she took the girl to a nearby place of her house where accused Haroon, Bullet and Jewel were waiting. At one stage they set fire on Mala and left her when she refused their proposal to marry Haroon.

Mala's brothers recovered Mala hearing her screaming and rushed her to the hospital where she breathed her last on the next day. Mala's father Mujibur Rahman filed a case accusing seven people for killing her daughter with the Rangpur Sadar police.

The judge, however, acquitted Shahadat, Bahu Mia and Mostafizur Rahman as the allegation against them was not proved in the court.

Mymensingh

District and Session Judge Shahiduzzaman today awarded life term imprisonment to Harun for murdering his wife Anarkoli, on March 17 in 1997, and fined Taka 5 thousand in default to suffer two

years more imprisonment, reports BSS.

According to court sources, the convicted Harun of village Nowary in Isharganj upazila, murder his wife Anarkoli on March 17 in 1997 with sharp weapons.

A case was filed with Isharganj police station on March 18 1997. Police submitted a charge sheet against Harun. The court examined the reports and witnesses statement and gave the judgement today. Life term.

Barisal

UNB reports from Barisal: A district Court today sentenced five persons of a family to jail for life for killing Shah Jahan Sikder of Bakerganj three years ago, reports UNB.

First Additional District and Sessions Judge Jahangir Alam handing down the punishment to the accused also fined

Tk 5000 each, in default to suffer one year more in prison. The convicted are Dhalu Khan, Motaleb Khan, Saiful, Mahtab and Humayun.

Shah Jahan Sikder of village Halua in Bakerganj upazilla was lynched in a sequel to land dispute on July 29, 1999.

In another case, Abdur Rahim was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for abduction and rape of his aunt-in-law. He abducted Hasina Begum from her home at Gourmadi on July 18, 2000. She was rescued after 8 months and the case filed accusing him under the Child and Woman Repression Act.