

Drug addict kills girl student in C'nawabganj

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A GIRL student died in Chapainawabganj on Friday due to 'excessive bleeding' as a drug addict chased and hacked her with a sickle, local people and police said.

Three others— moving in the same group— were injured by the addict's indiscriminate attack, they added.

The deceased was identified as Konika Rani Ghosh, 14, daughter of Lakkhan Ghosh of Diar Dhainagar under Chapainawabganj sadar upazila.

The injured are Tarin Afroj, 15, daughter of Abdul Khaleq of Diar Dhainagar

village, Tanjima Akter, 14, daughter of Tajemul Hoque of Arunbari Mohipur village and Moriam Akter, 14, daughter of Mokbul Hossain of Behula village in the sadar upazila.

They all are tenth graders at Mohipur SM Dwi-mukhi High School.

The locals held the addict, Abdul Malek, 28, of Balugaon Diar village and handed him over to the sadar police.

The officer-in-charge of Chapainawabganj sadar police, Mazharul Islam and local people said that those four teens were returning home after a private tuition session around 8:30am. As

they reached Mohipur area, Abdul Malek attacked them from behind with a sickle (hasua).

Witnesses said the man hit Konika on her left arm and in the abdomen with the farm-knife. Then he hit other girls.

Seeing this, the locals rescued them and rushed them to the Chapainawabganj sadar hospital—more than 20 kilometers away— where on duty physician declared Konika dead. Witnesses said the girl was left unattended on the ground for nearly 30-40 minutes. She was bleeding badly, they said.

The other three injured girls were sent to the Ra-

jshahi Medical College and Hospital for better treatment.

Local people said the man on several occasions had attacked or chased others in the neighbourhood. He was jailed for drug peddling and was released on bail, recently.

Many said he does not behave normally. In an instance, he plucked mangoes from a private orchard and attacked the owner as he challenged him.

Assistant superintendent of police Wares Ali Mia said their primary investigation suggested that Malek was a drug addict.

Police were investigating the matter, he added.