

ECL
CONTRACTOR MURDER
Victim kin
say TMC
union offered
Rs 5 lakh to
drop charges

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KOLKATA, AUGUST 3

THE family of Ashim Mukherjee, slain contractor of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) in Asansol, alleged that they have been offered an amount of Rs 5 lakh from the Indian National Trinamool Trade Union Congress (INTTUC)-backed trade union to withdraw the complaint against their union secretary and TMC leader Kedar Pal who was arrested on Saturday for the murder, and has been sent to a seven-day police custody by Durgapur sub-divisional court.

Mukherjee's relatives allege he was killed because he did not give in to the extortion demands of the union members.

"(And now) we have been offered Rs 5 lakh from the union and told to settle the matter amicably. Also, a single person alone could not have killed him. He was killed by a group. We are also worried that the post-mortem report will be doctored to shield the offender," said Ashim's brother, Anup.

Police officials, however, claimed that Pal, a foreman in the ECL mine, had been arrested on the basis of the complaint registered. A silent peace procession was taken out by Colliery contractors demanding strictest punishment to Pal and others responsible for Ashim's murder. A team of BJP district leaders visited the residence and assured all help to the family members.

On Saturday, around 10 am, Pal and Mukherjee had allegedly got involved into a heated argument at the gate of the opencast mine at Andal. In a fit of rage, Pal allegedly hit Mukherjee with his helmet and banged his head on the wall which left him unconscious. When taken to the hospital, he was declared brought dead. After committing the crime, Pal went to Ukhra police outpost and surrendered.

Mother of 2 'gangraped' by 5

Cops nab four accused, main accused, also the woman's lover, absconding

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In yet another incident that has questioned the state's law and order situation, a 22-year-old mother of two was allegedly drugged and gangraped at Maheshtala in South 24 Parganas on Thursday. Police have nabbed four of the five accused, while Raj, with whom the woman entered into a relationship after her husband deserted her, is still at large.

According to a complaint lodged by her brother at Maheshtala police station on Friday, the victim, a resident of Akra in Maheshtala, had boarded a pick-up van along with Raj on the evening of July 31. The complaint said that four other men, including the van driver, were already in the four-wheeler which, sources said, did not have a registration plate. As soon as the woman boarded the vehicle, the covers on the



The locked house of the victim's house in South 24-Parganas, Sunday. EXPRESS PHOTO

sides were let down and she was forced to consume a sedative-laced soft drink. In a while, she was drowsy. The accused then took her to a lonely spot where she was allegedly gangraped.

While the other accused left, driver Chotu dumped her on the road and fled, the complaint said. Local residents found her in a semi-conscious

state and took her to Vidyasagar Hospital, where she is undergoing treatment. Sources said medical reports of the girl have confirmed rape.

The victim's brother said: "She was at home when Raj asked her out. She has received severe injuries on her hands and knees. An eyewitness said she was dragged out

of the vehicle by the driver and left on the street."

Officers of Maheshtala police station said the vehicle had been seized and four of the accused had already been arrested. "We first nabbed driver Chotu. We then interrogated him and found the whereabouts of the other three," said a senior officer. However, main accused Raj

is still at large.

However, in a statement made hours later, Additional SP (west) A Ravindranath said the victim had specifically complained that only one person, Raj, had done the act, while the others stood guard. "Among the arrested were Chotu, the van driver, Vijay Malik, Sukur Ali and Taj. They have been sent to police custody till August 6," he added.

Transport minister Madan Mitra condemned the incident. "It is a highly condemnable act. I have asked police to give me a report as soon as possible and to send the offenders behind bars. There is no question of any leniency," he said.

Leaders of the Opposition, too, condemned the act. "It has been proved once again that the roads of the state are not safe for women. Maheshtala is not even that remote a place," said state BJP president, Rahul Sinha.

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Renowned folk singer Parvathy Baul performs during a programme at Rabindra Sadan, in Kolkata, Sunday. PARTHA PAUL

KoPT tender on onshore handling awaits 'HC directions'

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A tender floated by the Kolkata Port Trust for selecting onshore dry bulk cargo handling agents for Haldia Port appears to have sailed into rough weather after a few of its existing agents went to court.

"Four of the existing agents of the port have gone to the Calcutta High Court against the tender and the matter is now subjudice. We will have to wait for court directions before we can go ahead. In this situation, we are yet to see interest from any bidder," KoPT sources said.

Officials said the tender was floated in the third week of July to select an agent.

KoPT took the initiative after the government had asked the port to select handling agent for dry bulk through tendering process along with revenue sharing af-

ter there there allegations that a few agents had caused loss running into thousands of crores of rupees to KoPT.

Under the current system, the port has no role in onshore handling after the cargo is unloaded from ships. A deal is struck between the agent and cargo owner depriving the port from a share of revenue from onshore handling service.

"We will be among the first major ports in India to implement dry bulk handlers through competitive bidding along with revenue sharing in dry bulk berths for Haldia," Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) Chairman RPS Kahlon had said earlier.

The Centre might use this as a pilot project before asking all the 12 major ports to follow suit, KoPT sources said. The upper ceiling of charge has been fixed at Rs 119.48 and minimum revenue sharing of Rs 13 per tonne, Kahlon had said.

Ex-CJI death: Family to move NCC, sticks to medical negligence claim

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THE family members of former Chief Justice of India J S Verma, who died on April 22 last year at a private hospital in Gurgaon, has decided to move the National Consumer Court after Delhi Medical Council (DMC) ruled out any medical negligence in Verma's treatment resulting in his death.

Soon after the death of the eminent jurist, wife Pushpa Verma had written to the then prime minister Manmohan Singh, requesting him to launch a thorough probe into her husband's death, claiming medical negligence. DMC, however, rejected the family's contention.

At a seminar on medical negligence at Rotary Sadan in Kolkata on Sunday, Subhra Verma Bhatnagar, daughter of the former CJI, while saying that they would appeal to National Consumer Court, also demanded that the central government set up a regulatory body for doctors to whom they would be accountable.

According to Subhra, her father was first admitted at a private hospital in Noida with swollen feet. Verma later suffered from multiple co-morbidities due to change in medicine, Subhra said. The family has claimed in the past that Verma, despite his old age, was a healthy individual. "From December 26 to January 23, he (Verma) worked 18-



MCI's Dr Balbir Tomar and Subhra Verma, daughter of former Chief Justice of India J S Verma during a programme in Kolkata on Sunday. PARTHA PAUL

20 hours a day to prepare a report on reforming and invigorating anti-rape law. His only significant medical condition was a symptomatic coronary artery disease, which was being managed by diet and exercise," the family has said.

The jurist's daughter also wondered what common people must have to go through if a former chief justice's family faces harassment every day.

"MCI (Medical Council of India) has become a body of the doctors, for the doctors and by the doctors. It has become corrupt. There has to be transparency. I will not stop until we get justice," she told *The Indian Express*.

3 more deaths, Encephalitis toll reaches 138

KOLKATA: With three fresh cases of death from encephalitis in the last 24 hours, the state's toll figure touched 135 on Sunday. Three-year-old Ayan Kuchlan, a resident of Gopalganj area under Bishnupur Municipality in Bankura, died at Bankura Medical College Saturday night. At Jalpaiguri sub-divisional hospital, one Sashi Mohan Sarkar, too, died Saturday night while early Sunday morning, 48-year-old Swapna Mondal, a resident of Monoil village under Balurghat police station, succumbed to death. Doctors confirmed that all three deaths were due to acute case of encephalitis. Officials, however, continue to claim the situation is under control. "There had been two deaths in north Bengal and four new cases reported so far in the state. But there is nothing to panic about. The department is doing everything to contain the situation. No fresh cases have been reported in Kolkata," said Bishwarjanjan Satpathy, Director, West Bengal Health Services.

2 in net for molestation

KOLKATA: Two persons were arrested on Sunday in connection with the alleged molestation of a 16-year-old girl on July 30 at Itkhol village of Narahata Gram Panchayat in Malda. During Eid celebrations, four youths of a nearby village harassed the victim, who filed a complaint at English Bazar police station, despite the village chief asking her not to go to police.

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'Grey hair' needed in CPM leadership: Gautam Deb

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IN the face of demands for change in the party leadership in favour of young blood, a CPI-M bigwig Sunday said there was a need for "grey hair" in the Left Front constituent.

"You just cannot say 'remove grey hairs'. You need their experience and wisdom," CPI-M Central Committee member and a minister in the previous Left Front government Gautam Deb said.

Ever since the CPI-M fared poorly in the last Assembly election followed by a near-rout in the Lok Sabha election, demands for change in the old guard in the party helm have grown sharply, especially in the social media.

But the top leadership have stood their ground underlining the importance of the 'veterans'.

Deb, also the party's North 24-Parganas district secretary, said the district unit of

the party had decided to create a special team of social media experts who would counter the allegations of 'incompetence' on the part of the aged leaders of the party during its worst crisis. "We will create a social media team which will counter the allegations against the leadership in the social media. There is a need for both experience, wisdom and youth," the leader said.

Deb said his district unit had identified at least 1,000 party workers and members who would be either sacked or suspended from the party because of their inability to stand up against the alleged Trinamool Congress onslaught during previous elections. "We don't need cowards in our party," Deb said.

He, however, admitted that there was a need to induct young people, especially tribals, minorities and women into the party. He said the number of party card holders in North 24-Parganas had gone up.

DNB PD CET
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