

ILLCIT RELATIONS

# Wife kills husband; mother murders daughter

Accused confess to court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A housewife confessed to a court in Dhaka yesterday that she and her lover hacked her husband to death inside their Shyampur house early Thursday while a man told the same court that he and his lover killed her four-year-old daughter at Kamrangirchar on January 8.

## Body recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday recovered the body of an unidentified man in the city.

"The man was chopped to death and the body, clad in jeans trousers and shirt, was dumped at an empty compound of a house at Mollartek," said Officer-in-Charge Akhtaruzzaman of Uttara Police Station.

On information, police recovered the body at about 4:30pm.

Locals could neither identify the body nor give any information about the time of dumping.

The housewife Yasmin Akhter Beauty said, "Sabuj and I stabbed Delwar in the chest and back as he used to beat me after he came to know about my extramarital affair with Sabuj."

Beauty confessed to Magistrate Nani Gopal Biswas under section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code that her husband often beat her after he found her with Sabuj in objectionable conditions inside their house around six months back.

Beauty said she left the house with Sabuj but came back three days later as their relatives mediated a deal between her and Delwar.

"On Eid day, Delwar again beat me mercilessly, and as a result Sabuj and I planned to kill him that night," Beauty admitted.

As per the plan, Sabuj came with a knife at 10:00pm on Wednesday and was hiding under the bed.

When Delwar fell asleep, Beauty and Sabuj stabbed him in the chest and back at around 3:30am on Thursday killing him on the spot.

After the incident Sabuj went to

the rooftop and climbed down through a pipe as the collapsible gate of the house was closed.

Later Beauty woke her elder son Amit up and asked him to tell the neighbours that three people came to kill his father.

Sabuj has been absconding since the incident.

KAMRANGIRCHAR INCIDENT

Badal, a rickshaw-puller, told the magistrate that he and his lover Rahima Begum killed her infant daughter Purnima who suddenly appeared in the room when they were engaged in immoral activities after Maghrib prayers.

"We pressed her throat and hit her head against a wall. As she died on the spot we dumped the body under sand at Balurmath," Badal told the magistrate.

Police recovered the body a day later when the locals informed them after finding fingers of the slain girl.

Police held Rahima after the incident and arrested Badal from Kishoreganj following leads from Rahima.

## DU admission test under Ka unit re-scheduled

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) authorities have rescheduled the date of admission test for first year honours courses under Ka unit for February 17.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Deans' Committee as the earlier date of the test (February 3) coincided with the day of Swaraswati Puja of the Hindus.

## Training for WHO fellows in medical education begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh for the first time has started training of the fellows of World Health Organisation (WHO) in medical education.

The Centre for Medical Education (CME) under the Directorate General of Health Services has set up a mechanism to conduct different postgraduate courses for doctors from home and abroad.

Two WHO fellows from Nepal received certificate after completing a short course of two months on Teaching Medical Science at CME conference room at Mohakhali yesterday.

CME Director Prof Fatima Parveen Chowdhury chaired the certificate giving ceremony while Prof AZM Zahid Hossain, dean of the medicine faculty of Dhaka University was present as chief guest.

Ambassador of Nepal Bhagirat Basnet, Prof AKM Shariful Islam, and Prof Humayun Kabir Talukder were present on the occasion.

# No plan to nationalise non-govt pry teachers' jobs now: Saifur

UNB, Dhaka

The government is unlikely to nationalise the services of non-government primary school teachers immediately due to pressure on the economy.

This was indicated by Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman while he was talking to journalists emerging from a meeting with Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk at his secretariat office yesterday.

"We know about their (teachers) demand but the local currency

position is very tight," Saifur said, adding that no specific discussion on the non-government issue was held at the Sunday's meeting.

He said most of the welfare measures for the non-government primary teachers were taken by the present government.

Last month, thousands of non-government primary school teachers from across the country staged a sit-in programme and some 22 teachers went on a fast-unto-death programme on the Central Shaheed Mianr premises to press home their one-point demand for

nationalisation of their services.

The fast-unto-death programme, which began on December 27, was withdrawn on December 29, following an assurance from Prime Minister's Political Secretary Haris Chowdhury.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to address a rally of teachers in Dhaka on January 19 on the National Teacher Day.

Representatives of teachers hope that the government would announce nationalisation of their services at the rally.



Party high-ups receive Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at Zia International Airport yesterday on her return from Saudi Arabia after performing Hajj.

## Speaker leaves for Singapore for treatment

UNB, Dhaka

Speaker Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar left Saturday night for Singapore for medical check-up following his treatment at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) here.

Deputy Speaker Akhter Hamid Siddiqui told UNB that the Speaker, who underwent heart surgery, is expected to return home on January 20.

Asked if the Indian Lok Sava Speaker Somnath Chatterjee's visit would be rescheduled, Siddiqui said that after the return of the Speaker, a fresh invitation would be sent to him.

Indian Lok Sava Speaker was earlier scheduled to arrive in the capital this week on a four-day visit.

## Take more programmes for deprived rural children

President urges SOS-Kinderdorf Int'l chief

UNB, Dhaka

SOS-Kinderdorf International President Helmut Kutin made a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Apprising the President of his organisation's activities, Kutin said that 650 youngsters have already finished school education from the SOS children's villages in Bangladesh.

A SOS children's village will be set up shortly in Sylhet, he said, adding that already five such children's villages are working in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, Chittagong and Bogra.

Expressing satisfaction at the

activities of SOS-Kinderdorf International, Iajuddin urged Kutin for undertaking more programmes for the neglected and deprived children of the rural areas.

The President emphasised contributions in the agriculture sector by the trained workforce of the SOS children's villages and assured all-out cooperation to the activities of the SOS children's villages.

Secretary to the President M Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Military Secretary to President

Major General ANM Muniruzzaman and Press Secretary to President Mokhlesur

Rahman Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

## ENDANGERED BIRD

# Int'l team to survey along coastline

BSS, Dhaka

An international team of ornithologists are to carry out a survey on the endangered Chamuchthutho Ziria, a rare bird found along the Bangladesh coastline, a Bangladesh Bird Club statement said yesterday.

It said nine foreign experts from Germany, Russia and Britain together with 10 Bangladeshi ornithologists would conduct the survey on the Ziria Bird in three groups from January 17 to 25 along the entire southern coastline from Patuakhali to Teknaf.



Thin attendance at the secretariat as many officials are yet to join work on the first day of the opening of government offices yesterday after five days of Eid holiday.

# FIRST WORKING DAY AFTER EID Ministers pass day exchanging greetings

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said despite some inconveniences due to cold wave and dense fog, the people of the country celebrated the holy Eid-ul-Azha with usual enthusiasm and religious fervour.

He said this while exchanging Eid greetings with the officials and employees of his ministry as well as journalists and party leaders at his secretariat office yesterday, the first working day after the Eid-ul-Azha and weekly holidays.

Mannan Bhuiyan came to the office at 10:15am and stayed there till 1:45pm.

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al-Noman, Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, Chief Whip Khondakar Delwar Hossain, State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir and State Minister for Land Ukil Abdus Satter exchanged Eid greetings with Mannan Bhuiyan at his office.

Mannan Bhuiyan expressed

deep shock and sorrow at the tragic accident in Mina, Saudi Arabia. He expressed sympathy to the members of Hajis who were killed in the stampede.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khondakar Mosharrif Hossain, Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk, and Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury were present in their respective offices yesterday.

They exchanged Eid greetings with the officials and employees of their ministries and concerned departments.

## 952 arrested

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 952 people on various charges from different parts of the country in last 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday.

During the drive, the law-enforcement agencies recovered four firearms, seven other

weapons and two bullets, says a police headquarters press release.