

One killed over property dispute

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A wife along with her daughter and son-in-law allegedly killed her husband at Chhayabithi in the district in the early hours of yesterday following a feud over properties.

The dead Kafiluddin Ahmed, an employee of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRR), had a dispute with his family for several months, said his brother Amin Uddin.

Kafil's brother-in-law Ataulah Mondal said he received a phone call from Kafil at 1:30am yesterday and asked him to come to his house immediately as Kafil's wife and daughter had been beating him.

Reaching Kafil's house in half an hour, Ataulah told the reporters, he found him dead.

Kafil, who underwent an open-heart surgery recently, bore injuries in the head, chest and hand, sources said.

Amin Uddin filed a murder case with Joydevpur Police Station accusing Kafil's wife Jobeda Begum, a teacher of Joydevpur Government Girls' High School, his daughter Shirin Afroz and son-in-law Shamim Ahmed.

Jobeda had long been pressing Kafil to hand over the ownership of the land and house at Chhayabithi to her and their daughter Shirin.

Following pressure, Kafil even divorced Jobeda on April 2, and later settled the matter through a family meeting but the feud continued as he filed several GDs (general diaries) with Joydevpur Police Station in different dates.

The officials of Chhayabithi House Builders Association said Kafil filed an application to hand over the property to his wife and daughter on March 22, but after three days he cancelled the application saying they forced him to file the petition.

Proshika rehabilitates FF's ill-fated daughter

Proshika has taken the responsibility for rehabilitating an ill-fated daughter of a war-wounded freedom fighter, says a press release.

Rina Akhter, daughter of Matiur Rahman of Agragarina village under Peerganj upazila in Thakurgaon district, was deceived by a gang of cheats.

A pictorial report on the fateful life of Rina was recently published in national dailies where she made a fervent appeal to all conscious-driven individuals or organisations to help her back to a normal life.

Upon her appeal, Proshika President Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed directed the Proshika Legal Aid Services (PLUS) to take necessary steps in this regard.

Speed Trust, an NGO, rescued Rina from Patuakhali.

Kazal Baron Das, Patuakhali district project manager of Speed Trust, on Saturday handed over Rina to Proshika at a function at Proshika Bhaban with Dr Faruque in the chair.

Proshika, in consultation with Rina and her family members, decided to keep her at Nirmala Rehabilitation Centre run by the Association for Correction and Social Reclamation & Certified Institute for one year.

Rina would be given computer training and other job-oriented education in this centre.

Proshika, a leading NGO, would bear all expenses and provide employment opportunities to her for leading a modest life.

Training for drug addicted children begins

Forum for Culture and Human Development (FCHD) began a three-day training on life skill development for the drug addicted children at its Children's Art Gallery at Khilgaon in the city yesterday, says a press release.

FCHD is a community-based non-government organisation.

FCHD Executive Director Prof Sultan Muhammad Razzak presided over the inaugural session.

Nari Unnayan Shakti Executive Director Afroja Parvin in her speech as chief guest said objective of the training is to bring behavioural change in drug addicted children for positive life.

A total of 25 children are participating in the event.

TDH Netherlands and Bangladesh Child Rights Forum (BSAF) is supporting the programme.



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Dhaka University Teachers Association takes out a silent procession from the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding immediate end to massacre in Lebanon.

JU student faces uncertain future for JCD feud

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Getting back to normal life has become uncertain for a fresher of Jahangirnagar University (JU) who was injured during a gunfight between two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on August 1 as doctors have suggested taking him abroad for treatment following his deteriorating condition.

Naziruddin, enrolled under 2005-06 academic session, is a brilliant student of Statistics department and a resident of A FM Kamal Uddin Hall.

He took a shrapnel of the bullet in his left eye while waiting along with other freshers outside the dormitory at night.

Nazir underwent two operations at National Eye Institute but he could not

get back his eyesight as of Thursday.

Doctors have suggested taking him to Singapore or India.

"It is just my bad luck," said Nazir's elder brother Jasim who is a teacher of Mathematics in American International University, Bangladesh.

Jasim, who has been taking care of his four brothers and one sister since his father died about eight years ago, said, "Treatment at Singapore is estimated to cost about Tk 8 lakh while the estimate for India is yet to get. We will decide where to go on Monday (today)."

Though representatives of university authorities have visited Nazir, none of them assured the family of any assistance.

Nazir, who was compelled to stay at

the TV room of the hall due to accommodation crisis, was forced to come out along with other newcomers after cadres of JCD General Secretary Nazmul Hasan Ovi group ran amok on the ground floor of the dormitory including TV room to capture the hall.

Despite repeated show up of arms on the campus by JCD factions in the last two months, university authorities never took any action against them.

Rather each time, the authorities concerned including Proctor Sayed Kamrul Ahsan tried to hide the matter, said sources.

ROW OVER 3RD KARNAPHULI BRIDGE CCCI chief blames Ctg mayor

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Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President Saifuzzaman Chowdhury yesterday criticised the 'negative role' of Chittagong city Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury against the construction of Third Karnaphuli Bridge.

"We notice that the city mayor has developed an attitude of opposition to everything related to the development of Chittagong. This kind of behaviour is in fact an impediment towards the overall development of the port city", alleged the chamber chief at a crowded press briefing yesterday.

Saifuzzaman said construction of the third bridge is the heartfelt demand of the Chittagong people and crying need of the time but it seems that the mayor has launched an undeclared war against the bridge.

The government has already wasted time and delayed the construction of the bridge. Nevertheless, the mayor's illogical opposition to the issue is

pushing the construction of the bridge into further uncertainty, he said.

The chamber president also criticised the mayor's previous agitation and opposition against handling of management and operation of proposed New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) and Shah Amanat International Airport to private sectors.

Terming Chittagong Port as the most costly, incompetent and corrupt in the world, Saifuzzaman observed that the business community had suggested for privatisation of the NCT with a view to making the port a modern one and also to enable it free from all kinds of mismanagement or corruptions.

CCCI Senior Vice President SM Nurul Haque, Vice President MA Latif, and Directors Ershad Ullah, M Amirul Haq, Mahbub Ali, Mahfuzul Haq Shah and Mohammad Mohsin were also present on the occasion.