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quoted the family as saying. He had been missing since then, SI Farid added.

The auto-rickshaw is yet to be found. An investigation is underway, said police.

The body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

On January 5, another battery-run auto-rickshaw driver was found killed in Narayanganj.

The deceased -- identified as Tipu Howlader, 25 -- was from Fatullah's Bhoile area.

A failure

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In this context, they urged people from all walks, the parliament, the judiciary, and the government to stand strong against violence on women.

They demanded to form and activate anti-sexual harassment cell in all educational institutes and workplaces, examining implementation of related acts, and taking steps accordingly.



PHOTO: STAR

Naripokkho formed a human chain in front of City College in Dhaka yesterday, protesting violence against women including rape.

Govt to grade recruiting

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A final draft of the rules has been submitted recently to the law ministry for vetting, said an official of the expatriates' welfare ministry who is involved in the drafting process.

The rules will be published through a gazette notification, according to ministry officials.

The move comes amidst widespread allegation that recruiting agencies resort to malpractices while sending workers abroad.

At present, over 1,200 licensed recruiting agencies are operating in the country, according to expatriates' welfare ministry website.

The ministry has so far suspended licenses of 168 recruiting agents and cancelled licenses of another three for their involvement in labour recruitment-related malpractices, according to the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training.

Under the new mechanism, a guilty recruiting agent will be penalised and their status will be revoked while recruiting license can be cancelled based on the "nature of punishment".

As per the draft rules, there will be evaluation on number of migrant workers sent by a recruiting agent, as sending 1,000 workers in a year will be considered "high performance".

Recruiting agents will be evaluated for sending female migrant workers abroad, for sending migrant workers based on

demand letters, and for having better financial transaction record through banking channel, it says.

Besides, they will be recognised if they pick migrant workers from the government database.

Also, they will be evaluated if they have training centres in operation, for providing service through own website, better educational qualification, trade experience, for office at authorised location with IT facilities, and for branch office outside Dhaka.

The agents will be evaluated on the basis of an aggregated 100 points for 14 types of activities, the draft rules say.

A recruiting agent will earn 20 points for sending 1,000 migrant workers in a year, 10 more points for 40 percent "skilled" workers, and another 5 points for sending 50 female workers, it adds.

According to the draft rules, skilled workers are those individuals who are "capable of doing their job without other's instructions", such as welders, electricians and drivers.

Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies Secretary General Shameem Ahmed Chowdhury Noman praised the new initiative, saying the law aims to increase competitiveness among recruiting agents.

He, however, said there is concern that those agents who will be graded as low performers may lose trade opportunities under the new initiative.

A busy day

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and BNP mayoral candidates continued their campaigns. BNP's Tabith Awal started his at 9am from Azampur in Uttara while AL's Atiqul Islam began his in Mirpur around noon.

Tabith was seen holding sheaves of paddy -- electoral symbol of BNP -- while campaigning.

"Dakhinkhan and Uttarkhan areas have waterlogging problems. These areas came under DNCC recently and they are yet to get necessary civic facilities," he said, promising that he will provide all the due facilities to the area, once elected mayor.

Tabith also inaugurated campaign offices of the BNP councillor candidates. He ended his campaign in Khilkhet area around 5:30pm.

Meanwhile, Atiqul spent most of the day in Mirpur, talking to residents and greeting passers-by.

He promised to address waterlogging issues in the area and making the city women-friendly and congestion-free. "I have worked for you [people] as a mayor for nine months. I want to continue serving you," he told a rally in Mirpur-1.

DSCC

Awami League mayor candidate Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh started his campaign from the historic Rose Garden mansion in Old Dhaka around 11am.

He continued his campaign in the old part of the town throughout the day, greeting residents and handing out leaflets among passers-by.

At one point, he visited the residence of former mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadeque Hossain Khoka in Gopibagh and spoke to locals. Khoka's son is BNP mayor candidate Ishraque Hossain.

While talking to journalists there, Taposh said he believes in political harmony, which will prevail in Dhaka from now on as development can be attained through coordination and cooperation.

Ishraque, on the other hand, started the day near Kamalapur Railway Station. He visited Shahjahanpur Railway Colony and spoke to residents.

PM leaves

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the UAE Muhammad Imran will receive the premier at the airport.

After the reception, a motorcade will escort her to Shangri-La Hotel in Abu Dhabi, where she will be staying during her visit to the UAE.

On January 13, Hasina is expected to attend the "Abu Dhabi Sustainable Week" at 11am and "Zayed Sustainable Awards Ceremony" at 12pm at ICC Hall, Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC).

Later at 6:30 in the evening, the premier will join the envoys' conference at the hotel.

The next day, Hasina is expected to meet UAE Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid al Maktoum and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan and wife of UAE Founder and Founding President Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak Al Ketbi.

At 5:30pm, the premier will attend an interview session on "The Critical Role of Women in Delivering Climate Action" at Hall-11, the ADNEC.

Concluding the three-day official visit to the UAE, the premier will return home on January 14.

Bring an end to crimes

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This was the first open debate of the council this year chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Vietnam Pham Binh Minh, marking the advent of the 75th anniversary of the UN Charter.

The meeting was addressed by over 100 member states. António Guterres, UN secretary general, and Mary Robinson, chair of the elders, briefed the council at the beginning of the debate.

Three killed in road

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of Sadar upazila. The deceased was identified as Ujjal Hossain, 28, son of Ashir Uddin from Shakhariadah village in Harinakundu upazila of the district.

Police said the accident happened while Ujjal, a computer operator at Jhenidah DC office, was heading to town.

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a2i launched eight digital

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Union Digital Centers are connected with ekShop.

On the other hand, there are various services that were launched by Service Innovation Fund (SIF), such as developing "telephone based home palliative care service" in the Centre for Palliative Care at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU); introducing online General Diary, and Lost and Found service; services to address the mental health issues of women; introducing online KAIZEN training; and launching the e-cataloguing and standards sale for Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI).

To make the palliative care service popular in Bangladesh, the telephone-based Home Palliative Care Service was introduced, which will provide the patients with services such as, website portal, hotline service, video-call service, home care, and ensuring essential medicines for the patients.

The online General Diary (GD) service was introduced by SIF, and the lost and found service was also included. It will simplify the whole system of GD while the delivery of the final report will be faster.

To increase the production of jute mills in the country, the KAIZEN, a concept referring to business activities that continuously improve all functions and involve all employees from the CEO to the assembly line workers, was necessary.

SIF has provided the KAIZEN training through online and made the access easier for everyone in the jute industry.

Meanwhile, the online catalogue was launched by Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) which allows the entrepreneurs and the local businessmen to know the prices and purchase the standard one.

Policy advisor of a2i, Anir Chowdhury said, "Nearly 700 services have been digitalised in different ministries and government offices so far with a view to digitising the country".

Coordinating with the ICT Division, different ministries and government offices, a2i is assisting the government to establish Digital Bangladesh, he added.

Year-long event involving

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in 1972 marked the fulfillment of independence. The permanent representative also formally inaugurated a countdown clock, to be displayed at the mission.

Meanwhile, the countdown to Mujib Borsho was also inaugurated amid much enthusiasm and festivity at Bangladesh missions in Washington DC, Tokyo, Seoul, Hanoi and London, reports BSS.

Bangladesh mission in Washington DC also observed the event in a befitting manner, attended by Ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin.

Earlier, the ambassador accompanied by officials and employees of the embassy placed wreaths at the statue of the Father of the Nation.

In Hanoi, the mission organised a discussion at the chancery where

Ambassador Samina Naz was present as the chief guest.

Besides, Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi observed Bangabandhu's Homecoming Day through a discussion. After the discussion, the mission observed a live telecast of the countdown ceremony in Dhaka.

Messages from President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina were read out at all the programmes.

The prime minister formally inaugurated the nationwide ceremony at the capital's National Parade Square where Bangabandhu landed in the newly-liberated Bangladesh on January 10, 1972.

The PM opened the event through unveiling the logo of the Mujib Borsho, to be celebrated from March 17, 2020 to March 26, 2021.

Maternity leave for bank staff now 6 months

Bss, Dhaka

Bangladesh Bank has issued a circular directing authorities of the scheduled banks to ensure maternity leave of six months for their female staff.

The circular of the central bank dated January 9 said that this directive has been issued as per section 45 (1) under the Bank Company Act, 1991 and this will take immediate effect.

It said the tenure of maternity leave for all permanent and temporary female officials and employees of the scheduled banks will be six months and they will be able to enjoy such leave maximum twice during their entire service period.

The bank officials and employees concerned will get their usual salaries and allowances during the maternal leave period.

BETTER TREATMENT

Textile minister to be flown to S'pore today

Bss, Dhaka

Ailing Textile and Jute Minister Golam Dastagir Gazi, who is currently admitted to the capital's Asgar Ali Hospital due to pneumonia, will be taken to Singapore for better treatment today.

The minister will be taken to Singapore General Hospital by an air ambulance this morning, a ministry press release said yesterday. He is now at the ICU of the hospital as his condition has deteriorated, it added.

Golam Dastagir Gazi participated in the Liberation War under Sector-2. As a fighter of the famous "crack platoon", he participated in various front wars. In recognition of his contribution to the war, the government honoured him with the title "Bir Pratik".

Rapists cannot enjoy

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"So the fight should also be against capitalism," he said. Meanwhile, another group of DU students continued to protest at the base of Raju Sculpture, demanding highest punishment for the rapist.

On January 5, a student of the university was raped and tortured in the capital's Kurmitola area.

Three days later, Rab arrested Majnu, a 30-year-old, from Shewra area in Dhaka amid a firestorm of protests and condemnations across the country.

Majnu was placed on a seven-day remand by a Dhaka court on January 9.

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