

### Man 'kills daughter, stabs son then tries to take his own life'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man allegedly stabbed his two children, killing his daughter, and then tried to take his own life at their residence in Hazaribagh area of the capital yesterday.

Roza (6) died of her wounds while her father Mohammad Javed (40), and brother Rijon (14) were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Bachchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH police outpost.

Rijon had wounds to his neck and hands. The incident took place in Battala Mazar area of Hazaribagh around 3pm.

"Primarily, we came to know that the man was in financial distress over a loan," Sub-inspector Jahangir Alam Sohag of Hazaribagh Police Station, told The Daily Star at DMCH. "We will know the exact reason after talking to Javed," he said.

Rijon's uncle Mehedi said the family had a tin-shed two-storey house where Javed lived on the first floor. He had a small shop on the ground floor. Mehedi said Javed's wife was on the ground floor at the time of the incident. She heard screams coming from the upper floor and rushed there. Upon entering, she found the three on the floor with stab wounds to the neck.

They were rushed to DMCH, where Roza was declared dead.

Sajidur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Hazaribagh Police Station, said they learnt about the matter from the hospital and sent a team there.



A graffiti on the wall of Viquarunnisa Noon School & College in the capital pays tribute to victims of rape, with a message on top denouncing the culture of victim-blaming. Two activists of Bangladesh Chhatra Union were roughed up and detained by police while drawing the graffiti early on Tuesday. In a show of defiance, activists of the left-leaning student wing went back to the spot on Tuesday night to complete the work. Another work on the wall, inset, depicts rape and assault on women in buses, symbolically terming the bus 'Patriarchy Transport'.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



### PREVENTING GRAFT IN HEALTH SECTOR HC asks about progress of implementing ACC recommendations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday wanted to know the progress for implementation of the 25 recommendations made by the Anti-Corruption Commission to prevent corruptions and irregularities in the health sector.

In response to a writ petition, the court asked the two secretaries to the health ministry and director general (DG) of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) to submit a report before it in 60 days stating whether any step has been taken to implement the recommendations and describing the steps if they are taken.

It also issued a rule asking the respondents to explain in four weeks why their inaction to implement the ACC's recommendations should not be declared illegal.

ACC chairman, secretaries to the health ministry and DG of DGHS and other officials concerned have been made respondents to the rule, writ petitioners' lawyer Jamiul Hoque Faisal told The Daily Star.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman came up with the order and rule following the writ petition jointly filed by Supreme Court lawyers Ishrat Hasan and Aminur Rahman Chowdhury on September 27 seeking necessary directives on this issue.

During yesterday's hearing, lawyer Jamiul Hoque Faisal told the HC that unbridled corruption would not take place in the health sector had the health ministry followed ACC's recommendations.

The ACC in January last year sent a report to the health ministry identifying the sources of graft in the health sector, setting off alarm bells.

One of the findings was that corruption takes place during the purchase of medicines, surgical equipment and other machines due to absence of proper government monitoring. An alleged nexus of contractors and officials from different organisations under the ministry buys many "inessential machines

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### 164 return from war-torn Libya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About 164 Bangladeshis were repatriated yesterday in a charter flight from war-torn Libya.

The UZ-218 flight of Buraq Air landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka around 1:40pm, said an on-duty official at the expatriates' welfare desk at the airport.

The flight left Libya's Mitiga International Airport in Tripoli on Tuesday around 8:10pm (local time), said the official.

In a social media post yesterday, Bangladesh Embassy in Tripoli said the returnees include some individuals who were either injured or physically ill.

It said the returnees are Libya-based expatriates, who have been waiting a long time for their repatriation, and migrants rescued off the Libyan coast.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) supported the voluntary repatriation of the Bangladeshis, says the post.

### BY-POLLS AL picks Habib for Dhaka-18, Tanvir Shakil for Sirajganj-1

Bss, Dhaka

Awami League yesterday nominated Mohammad Habib Hasan and Tanvir Shakil Joy as the party candidates for by-polls to Dhaka-18 and Sirajganj-1, as the Election Commission set the date for the by-polls on November 12.

Shakil is son of late AL presidium member and former health minister Mohammad Nasim.

The Sirajganj-1 seat fell vacant following death of Nasim on June 13; Dhaka-18 fell vacant after death of former home minister Sahara Khatun on July 9.

"As per the decision of the party nomination board, both candidates got Awami League tickets for the imminent by-polls," AL general secretary Obaidul Quader told a virtual press conference at his parliament bhaban residence.

Quader urged all to put aside their differences and work in unison to get the candidates elected in the upcoming polls.

The last date for submitting nomination paper is October 13 while scrutiny of nomination paper October 15 and the date for withdrawing candidacy October 22.

By-polls to the two seats will be held using electronic voting machines (EVM).

### Bangladesh, USA sign air transport agreement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and USA have formally signed an air transport agreement yesterday. From now on, this agreement will act as the primary basis to resume flight operation between the two countries.

According to the agreement, both the countries will be able to operate flights between the two countries through code sharing.

As per the agreement and on the basis of open-air policy both the countries can nominate any number of airlines as their designated airlines to operate flights between the two countries.

The designated airlines of each country will be able to operate any number of passenger and cargo aircraft -- by any aircraft -- between the two countries under the open sky policy (third and fourth). Also, the designated airlines of the two countries will be able to operate any passenger aircraft and cargo aircraft by any aircraft at any intermediate or remote point under the open sky policy (fifth).

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### DSCC to revive Dhaka's heritage: mayor Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said they will take steps to recover the heritage of Dhaka city.

The mayor made this comment while visiting Northbrook Hall, also known as Lalkuthi, a historic site at Farashganj in Old Dhaka, on the north bank of Buriganga River.

"Northbrook Hall is a heritage site of Dhaka, and we want to recover it from encroachers, so we visited the site as part of the initiative," said the mayor.

He said Lalkuthi was built with a very nice aesthetic value and they will bring back its beauty.

Taposh said they will hold programmes in the hall and will demolish all illegal structures

adjoining Lalkuthi to create a clear view of the site from Buriganga.

According to Banglapedia, Northbrook Hall was originally built as a town hall and was named after Lord Northbrook, viceroy of India (1872-1876).

Later, it was converted into a public library, and a club house was added and called Johnson Hall. The building blends elements of Mughal architecture and architectural styles of European renaissance.

The building's semi-circular horseshoe arches containing entrances at the north, the four octagonal minars at the northern salient, the ornamental parapet and the towering pinnacles above, demonstrate Muslim features.

The deep red colour of the grand monument with its graded roofs, pinnacles and parapets, contribute to a magnificent view from the riverfront.

### Nine members of organised fraudster gang arrested: DB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police's Detective Branch (DB) yesterday arrested nine persons who were involved in stealing money from bKash accounts, pretending to be representatives of the company.

The arrestees are Md Rana Khan, Md Liton, Nayan Sheikh, Titu Mollah, Salman Mollah, Akash Sheikh, Moazzem Hossain, Md Rahim and Md Tanjil. Police recovered 10 phones, 3 SIM cards and a car from their possession.

On information, a DB team of Gulshan Division conducted drives in different areas of Faridpur and made the arrests, said AKM Hafiz Akhter, additional commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

According to DMP, the perpetrators used to take photographs of customers' phone numbers from registry books of bKash agents. Then hackers spoofed official numbers and pretended to be bKash representatives, asking for account details. After getting the information, they took control of the accounts and withdrew money. The hackers operated out of a rural village in Faridpur, to avoid suspicion, said Hafiz.

They were shown arrested in a case filed with Bhatara Police Station on September 15, for forgery of bKash accounts.

Mashhur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB of Gulshan Division, told The Daily Star that the syndicate bought people's bKash accounts to transfer stolen funds.



'Protyasha', a work by eminent sculptor Mrinal Haque, stands uncared for in the capital's College Road, with the golden colour fading into an ugly brown and paint peeling and chipping off in only 12 years. Plastered posters and growing shrubbery on the base of the Liberation War-themed sculpture, inset, bears testament to the neglect. The photo was taken yesterday.



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### End gender-based violence

Say 21 noted citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent personalities yesterday issued a statement expressing outrage and concern at the rise in incidents of rape and other gender-based violence across the country during the coronavirus pandemic.

The statement was signed by 21 prominent personalities including Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, Hasan Azizul Huq, Prof Anupam Sen, Ramendu Majumdar, Aly Zaker, Mofidul Hoque, Nasir Uddin Usuf, and Nirmalendu Goon.

"We are deeply concerned and offended at the frequent incidents of rape, gang-rape, and murder and torture of women at the time of the Covid-19 emergency," the statement read.

They stressed on the immediate arrest of the criminals and exemplary punishment.

"Building an all-out national and social resistance through ensuring justice for all incidences

### Modified technology can boost agriculture production: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Soil-less grass is free from pesticides and insects which ensures safe food for the cattle of my farm. The production of milk improved, when I started to use this modified technology," said Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, a farmer from Dhaka's Kalyanpur, at a seminar yesterday.

Mahbub cultivates soil-less grass for his 22 cows. He claimed the process is profitable than buying grass from the local market and said he learned this type of farming after getting training from Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR).

Institute of Technology Transfer and Innovation (ITTI) of BCSIR organised the seminar titled "Adoptive Research and Technology Transfer: Role and Vision of the Present Government 2041".

ITTI, that was formed recently under the Ministry of Science and Technology, claimed that a lot of farmers are benefitting from modified technology like Mahbub. ITTI Project Director Rezaul Karim presented four modified technologies including soil-less grass-vegetable farming (hydroponic production), that was improved by themselves.

Rezaul Karim said microalgae production is a good source of protein as well and Heat Pump Dryer, which provides most energy efficient method of drying product and ensure quality.

"Recirculating aqua culture system will ensure the increase of fish production," he added.

Prof Aftab Ali Sheikh, newly appointed chairman of BCSIR, said, "Bangladesh can be an example in the world by promoting the technology transfer [modification]." He further said, "And these moderated forms should reach the grass-root level entrepreneurs."

BCSIR member Md Shawkat Ali, Dhaka University teacher Md Saimum Hossain also spoke at the seminar.

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