

Settlement was

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 "The senior priests reported to me that they found faults in both the parties (the girl and accused priest). The girl was bothering the priest, saying that she wanted to stay with him," he said, adding that the diocese authorities promised to take care of the girl and her family as she expressed fear that her family might not accept her after the incident. "Also, we wanted to prevent scandals about the church," he said.

However, Paul Gomes, one of the priests sent by the diocese to look into the matter, said they had sufficient facts to consider that the girl was "exploited".

She had been missing for three days and Priest Gregory had not reported it to anyone even after he knew her location inside his residence, he said.

"We recommended highest punishment for the priest [Gregory] for tainting the holy image of the church," he said, admitting that they did not inform the matter to police.

He also admitted that they had promised the girl's family "safety and security" during the arbitration and did not inform police to "protect" the girl.

The accused priest was sent to Rajshahi Catholic Diocese and his title -- priest -- was withdrawn temporarily, said Bishop Rozario.

Among others, community leaders Michael Hembrom, Mohesh Murmu and Kamel Mardi were also present in the arbitration, the girl's brother said.

Talking to reporters, Kamel Mardi on September 29 also said they tried to resolve the issue within themselves for the benefit of all. He did not elaborate any further.

When asked, the girl's brother said, "During the meeting, I felt cornered as if it was my sister's fault. I knew we won't get justice. So, I decided to report the incident."

After the meeting, the priests from Rajshahi took Gregory with them to the city as if they wanted to save him since locals were getting angry over the incident, he said.

Rakibul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Tanore Police Station, said they are waiting for the medical reports from Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where the girl was sent for tests.

He said she also gave a statement before a Rajshahi court in this regard.



Frigates sail side by side on Bay of Bengal. Bangladesh and India are holding a "Coordinated Petrol" and 3-day "Bongosagor" naval exercise in the Bay, which began yesterday. The drill aims to develop interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a broad spectrum of maritime activities and operations, said an ISPR press release.

PHOTO: ISPR

Woman stabbed to death at home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was stabbed to death at home in Dhaka's Kamrangirchar area Friday night.

The victim was identified as Selina Begum (35), wife of SM Obaidullah.

Officer-in-Charge of Kamrangirchar Police Station Mostafizur Rahman said they primarily came to know that two youths entered the four-storey building around 8:30pm.

After they left the house, the woman was found with stab injuries and was

rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared her dead.

The OC said there was a tenant on the ground floor of the house, who shifted to another house a couple of days ago but they left some belongings there.

The youths entered the house to take away the belongings, the OC said, quoting the victim's family members.

"We have started our investigation and will be able to give details

afterwards," he added.

Selina's brother Moniruzzaman said Obaidullah married Selina after his first wife, elder sister of the victim, died nine months back due to illness.

A feud was going on between the couple and children of Obaidullah and his first wife. Selina also received death threat from them, he alleged.

Obaidullah demanded fair probe and immediate arrest of the killers.

The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

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 Kendra, he said over a thousand women were subjected to rape over the last nine months.

"This government neither can protect our mothers and sisters from rape nor can save the country's resources from plunder. The share market, the Bangladesh Bank and other banks are looted while thousands of crores of taka are being siphoned off to Swiss banks. Women and children are being abused and bodies are lying on the roads. This is the scenario of the country," the BNP leader bemoaned.

He said the ruling party leaders should be ashamed of the "misdeeds" done by their fellow party people. "Rein in your party men first, and apologise to people."

Nazrul urged the government to stop the "false campaign" involving Zia with "Indemnity Ordinance" since he had no link to it.

Speaking at the programme, party senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said the current government is accustomed to staging dramas over various issues to confuse people. "When the prime minister talks about development, people say

it's not development, it's a drama. When the prime minister cries instantly for some reasons, people think it's a drama. When the prime minister makes a promise, people think it's a drama."

He said the government now made a drama styled "Indemnity by some infamous people: distorting history", to undermine Zia with a smear campaign against him.

The BNP leader said the leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League are indulging in the incidents of rape and harassment of women across the country.

Cloud kitchen

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 said with conviction. On top of this, "Mezban On The Go" hopes to start a physical presence as soon as possible.

The fact that there is small overhead cost involved in taking online orders, Dhaka has seen a boom in opening of cloud kitchens. Without any costly investment, the menu can be altered on demand, and promotions are possible without costing a fortune in branding, as advertising in social media is cheap.

"The fact that F-businesses operate outside the tax net is an added boon to the virtual restaurant business. Had there been tax implications, it may not have been possible for us to start a kitchen amid the pandemic," said another cloud kitchen owner requesting anonymity.

OTHER SIDE OF THE SPECTRUM
 Starting a virtual kitchen can be as simple as starting a Facebook page, but building and maintaining one can be challenging.

Sanzida Hassan started her own catering service a couple of years ago. "I was known for my cooking skills and that was my only tool. Like many others, I made the mistake in believing that it is enough. I decided to start the business and use word of mouth for promotion. Although the initial response was positive, attending to even the fewest orders I received every week seemed like an overwhelming task. I was forced to close my kitchen within a short time."

While she admitted the ongoing pandemic gave her reasons to consider

reopening the business, Hassan is pleased that she ultimately refrained from doing so.

"A few of my relatives have started their cloud kitchen in the last few months. I have tried to dissuade them, but to no avail. Some of them find it difficult to answer to every customer inquiry. For every order you receive, at least two to three people will request for the menu and ask questions. It is not as easy as it seems if one is operating alone," she added.

PROBABLE PITFALLS
 Reema Islam, food enthusiast and a specialist on its heritage and cultural aspect, observed that although on the surface the whole concept of virtual kitchens seem godsend, it is not without its own share of problems.

"The food business has always been one of the most risky ones. Taking it online doesn't make much of a difference," she said.

As the whole endeavor rests on online promotions and word of mouth, one bad dish, a few bad reviews, and the whole business stands a chance of collapsing.

"Maintaining standards is crucial, but difficult all the time. Filling orders seem lucrative because as you do well, your customer base will grow, meaning you need to expand. Unless you are prepared, it can never be easy," she added.

Reema Islam is also apprehensive about the sustainability of naive startups. "For now, we have many players in the market so it is all diverse, but

this too might mean too many people trying out this new fad and might prove to be a flash in the pan -- here today gone tomorrow!"

There was a time when "take away" or online orders served as a side venture for established eateries, adding to the revenue generated. In the time of the new normal, Zaman and Chowdhury believe that cloud kitchens are promising enough to ensure a profit and make it a viable business. That is why they started in the first place!

According to Reema Islam, one of the contributing factors of the soaring popularity of cloud kitchens is that they provide contactless service. However, this means that the need for maintaining a logistic support system is important. Hygiene is also more important now than ever before.

"Chefs should prepare food wearing masks and gloves; hands sanitised every time a dish is prepared. There is a need for utmost care while using utensils for meat, poultry, cheese, vegetables, etc."

"These are of course in addition to the normal health measures like not re-using frying oil," she said.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), it is highly unlikely that people can contract Covid-19 from food or food packaging. In addition, most budding entrepreneurs are making the most of the situation. Although the day seems far away, the coronavirus pandemic will end, but before that, there seems to be no end to the rising number of cloud kitchens in Dhaka.

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 College Address: Karbala Road, Jashore

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	University Grants Commission/National University.
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Jashore Govt. Mohila College, Jashore.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5	Procuring entity district	Jashore.
6	Invitation for	Works.
7	Invitation Ref No.	CEDP/JGMC/W-01/1094.
8	Date	04/10/2020.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government & IDA Credit).
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA), World Bank.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project code	224017200.
13	Project name	College Education Development Project (CEDP).
14	Tender package No.	W-01.
15	Tender package name	Renovation and Refurbishment of classrooms, laboratories, libraries, auditorium, conference hall and seminar rooms, office rooms, wash room, female common room and breastfeeding zone at Jashore Govt. Mohila College, Jashore.
16	Tender publication date	04.10.2020.
17	Tender last selling date	21.10.2020.
18	Tender closing date and time	22.10.2020, 12:00pm.
19	Tender opening date and time	22.10.2020, 12:45pm.
20	Name & address of the office	Jashore Govt. Mohila College, Karbala Road, Jashore.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Will not be held.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	1. The tenderer shall have a minimum 03 (three) years of general experience in the construction works as prime contractor. 2. The tenderer shall have satisfactory completion of building refurbishment/construction activities of minimum BDT 3,000,000 (thirty lac) only under maximum 01 contract in the last 03 years. 3. The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than BDT 4,000,000 (forty lac) only over the last 03 years. 4. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be BDT 3,000,000 (thirty lac) only. 5. Other qualification mentioned in tender document.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Tiles work, Thai glass, washroom fittings, Ceiling Plaster, Electrical Work.		
24	Brief description of related services	Related service shall be in accordance with Section 4: Particular Conditions of Contract, Section 6: Bill of Quantities.		
25	Tender document price	BDT 1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred).		
26	Tender name	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in months
	Renovation and Refurbishment of classrooms, laboratories, libraries, auditorium, conference hall and seminar rooms, office rooms, wash room, female common room and breastfeeding zone.	Jashore Govt. Mohila College, Karbala Road, Jashore.	100,000.00	6 months
27	Name of official inviting tender	Professor Dr. Md. Ahsan Habib.		
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Principal and IDGM.		
29	Address of official inviting tender	Jashore Govt. Mohila College, Karbala Road, Jashore.		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 0421-65645.		
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			


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IUB to host webinar on Bay of Bengal

CITY DESK

The first round of a webinar series by the Bengal Institute Project at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is set to take place this Tuesday, says a press release.

Titled "Regional importance of the Bay of Bengal for Bangladesh and its landlocked and littoral neighbors", the webinar will be broadcast live through digital platforms of the Daily Star and Prothom Alo along with IUB's Facebook page.

Mashfee Binte Shams, additional foreign Secretary (East) at foreign ministry, will present the keynote paper at the programme.

Ambassador Rensje Teerink, head of the European Union Delegation to Bangladesh, and Sonam Tobden Rabgye, former ambassador of Bhutan to Bangladesh will attend the programme as special guests.

Nine Mizdah

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 restrictions to access vulnerable migrants who are stranded and in need of support. "We are working closely with the government, in particular the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, to ensure migrants' access to health services, shelter, food, consular services, and for the most vulnerable -- flights home," said Giorgi.

Millennial men

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 once they have a woman taking care of them, whether it's their mothers or wives.

Somewhat paradoxically, almost all of the respondents said they believed that men should perform household chores. Asked why they don't practice what they believed in, they provided some specific reasons behind their reluctance.

Unpaid care work, for the participants, are "boring", "time-consuming", "not men's job", and more. One said, "Since men work outside the home for long hours, they don't get enough time to perform household works."

This is contrary to reports that state even working women have to undertake more domestic care work than men.

A number of respondents pointed out the traditional stereotypical gender roles, which directs women to stay inside the home, rear children, take care of the elderly family members and do household chores.

"In our childhood, even if we tried to help our mother in domestic works, we were told not to. Even these days, when someone is seen doing household chores, others make a mockery out of it -- tagging him 'uxorious'. This discourages many of us," said Mutasim Billah, a banker.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said, "Due to this deep-rooted patriarchy, even if a man identifies as being progressive, they can't accept from heart that housework is their responsibility as well."

In order to redefine gender roles, she highlighted the importance of redefining masculinity.

Since 2011, ActionAid Bangladesh has been flagging the issue of unpaid care work. Farah Kabir, the organisation's country director, believes that as long as care work is not celebrated, these old and conventional attitudes and perceptions will remain.

Currently, the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs has no programme or initiative to address the agenda of redistributing unpaid care works and ensuring men's participation. However, Dr Abul Hossain, project director of Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence against Women, said, "I feel the necessity of a separate programme to distinguish the role of men and women in the family and establish a division of labour at home."

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