

Wife strangled, young man stabbed to death

By DMCH Correspondent

A housewife was reportedly strangled to death by her husband at their residence in Chankhali under Dhamrai thana in the early hours yesterday.

Acting on an information, Dhamrai thana police recovered the body of the housewife, Rashida Akhter, from the house at about 3 am yesterday. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Mark of injury was found around her neck and chin, hospital sources said.

Police suspected that she was strangled. The husband, Jalal Uddin, is absconding since the incident.

The motive behind the murder was not known immediately.

Further details were not available till last night.

Victim dies

In another incident a housewife, Rina Akhter Mala, who received serious burn injuries when her husband allegedly set her on fire on December 4 at the Babu Bazar area under Kotwali thana, died at the DMCH yesterday afternoon.

Relatives said that Mala's husband, Rafikul Islam, reportedly demanded Tk 20,000 from her as dowry few days before the incident. At one stage, Rafikul Islam allegedly set her on fire during a heated argument.

Mala was seriously injured and admitted to the DMCH.

In her statement at the hospital, given before her death, she said that her husband always pressed her for dowry and her mother-in-law supported her husband.

On December 4, her husband suddenly set her on fire according to his mother's order at about 10 pm, she added in the statement, police said.

Mala succumbed to her injuries at about 4:30 pm yesterday.

Mala, who got married to

Rafikul Islam of 20/3 Sayed Hasan Ali Lane at Babu Bazar about three years back, has a one and a half years old daughter, Disha.

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Relatives said that he was called up by a group of young men from his house at about 2 pm. He appears to have received the stab injuries few hours later, they added.

Ruhul Amin, son of one Motmajid Uddin, was working in a local auto garage.

Police said that he was murdered due to prior enmity. A case was filed with Mirpur thana in this regard. No arrests were made.

Minor boy beaten to death in city

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A minor boy who was beaten by a vendor at Agaraon BNP Bazar two days ago died at the Shishu Hospital Saturday night.

Abdul Majid, father of the boy, said that on December 7 he went to the nearby BNP Bazar with one of his neighbour Noor Banu. Sohel Rana, 6, took a potato from a shop at the Bazar and was allegedly beaten by the owner, Selim.

Sohel was admitted to the Shishu Hospital where he succumbed to injuries Saturday night.

Bomb blasts rock DU campus

Hartal campaigners yesterday rocked the Dhaka University campus by exploding home-made bombs and firing gunshots, reports UNB.

They blasted at least 30 bombs and fired several gunshots soon after a rally of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-P) in TSC area yesterday evening. Panicky students ran helter-skelter for safety, witnesses said.

Earlier in the morning, they also exploded several crackers on the campus near Palassey Bazar. Police lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the angry activists.

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Shibir supporters had called a students strike on the campus today and closed the college gate to enforce cancellation of the polls date.

The situation turned violent when the supporters of Chhatra Dal and other parties entered the campus in a procession ignoring the strike call, sources said.

The rival groups took positions at the two sides of the campus. Both JCD and Shibir blamed each other for the trouble. Police has been deployed on the college campus to maintain law and order.

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Addressing the rally, general secretary of the organisation Amirul Haq Amin said that more than one hundred workers were terminated from the garments factories last month for their involvement in the trade union activities. At the same time, five women workers were raped and ten factories were closed without giving the workers their due wages, he said.

He said that many factories were not paying due wages to workers for the last three to four months.

The speakers at the rally urged the human rights groups, women and workers organisations to resist the violation of human rights in the garments sector.

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Besides, a book fair and a folk fair will also be organised.

First US marines fly into Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Dec 10: The first US marines to arrive in Bosnia flew into the Bosnian capital today on a US air force C-17 transport plane, reports AFP.

The 22 marines who stepped off the aircraft short after 2:00 pm (1300 GMT) are members of an advance party of NATO troops making preparations for the eventual arrival of some 60,000 alliance troops including 20,000 US soldiers.

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