

Wife of slain businessman demands punishment to killers

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A widow yesterday appealed for punishment to her husband's killers and safety to her family. Farida Yasmin Kadir, wife of late industrialist Alhaj Abdul Kadir who was shot dead at his Motijheel business chamber on October 17, made the appeal at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium.

Milton as a suspect on October 22, and she learnt from newspaper reports and from the police administration that Milton, in his statement to police, said Kader, Lorence and Chulla Khokon conspired to kill her husband six months ago.

Although the Detective Branch of Police arrested Kader under section 54 on November 4, there was no headway in the case, she added.

Milton was released on bail and Kader, the prime accused, got anticipatory bail from the High Court, she continued.

To make things worse, her family was being threatened with murder and abduction by unknown miscreants after the arrest of Kader, she alleged.

She urged the prime minister and the home minister to take initiatives to arrest the killers and demanded punishment to them. Abdul Kadir's three sons Mahfuz, Amin and Ramin, two daughters Bubl and Jubli, and Abul Bashar, his brother, among others, were present at the press conference.



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The International Day for the Disabled is being observed today across the country. Photo shows Sultana Sitara Zaman, a noted psychologist and founder of Kalyani, a disabled-oriented school, communicating with one of its students.

2.5 lakh people become disabled a year: Study

BSS, Dhaka

Over 2,50,000 people become disabled annually in the country due to causes like environment pollution, terrorism, domestic violence, acid burn and automobile accidents, a recent study said.

The study claimed that at least 17 per cent of them suffer from Down's syndrome due to wife bashing by husbands during pregnancy period. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recognised the statistics in their recently published strategy policy guideline.

Besides, the study said a significant number of people become disabled because of malnutrition, lack of proper treatment, wrong treatment, ignorance and superstitions. It said disability is the cause and effect of poverty.

This information was published in a joint study of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Department of Social Services and National Forum of Organisations

Working with the Disabled (NFOWD).

Recent statistics showed that about 10 per cent of the total population of the country are disabled and it is widespread in rural areas of the country. Of the total disabled, four per cent are physically disabled, two per cent hearing and speech impaired, two per cent intellectually disabled and two per cent visually impaired.

The study revealed that 70 per cent disabled population needed rehabilitation services, including medical rehabilitation and social integration.

It said the healthcare service delivery system and approaches in the country do not include the medical rehabilitation of disabled people. The disabled people still depend on traditional healers due to superstitions.

The study revealed that 92 per cent of the disabled children of age group between 6 and 14 do not have access to education due to lack of financial support.

Launch mishap Probe body to visit place of occurrence

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The probe body formed to investigate Thursday's launch accident in the Tetulia river in Barisal district would visit the place of occurrence and record the statements of the witnesses on Wednesday.

The committee has requested those who are well informed of the incident to appear before it at 11 am on the day at the scene and give their accounts, said a press release signed by the member secretary of the probe body.

The committee has also requested those who will not be able to appear before the committee at the time to send their written statement to the member secretary of the committee by Thursday.

The launch, ML Jahangir, sank in the river at a place near Vedorua ferryghat in Mehendiganj thana after a collision with another launch on November 29.

Non-govt teachers' salaries sent to banks

UNB, Dhaka

The government portion of salaries of non-government educational institution and Ebedei madrassah teachers for the month of November has been released.

The heads of these institutions have been asked to draw the salaries by Dec 12. The government portion of salaries/allowances of teachers and employees of non-governmental educational institutions, technical (vocational) and HSC (Business Management), has been sent to the banks concerned.

The teachers and employees of those institutions, who could not draw their outstanding salaries during 2001-2002 fiscal for valid reasons can also draw it through personal accounts.

The salaries of government-assisted Ebedei madrassah teachers for the months of October and November have also been sent to banks.

Int'l Day for Disabled today

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The International Day for the Disabled will be observed in the country as elsewhere across the world today.

Department of Social Service and some other organisations drawn up different programmes to observe the day.

President Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages on the occasion.

President Badruddoza Chowdhury said concerted efforts should be made to make the disabled people self-reliant.

He said the disabled should be groomed as worthy citizens as they are integral part of society.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia urged elite and the affluent section of society as well as private sector to supplement the government efforts for welfare and development of the country's people with their heads high.

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, in her message, called upon all to come forward to implement the programmes, taken up during her government, so that the disabled can live in society with their heads high.

National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) will hold a discussion at Lalmatia Housing Society Boys School premises today.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed will attend the discussion as chief guest.

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Haroon made envoy to Sweden

Mohammad-al-Haroon, a career diplomat, has been appointed ambassador of Bangladesh to Sweden, says a press release.

Haroon joined the Foreign Service in 1974. He has served Bangladesh missions in Turkey, Sweden, Egypt and USA.

Haroon also served the ministry in different capacities and is currently Director General (Far East).

PIB Welfare Assoc formed

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The officials of Bangladesh Press Institute (PIB) floated a new organisation styled as "PIB Welfare Association", said a press release.

The organisation was launched at a meeting held at a city hotel yesterday. A 24-member convening committee was also formed with Dr Mustafizur Rahman, deputy librarian, as its convener and Oliur Rahman, instructor of PIB, as member secretary.

Shahana Huda, senior instructor, Sheikh Majlish Fuad, research officer, ASM Abdul Huq, assistant instructor, and ABM Raqibul Basset, publications officer, were made joint convenors of the committee.

The convening committee will form a full-fledged committee within a month.

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