

AL protests Khulna leader's killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition Awami League (AL) yesterday brought out a silent procession to protest the killing of advocate Monzurul Imam, a member of party advisory council and president of the Khulna city unit, Monday.

Wearing black badges, several hundred AL leaders and activists took part in the procession that set Man strangles wife in Badda

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A housewife was allegedly strangled by her husband inside their residence at Khulbaritek in Badda on Monday night.

On information, police broke open the door locked from outside and recovered the body of Lipi, 18, wife of Shohag, yesterday morning and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

The neighbours said they saw the couple inside on Monday night and found the door locked from outside the following morning.

Police said Shohag might have killed his wife in the night by pressing a pillow on her face. The DMCH morgue sources also said that Lipi was strangled.

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out from the south gate of the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque and ended at the Central Shaheed Minar after parading through Bangabandhu Avenue, Golapshah Mazar and Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The AL leaders and workers attended a rally in front of the national mosque after Asr prayers. Senior AL leader Abdus Samad Azad at a brief rally in front of the Central Shaheed Minar accused the government of the killing, saying head of the government has to bear the responsibility for the murder.

The AL organises a rally in front of its Bangabandhu Avenue office today as part of its three-day agitation programme.

Meanwhile, noted educationist Badruddin Umar, Foyzul Hakim, Hasibur Rahman, Mridul Kanti Das and Abdul Hakim, leaders of Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote, in a joint statement yesterday condemned the killing.

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Petition against GPA basis admission withdrawn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A petition, filed by Notre Dame College (NDC) principal, challenging an education ministry circular on admission of students into colleges on the basis of grade point average (GPA) was withdrawn from the High Court yesterday.

The NDC principal filed the petition August 9. The dispute was settled between the college authority and education board and the NDC principal wanted to withdraw the case, said the petitioner's lawyer Dr M Zahir in his affidavit submitted before the court.

According to the settlement, the ministry allowed the NDC authorities to take interviews of aspiring students instead of written exams to categorise students in the GPA format.

The High Court Division Bench comprising Justice M A Aziz and Justice Syed Rifat Ahmed discharged the petition.

Desa faces JS body ire over loss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary standing committee on public undertakings yesterday criticised Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) for in-

Injured youth dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth died at a city clinic here on Monday night five months after he suffered a serious head injury while protesting the miscreants on March 6 this year.

The ill-fated youth Md Jahangir Hossain, 22, was the son of Saheb Ali of Badarpatti under Kotwali thana.

Police and witnesses said Jahangir was attacked by some miscreants when he protested for not paying fare to a ricksha-puller by them.

The miscreants beat him and struck on his head with iron rod injuring him seriously.

curring losses of more than Tk 1,500 crore in the last six years.

The committee at a meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban asked the DESA authorities to explain why it has been losing every year.

Brigadier General A M A Rab, chairman of the DESA, at the meeting identified corruption, systems loss and huge operational cost as the reasons behind the losses.

According to the DESA report submitted to the committee, the organisation lost Tk144.27 crore in the 1996-97 fiscal, Tk 151.36 crore in FY 1997-98, Tk 184.55 crore in FY 1998-99, Tk 234.34 crore in FY 1999-2000, Tk 370.52 crore in FY 2000-2001 and Tk 415.58 crore in FY 2001-2002.

Abdul Alim, chairman of the committee and BNP lawmaker, presided over the meeting, also attended by the committee members Dr Rustam Ali Faraji, Abul Kalam and other officials.

Nepalese student commits suicide at DU hall

DU CORRESPONDENT

A Nepalese student doing his bachelor's in dental surgery (BDS) allegedly committed suicide at International Hall of Dhaka University Monday.

Pankaj Kumar Shah, a first year student of Dhaka Dental College, committed suicide in his bathroom at about 8:30pm, police said.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy Monday night.

Pankaj, son of Sree Shedi Shah of Dharmapur in Nepal, got a seat in the hall three months ago, hall officials said.

His body was handed over to Nepalese embassy yesterday.

RAT nabs 4 robbers after shootout

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Team (RAT) yesterday arrested four robbers after a shootout at Boxnagar in Demra.

Aminul Islam, one of the robbers, was injured in the gunfight. He is an accused in at least 16 cases including two for murders. He has been admitted to orthopaedic hospital.

The other arrestees were Jane Alam alias Shamim, an accused in 15 cases, Kamrul Islam alias Kamur and Monirul Islam alias Manik.

The RAT also recovered two revolvers, a one-shooter gun and 37 bullets from the robbers, who used

to commit robbery in Siddhirganj, Narayanganj, Demra and Ramna, a RAT official said.

Police said Aminul and Alam were accused of Anu murder in Kotwali Police Station and Ekram murder in Wari. A number of cases under arms act as well as for robbery, gang-rape, snatching and assaults on police were filed against them.

Tipped off, the RAT raided a one-storey building at Boxnagar at about 3:00am. The RAT members shot at the robbers when the gang began to shoot indiscriminately. At least 25 bullets were fired during the battle, one of which hit Aminul.

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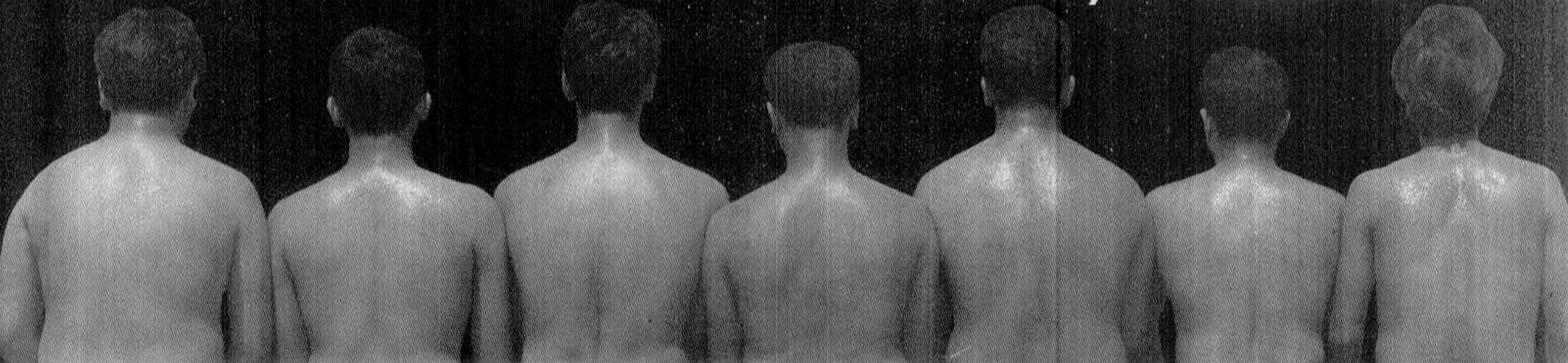
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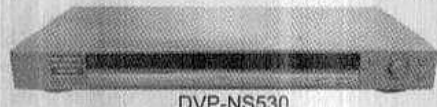
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