

# Housewife stabbed to death over dowry

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A housewife was stabbed to death allegedly by her husband and in-laws at a village in Savar on Thursday for her failure to bring Tk two lakh in dowry from her parents.

Shahnaj Begum, 20, wife of Abdul Mannan, was killed at her husband's house in Vakurta village during an altercation with her in-laws, said the victim's family.

"In the wake of continued pressure from her husband and in-laws, Shahnaj came to our Hazaribagh house recently and demanded Tk two lakh. But we had to sent her back empty-handed due to financial constraints," the victim's brother

Idrissaid.

He said the neighbours caught Mannan and his brothers -- Momen and Zakir -- soon after the incident and handed them over to Savar police.

Mannan's parents, however, went into hiding along with the victim's 13-month-old son Chharaban.

Savar police confirmed the incident and said they have arrested Abdul Mannan.

The victim's elder brother Shahidul Islam lodged a case with the Savar police yesterday accusing Mannan, his brothers and parents of stabbing Shahnaj to death.

# Ainjibi Parishad demands separation of judiciary

## Amir-ul Islam reelected convenor

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The Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad, a lawyers' body, has reiterated its demand for immediate separation of judiciary.

At an extended meeting yesterday, the Parishad leaders strongly condemned Thursday's attack on former president Badruddoza Chowdhury and his supporters at different points in the capital.

They also protested the recent attack on prominent writer Humayun Azad and eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain demanding immediate arrest of and punishment to the culprits involved.

The lawyers also unanimously reelected Barrister Amir-ul Islam and Subrata Chowdhury convenor and member secretary of the Parishad for two years.

Amir-ul Islam, also vice-president of Bangladesh Bar Council, presided over the meeting attended by the leaders of 44 district bar associations.

At the meeting, the leaders

demanded repeal of the amendment to the Bar Council Order terming it 'undemocratic'.

They also called for amendment to Section 54 and 167, an end to abuse of the Special Powers Act and repeal of all black laws.

The Parishad declared its panel for the election of the Supreme Court Bar Association scheduled for March 28 and 29.

From this panel, Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud and advocate Basir Ahmed will vie for the posts of president and general secretary.

# 'Appoint physiotherapists in all hospitals'

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the government to appoint physiotherapists in all hospitals.

They said there is hardly any family in the country that does not need physiotherapy treatment.

The seminar was organised by the Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled (PRCD) at the National Press Club in the city.

Editor of the New Nation Alamgir Mohiuddin addressed the seminar as chief guest while noted back-pain specialist Dr Altaf Hossain was in the chair.

British Physiotherapist Philomino Commons, Irish Physiotherapist M Figt, Japanese Physiotherapist Kaoko Mizusina and Marico Kanazawa and Bangladesh Physiotherapist Obaidul Huq also spoke at the seminar.

