

## Eden College student commits suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student of Eden University College committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan at their Green Road officers' staff quarters in the city on Saturday night.

Dhanmondi police recovered the body of Dilruba Parvin Deepa, 23, at around 10.00pm and sent it to The Dhaka Medical College morgue yesterday morning. She was a 3rd year student of geography and environment department.

Arifur Rahman, uncle of the Deepa, said she committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan with her scarf as the mother of her boyfriend refused to accept her as her daughter-in-law.

He said Deepa went to her boyfriend's house in the city on that day to convince his mother, but in vain.

He said police also recovered a note from her room, which reads: "Asif, you did not do the right thing by deceiving me."

A unnatural death case was lodged with the Dhanmondi police station.

## More controversial recruitment at RU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

The Rajshahi University authorities has appointed one more teacher in fine arts department on an ad hoc basis while appointment of nine others in two departments is awaiting finalisation.

The teachers were selected on the 'political grounds' and without the notice of the planning committees concerned, sources said, adding that none of the candidates have four first classes.

Muhammad Ali, who was selected for the fine arts department, is a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activist.

Arabic department chairman made a list of five candidates for appointment as teachers without informing two members of the six-member planning committee and submitted it to the vice-chancellor for his approval.

The two members, Prof Dr Sekandar Ali Ibrahim and Prof Shamsul Alam said the department chairman has sent the list secretly to avert protests.

The five selected teachers are Shetaur Rahman, former Habibur Rahman hall Islami Chhatra Shibir president, Muhammad Obaidullah, a Shibir activist, Abdul Mannan, relative of a teacher, Motiur Rahman, relative of a local BNP leader, and Abu Saleh.

But 35 students of the department who have four first classes – eight of them got gold medals for their brilliant results – have been deprived, official sources said.

Prof Shamsul Alam, who met the VC and submitted a letter protesting the irregularities, expressed his concern and said that the authority did not inform him of the selection.

## Police torture of Ittefaq staff protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Employees of the daily Ittefaq yesterday protested and condemned the police torture of Kazi Bazlur Rahman, president of Ittefaq Karmachari Union.

They said the Shyampur police took him to the police station on the midnight of February 5 and tortured him inhumanly.

At an emergency meeting of the Daily Ittefaq Karmachari Steering Committee, the speakers also demanded punishment to the policemen responsible for the incident.

## 2 abductors get 32 years' RI

COURT CORRESPONDENT

ADhaka Court yesterday sentenced two persons to 32 years rigorous imprisonment for kidnapping four children for trafficking.

Judge Mohammad Mujibul Kamal of the first Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression gave the verdict in presence of the convicts Babul Hossain alias Sabur and Masnul Haque.

The victims are Abdul Latif, 12, Sumon Ahmed, 13, Kabir, 12, and Rejaul, 10.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 14 prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution story in brief is that Sabur and Masnul of Bianibazar in Sylhet kidnapped the victims from the same area and took them to a residential hotel at Fakirerpool at Motijheel in the city

on September 28, 2002.

On a secret information, Motijheel police rescued the victims from the hotel the same day.

Later, SI Mokarram Hossain filed an abduction case against the two and the investigation officer pressed charges against them on November 24, 2002.

Assistant Public Prosecutor Kazi Abdus Salim appeared for the state while Advocate Abeda Sultana defended the accused.