

One murdered, woman's body recovered

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Hoodlums stabbed a youth to death and injured his mother and friend, while the body of a woman was recovered from a hotel room in the city yesterday.

The victim Rashedul Islam Ronny, 19, a rickshawpuller and resident of Sipahibagh area under Khilgaon Police Station, was playing carom with his friend Ismail when a gang of local hoodlums stormed into the club at 3:15pm.

The gang, led by one Kana Russell, dragged the two out of the club and stabbed them indiscriminately.

Hearing their screams, Ronny's mother Jahura Khatun rushed to the spot and received a stab in her left hand while trying to protect her son.

Locals rushed the three to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared Ronny dead.

Critically injured Ismail, who had

stabs all over his body, was undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Jahura told the reporters that one of Ronny's friend, she could not name him, harassed and stabbed Russell at a concert in the locality three days back.

"Russell threatened to kill Ronny after the incident," she added.

Meanwhile Gulshan police recovered the body of Shahida, 30, wife of one Mizan who hails from Nahidabagh of Laksam under Comilla district, from a hotel room yesterday.

The almost naked body, with marks of black bruises in the right elbow and neck, was hanging from the ceiling with a green scarf, police said.

The two identified them as couple and boarded into the hotel on March 6, said a hotelman, adding that finding the door of their room closed since Sunday noon, they informed the police.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina places wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Bhaban yesterday on the occasion of historic March 7.

'Include govt's resignation in women's movement'

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Speakers at a meeting yesterday said the demand for resignation of the government of 'communal forces' should be incorporated into the women's movement on a priority basis.

They said a woman cannot establish her equal rights under a communal government that never believes in her freedom.

The meeting was organised by Jatiya Nari Jote, a woman wing of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) to mark the International Women's Day.

JSD President Hasanul Haq Inu, Executive President Moinuddin Khan Badal, General Secretary Syed Jafar Sajjad, Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik Jote President Shirin Akter, and Woman Affairs Secretary Fatema Hossain spoke at the meeting. Jote Convenor Afroza Haque Rina presided.

Historic March 7 observed

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The historic March 7 was observed yesterday in a befitting manner across the country.

On this day in 1971, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, father of the nation, delivered his historic speech in a mammoth public meeting at Suhrawardy Udyan.

He called upon the Bangalees to wage a decisive struggle against the Pakistani military junta setting the tone for the War of Liberation.

In a thunderous voice, Bangabandhu declared 'Ebarer Sangram Amader Muktir Sangram, Ebarer Sangram Swadhinatar Sangram' (this struggle is for our freedom, this struggle is for our

independence), inspiring the people from all walks of life to prepare for the war that the Pakistani regime inflicted upon the unarmed Bangalees committing one of the worst genocide in history.

Being inspired by his speech, the Bangalees joined the war and earned the independence defeating the Pakistani occupation forces.

Different political, cultural and social organisations including main opposition Awami League (AL) took up elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The programmes included placing of wreaths at Bangabandhu's portrait, offering of fateha and holding of discussions.

Opposition leader and AL President Sheikh Hasina placed the wreath at Bangabandhu's portrait at Dhanmondi in the city at 6:30am.

AL central leaders including Abdul Jalil, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofail Ahmed, Zillur Rahman, Suranjit Sengupta, Abdur Razzak and Motiya Chowdhury were present.

Bangladesh Legal Aid Forum organised a discussion at the Supreme Court Bar Library highlighting the contribution of Bangabandhu to the independence of Bangladesh.

