

Mystery shrouds death of domestic help

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A teenage domestic help died at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Doctors declared her dead immediately after her admission to the hospital.

The dead was identified as Sheuly, 15, of Begumganj in Noakhali.

Her employer Nurul Afsar Manik at the hospital said Sheuly committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling of a toilet at his brother-in-law Rokonuddin Dulal's house at south Paikpara under Kafirul Police Station yesterday morning.

But police in its inquest report said there are marks of bruises in several parts of her body, including her private parts.

Police detained Manik and Dulal at the hospital in connection with the mysterious death of Sheuly.

Tk 31 lakh Dutch-Bangla aid for acid, dowry victims

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Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation yesterday donated Tk 31 lakh to disadvantaged women so that they can become self-reliant through investing the money in small-scale agro-businesses.

One hundred acid survivors and 210 dowry victims received Tk 10,000 each at a ceremony at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city. Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, governor of Bangladesh Bank, distributed the cheques among them.

Speaking as the chief guest, Dr Salehuddin said Dutch-Bangla Bank extended this financial assistance for setting up poultry farm, livestock farm, nursery and cottage industries.

He also lauded the bank's another initiative to provide loans for the disadvantaged women at only five percent interest.

Such initiatives will help alleviate poverty from the country, Dr Salehuddin said and called on the financial institutions and banks to extend financial support to the disadvantaged people.

Yasin Ali, managing director of Dutch-Bangla Bank, urged the acid and dowry victims to run their businesses successfully to bring changes to their life.

The bank will continue its assistance programme and every year 400 disadvantaged women will be given Tk 10,000 each, he added.

Foundation Coordinator Dr Mozammel Hossain Khan was also present at the ceremony.

LIFE distributes clothes among the physically challenged

LIFE, a human development organisation, distributed clothes and foods among the physically challenged people at its Lalmoni office in the city yesterday to mark the National Disabled Day, says a press release.

Speaking on the occasion, LIFE Chairman Kamrul Islam Sory called for ensuring access to mainstream education for children with disabilities.

Coordinator Aamirul Islam said, "With encouragement and opportunities, a physically challenged person can lead an independent life without being considered a burden on society."