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Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury speaks at a meeting on the Chittagong Press Club premises in the port city yesterday. The Citizens' Committee organised the meeting to protest against repression on journalists.

Three commit suicide in city

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The police recovered bodies of two women and a businessman who allegedly committed suicide in separate incidents in the capital on Wednesday night.

The dead are Shuktara, 18, a domestic help, Gilbert Gomes, 52, a businessman, and Rozina Akhtar, 19, a housewife.

Shuktara, daughter of Maharaj Miah of Bancharampur in Brahmanbaria, worked as a domestic help at Zahidul Islam Selim's house at Ahmednagar, Paikpara in Mirpur.

Selim said he went to his work in the morning, leaving Shuktara at his home alone. On his return home in the evening, he found the door locked from inside but received no response when he called Shuktara.

Selim then informed the police who broke open the door only to find Shuktara hanging from the ceiling with her scarf at around 7:00pm.

In another incident, Gilbert Gomes was found hanging from the ceiling of the veranda of his house at Tejkunipara at around 11:00pm.

His family said Gilbert had recently become mentally unstable after his business made losses.

The police sent the two bodies to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

At South Dhania in Shyampur, Rozina, wife of Tapan Mia, was found hanging from the ceiling of her room at night.

The police sent the body to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Morgue sources said the body bore several marks of bruises.

Painters pledge to fight child hunger

Forty-five leading painters have pledged their support to fight and end child hunger by 2015, says a press release.

They committed to contribute their work to a painting exhibition to be organised in Dhaka and Geneva by Galleri Kaya and Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) on the occasion of the annual global demonstration called 'Fight Hunger: Walk the World'.

'Fight Hunger: Walk the World' is an initiative of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and its partners.

On this annual occasion, hundreds of thousands of people in every time zone take to the streets to call for an end to the needless suffering of hungry children. This

year the 'Walk the World' programme will be held across the globe on May 21.

"This is all about partnership -- we will be able to rise to the challenge of ending child hunger by 2015 only if we join forces," WFP Country Representative Douglas Broderick told the gathering of the artists last night.

The aim of this global action is to raise public awareness about the 300 million hungry children in this world, urge policymakers and governments to focus more funds and resources on feeding children, and raise funds to finance projects that assist hungry children.

On the occasion, WFP Bangladesh and its partners will organise a cultural programme on May 18.