

Domestic help found dead in city house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered body of a domestic help inside a bathroom of a house at Pallabi in the city yesterday.

The victim identified as Jasim Mia, 12, worked as a domestic help at the residence of Advocate Abdul Baten at Road no-22, House no-23, at the Rupnagar residential area.

Police said they found his head dipped in a bucket full of water inside the bathroom.

Police quoted Baten as saying he went out of his house in the morning for his respective workplace, leaving Jasim inside the house alone keeping it under lock and key as his wife went to her father's house recently.

When Baten along with his niece Shimu returned home at

around 1:45pm, he found the door open and all the house stuffs scattered, police said.

Police suspected that robbers might have killed Jasim during the robbery and dipped the body inside the bucket.

Police, however, could not say what things were missing from the house till filing of the report at 10:00pm.

Call to free environmental activist Shahidul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) has appealed to the caretaker government to immediately release environmental, developmental and human rights activist Shahidul Islam, if there is no specific allegation against him.

In a statement yesterday, Bapa General Secretary Mahidul Haq Khan expressed concern over the arrest of Shahidul Islam, executive director of Uttaran, a Satkhira-based NGO, saying that Shahidul was arrested a month ago, but it has been learnt that no specific allegation has been made against him.

As a developmental activist, Shahidul has made significant contribution to social movement and development activities in the southwestern region of the country, he added.

Shahidul was arrested by the

joint forces from Tala upazila on January 27. Later, he was sent to jail with one month's detention.

Hasina visits ailing Jalil at hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina visited the party's General Secretary Abdul Jalil at Labaid Specialised Hospital at Dhanmondi in the city last night.

Jalil was hospitalised with kidney problems on Wednesday morning.

According to family sources, his condition has deteriorated slightly.

Jalil, who has been suffering from kidney complications for several years, had recently visited London for treatment.