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Woman tortured to death by husband

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife was tortured to death allegedly by her husband and in-laws for failing to provide dowry at Uttar Khan in the capital Monday.

An autopsy performed at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday revealed torture on Sharmin Akther Ruma, 25, hospital sources said.

Her husband Tajul Islam, an employee at an Uttara electric appliance shop, and other members of his family are in hiding since the incident.

Neighbours told police that they heard the couple brawling Sunday night and found the housewife's body hanging from the veranda ceiling of their house at Uttar Khan's Maddhyapara the next morning.

Police recorded an unnatural death case Monday as they said they were primarily convinced that Sharmin committed suicide.

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Power shortfall to take heavy toll on farmers in North

Irrigation cost to rise by Tk 500cr in Boro season

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

Farmers of 16 northern districts will have to pay around Tk 500 crore extra in fuel cost for irrigation purpose in this Boro season due to a possible shortfall in electricity supply between December 2007 and May 2008.

Officials at the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said if there is no shortfall in electricity supply during Boro season, farmers will be able to have their harvest spending on average Tk 4,500 per hectare to irrigate their fields with electric pumps. The cost is Tk 5,250 per hectare if they use diesel-powered pumps.

However, farmers claim that they would have to spend on average Tk 8,000 per hectare to irrigate due to the shortfall of electricity supply. The amount is about Tk 3,000 higher than that in the last season as the fuel price increased earlier this year.

Mohamed Jainuddin, 55, son of late Basir Uddin of Babai in Lalmonirhat said he would have to spend Tk 8,000 per hectare for irrigation purpose in this season whereas he spent around Tk 5,000 per hectare last season running diesel pumps.

Jamal, 45, son of Jalal Uddin of

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Court asks for health report of Khulna mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

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The mayor has been suffering from arthritis, hypertension and cardiovascular problems. He told the court that he was not in a position to move out of jail on health grounds and that he needed better medical treatment.

His wife Laila Rahman complained that the jail authorities have so far been careless about the health conditions of the 73-year-old mayor who was arrested on November 2.

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Up to 175 rebels killed in attacks

AP, Istanbul

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Up to 175 rebels were killed on Dec. 16 alone, the military said in a statement posted on its Web site. The military said other hideouts were hit in a cross-border airstrike on Saturday, followed by artillery fire.

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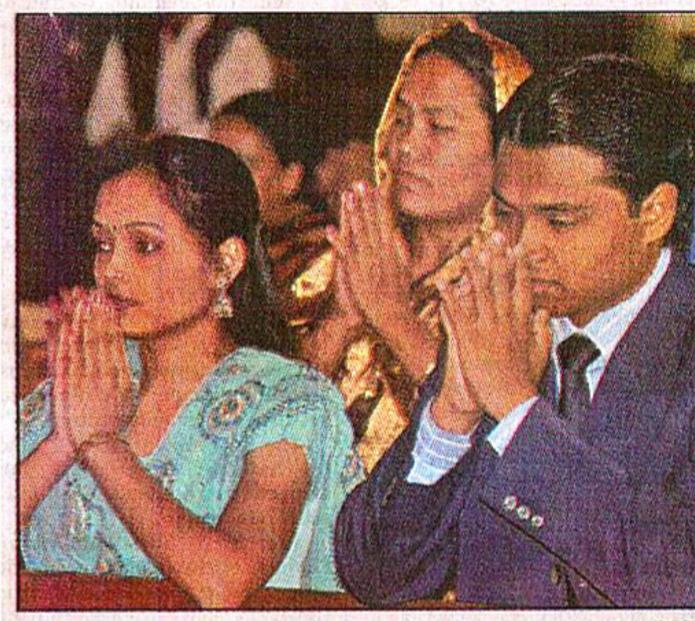
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fire at a rubber sandal factory in the city's Rayerbagh area under Demra Police Station yesterday gutted machinery and other valuables worth about Tk 15 lakh.

Fire Service and Civil Defence (FSCD) sources said the fire originated from a stub of a cigarette inside Desh Rubber Industries at about 4:05pm. However, no casualty was reported.

On information, firefighters from Demra and Postogola stations rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze at around 7:30pm.

During the incident, the industry remained closed for Eid holidays, the FSCD sources said, adding they could recover valuables worth Tk about 10 lakh from the factory.



Devotees offer prayers at a church in Kakrail in the capital during the Christmas service yesterday.

Christmas celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Christmas was celebrated across the country yesterday with pledges to assist the victims of Cyclone Sidr and to work for peace and humanity following the ideals of Jesus Christ.

Among different festivities, the Christian community of Bangladesh celebrated their biggest religious festival, the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ, as elsewhere in the world.

On the occasion, the churches and adjoining grounds were decorated with colourful lighting and illuminated Christmas trees were placed with a star standing right on top. Santa Claus handed out Christmas presents to the children, much to their delight.

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Prayer Timing

December 26

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-27	5-30
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



জন্ম নিবন্ধন কেন প্রয়োজন:

- পাসপোর্ট
- ডাইভিং লাইসেন্স
- জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র
- বিবাহ নিবন্ধন
- ব্যাংক হিসাব
- ট্রেড লাইসেন্স
- শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানে ভর্তি
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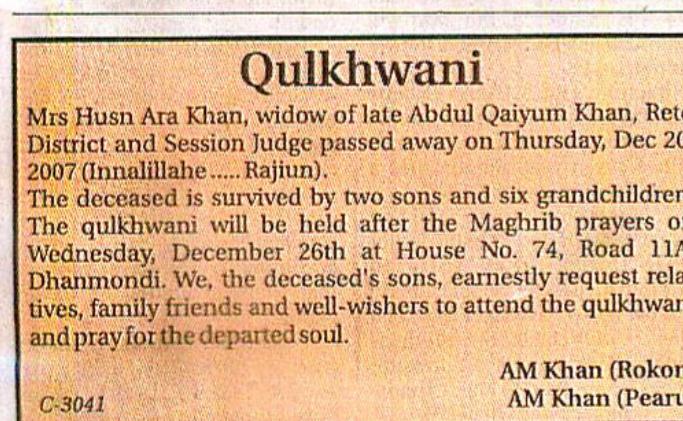
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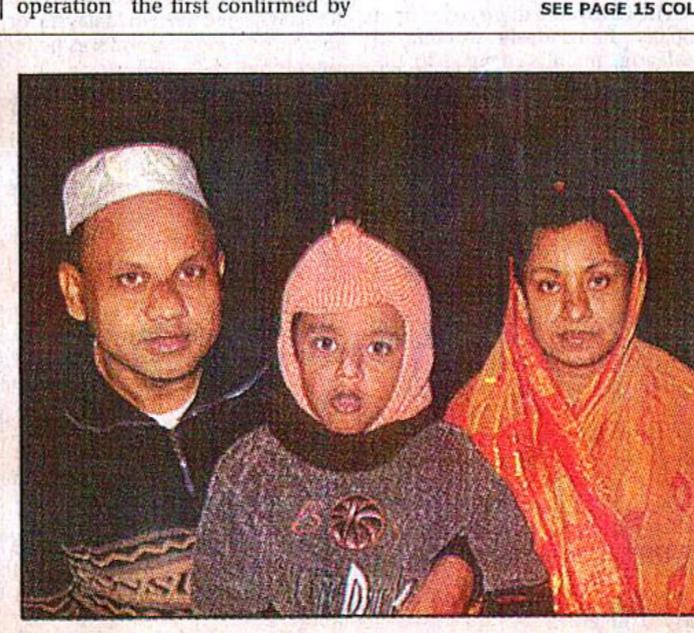


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Brac official Noor Islam, left, with his wife and son after his return home from Afghanistan. Unknown Afghan militants abducted him on September 15.

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