

## Alleged rape victim succumbs to injuries

UNB, Narsingdi

A woman, allegedly raped by a textile mill owner, succumbed to her injuries at Sadar Hospital yesterday morning.

Hospital sources said Mujibur Rahman, owner of Mujibur Textile Mill, admitted Taslima, 30, to the hospital at about 4:00am in a critical condition and soon fled the scene.

Taslima succumbed to her injuries at about 11:00am.

Hospital sources said Taslima, a mother of two children, might have been violated and assaulted as her body also bore mark of injuries.

Earlier on Tuesday night, a mill worker went to Taslima's house and took her to the mill, saying the owner wanted to give her a job, local sources said.

Taslima was in financial hardship and looking for a job as her husband deserted her and children recently.

## Condemned prisoner dies in Comilla hospital

UNB, Comilla

A condemned prisoner died due to a cardiac arrest at Comilla Medical College Hospital on Tuesday night.

The deceased was identified as Momtaj Uddin Ahmed, 60, of Indrapur village in Sadar upazila.

He was sentenced to death by the District Sessions Judge's Court on February 26, 2007 for killing one of his neighbours.

Hospital sources said the jail officials rushed Momtaj to the hospital after he complained of serious chest pain at around 2:40pm.

Momtaj died at the hospital at about 9:00pm.

His body was handed over to his family members yesterday morning.

## Road crash kills 2 in Bhola

UNB, Bhola

A bus turned upside down fell into a roadside ditch near Bangla Bazar in Charfashion upazila yesterday, leaving two people dead on the spot and 20 others injured.

Police said the accident occurred when a Charfashion-bound bus tried to give side to a microbus on Bhola-Charfashion road.

The dead were identified as passenger Abdul Kashem, 38, and Reaz 27.

Of the injured, 13 were rushed to Bhola Hospital where Reaz succumbed to his injuries.

## Media urged to facilitate safe migration of female workers

Participants at a training workshop have stressed the need for proactive role of media in facilitating the safe migration of female workers, says a press release.

They also suggested for more coverage of news concerning migration of female workers in different media.

The workshop was organised by the Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) in association with the United Nations Development Fund for Women under a project titled 'Proactive Media in Safe Female Labour Migration' at a local hotel on Tuesday.

At the inaugural session, MRDI Manager K N M Hossainul Haque spoke about concepts and issues concerning labour migration.

He laid stress on journalists' clear conception of the issues and avoid confusion between female migration and trafficking in women.

In the following sessions, Khandaker Rezwatul Karim, programme manager of Manusher Jonno Foundation, discussed the importance of safe female labour migration for development, poverty reduction



MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman addresses a training workshop for journalists on safe female labour migration at a hotel in Bgora on Tuesday. On his left are Financial Express Special Correspondent Syed Ishtiaque Reza and Manusher Jonno Foundation Programme Manager Rezwatul Karim. On his right is MRDI Programme and Communications Manager Hossainul Haque.

and women empowerment.

Syed Ishtiaque Reza, special correspondent of The Financial Express, laid emphasis on upholding ethics of journalism and human rights standards in writing news stories about female labour migration.

Hasibur Rahman, executive director of MRDI, gave the welcome address and moderated the programme attended by 21

journalists from different national and local dailies, news agencies and electronic media of Rajshahi division.

Earlier on 24 March, MRDI organised a view-exchange meeting of journalists, government officials and NGOs about increased cooperation among the different stakeholders in promoting safe female labour migration.

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