

Youth hacked to death in city, 4 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals hacked a youth to death near Mirpur Stadium-2 yesterday.

The victim, identified as Shariful Islam, 20, was a worker of an engineering workshop in Mirpur-10.

Police have arrested four, including one of the accused, after Shariful's brother Faruque had filed a case accusing four local criminals.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Mohammad Zakir Hossain Mollah told The Daily Star that they recovered the slit throat body on the road near Mirpur-2 Stadium at around 9:30am and sent it to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

OC Mollah quoting the deceased's family members said a gang of local criminals on Saturday evening called him out from his residence and since then he remained missing.

In the morning, locals found the body and informed Shariful's family who later informed police, he said, adding that Shariful used to spend time with local goons who might have killed him.

Project to rehabilitate destitute children soon: PM

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government will launch a project soon for rehabilitating destitute children across the country as the government has a duty to take care of them.

She said this while addressing a programme organised by Sheikh Russell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium on the occasion of the 46th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russell.

She said some misguided people killed Bangabandhu and his family members with the help of the defeated force of 1971.

Pointing a finger at BNP and its ally Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Hasina said they had been patronising the killers.

The prime minister alleged that not only Ziaur Rahman rehabilitated the killers by giving them jobs in foreign missions, but the Khaleda-Nizami government also promoted an accused in his foreign



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gives away a medal to a child at a programme at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday. Sheikh Russell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad organised dance and art competitions to observe the 46th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russell.

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service.

She said the BNP-Jamaat alliance had also tried to influence the verdict of the Bangabandhu murder case.

"I don't know whether there is any incident in the world of assassinating all members of a family, including children. I don't know why they (killers) killed the innocent children. It's just unbelievable how the people for whom my father had dedicated his life could kill him," she told the function in an emotion-choked voice.

The prime minister said her government had undertaken 'Sheikh Russell Distressed Children Rehabilitation Project' at Tungipara for rehabilitating distressed children but now the project is almost closed due to intervention of the BNP-Jamaat alliance government.

She said her government will also implement 'Shanti Nibash' project for rehabilitating orphans and elderly people.

Hasina said no children will remain uneducated in the

country. "They (children) will be brought up as good citizens by being provided with education and healthcare facilities," she said.

The prime minister also stressed equal education facilities for physically and mentally challenged children.

She urged the affluent section of the society to come forward to help the distressed children.

City unit organiser Mujibur Rahman read out the declaration and proposals at the function.

Presided over by Parishad chairman Rakibur Rahman, the function was addressed, among others, by secretary general Mahmudus Samad Chowdhury MP, Adv Tarana Halim MP, Dr Abul Barakat and Editor of the daily Kaler Kantha Abed Khan.

The prime minister also distributed prizes among the winners of children's cultural programmes, including dance and art competitions, arranged on the occasion of Sheikh Russell's 46th birthday.

Promotion of 223 officials challenged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a rule upon the government to explain within four weeks why the promotion of 223 government officials should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Md Moinal Islam Chowdhury issued the rule upon a writ petition.

On September 7, the government promoted 60 officials to the posts of additional secretary and 163 to the posts of joint secretary. Quamrul Haque Siddiqui, a lawyer of the Supreme Court (SC), recently filed the petition as a public interest litigation with the HC challenging the legality of the government action promoting the officials.

The petitioner stated in the petition that the promotions breached the constitutional provision of equal opportunity in government appointments. Appointment of unqualified people in the administration would leave the public deprived of the services they deserve, he said.

The establishment secretary, cabinet secretary and 223 promoted officers have been asked to reply to the rule.

No alternative to democracy for poverty alleviation

Speakers say at seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh spends a meagre amount on social safety net programmes to alleviate poverty, and this too meagre amount also does not reach the hardcore poor as there is no accountability in its distribution process, said the speakers at a seminar yesterday.

They said around Tk 1176 crore has been allocated in the current budget for social safety net programmes like Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF), Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) and 100 days employment generation programme with Tk 420 as per head allocation.

The seminar titled 'The hardcore poor of Bangladesh and the social safety net programmes' was organised by Governance Coalition, a platform of 43 non-government organisations, as part of the 'International Day for the Eradication of Poverty' at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

The speakers demanded a fresh list of destitute people who are eligible for Vulnerable Group Feeding Cards and proper budgetary allocation compatible with their number.

Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, president of Bangladesh Economic Association, said Bangladesh must cut

down the number of people who require the support of social safety net programmes.

He however said climate change and natural disasters are the major setbacks in achieving the goal of poverty alleviation.

A coordinated programme must be taken keeping in mind these setbacks, he added.

According to FAO, currently about 45 percent population in Bangladesh are below the poverty line while around 20 percent are hardcore poor.

But because of recent hike of food price and natural disasters, around 75 lakh more will join the population below the poverty line.

Minar Pimple, head of Asia and Pacific United Nations Millennium Campaign, said development plans should be above any party politics and there is no alternative to democracy in implementing plans for poverty alleviation.

Former Justice Golam Rabbani said participation of the poor is necessary in social safety net programmes.

They should be able to say what they want and how they want, he added.

Mahbub Ara Begum Gini MP, Meher Afroz Chumki MP, Moyeen Uddin Khan

Badal MP, Manisha Biswas of UNMC, and Mohsin Ali, coordinator of Governance Coalition, also spoke at the seminar.

To mark the 'International Day for the Eradication of Poverty' Youth Ending Hunger Bangladesh, a volunteer youth organisation of The Hunger Project, also formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion the speakers laid emphasis on turning the youth into national assets.

They also underscored the need for educating the nation.

The youth must take the lead to free the country from illiteracy, they added.

The speakers also pointed out that about 44 percent of total population in the country are still illiterate.

Students of Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Eden College, Badrunessa College, Titumir College and World University took part in the human chain.

Economist Anisur Rahman, Entrepreneur Tajima Hossain Majumder, Deputy Director of The Hunger Project Nasima Akter, Programme Manager Swapan Kumar Saha, and Coordinator of Youth Ending Hunger Majedul Islam also addressed the human chain.

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