

## Dowry takes lives of 32 women in July

Says BSEHR report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 622 people including 111 women and children in the country were killed in different incidents in July, says a Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) press release yesterday.

According to a report of BSEHR based on published news in different newspapers, about 32 women gave their lives for dowry while 52 women and children became victims of rape. Of them three children and four women were murdered after rape.

The report said 10 people

were killed in encounter with law enforcers while three died and one committed suicide in police custody.

Border Security Force shot dead six Bangladeshis and abducted another 29 including children in July.

A total of 36 women were killed due to family feud while 10 were injured. Four domestic helps were killed after torture.

About 35 people, both male and female, committed suicide for different reasons.

BSEHR expressed grave concern over the increase of extra-judicial killings by law enforcers along with the number of murders and arrests.



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Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder chairperson of Brac Bank Limited, hands over a cheque for Tk 1 crore to Liberation War Museum Trustee Board member Dr Sarwar Ali at the bank's evening for guests in the city recently for construction of the museum building. Brac Bank Chairman Muhammad A (Rume) Ali and Managing Director Syed Mahbubur Rahman and War Museum Trustee Board members Mofidul Hoque, Aly Zaker, Asaduzzman Noor and Akku Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

## BANGLADESH ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS Indonesia keen to expand trade ties

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indonesian President H Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has expressed the desire to further enhance bilateral ties, especially trade and commerce with Bangladesh for the benefit of the peoples of the two countries.

He said there are potential areas in different fields such as trade, culture and tourism where Indonesia and Bangladesh can work together for improvement of relations.

The president told this when the newly appointed Bangladesh ambassador to Indonesia, Golam Mohammad, presented his credentials to him on July 29 at the State Palace, Merdeka, Jakarta.

Foreign Minister RM Marty Natalegawa, Minister of State Secretary Sudi Silalahi and Cabinet Secretary Dipo Alam were present on the occasion.

Susilo gave a briefing during the meeting, outlining the reform programmes undertaken by his government.

Golam Mohammad conveyed the greetings from the president and prime minister of Bangladesh to the Indonesian president, who reciprocated.

The ambassador mentioned that the corner stone of the foreign policy of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was his strong commitment towards NAM, which contained similar views as PANCasila, the state ideology of Indonesia.

He also reiterated that the democratically elected governments of both Bangladesh and Indonesia have the same wavelength in terms of anti-corruption drive, monetary reforms, facing the challenges of climate change, education, counter terrorism, woman empowerment and establishing rule of law.

Susilo said he has also embarked on the same programme as Bangladesh in eradicating poverty and ensuring justice at grass root level. He assured the ambassador of continued cooperation during his tenure in Indonesia and wished him success.

Golam Mohammad is a career diplomat. Prior to his new assignment he was Bangladesh ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and concurrently accredited to Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Lebanon and the State of Palestine.

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## Speedy trial of war criminals demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday demanded fast conclusion of the trial and punishing the accused with the highest sentence at a discussion on fast trial of war crimes held at the National Press Club.

The discussion was held, with State Minister for Home Shamsul Hoque Tuku as chief guest, in observance of the National Mourning Day on August 15, the 35th death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Speakers said that the nation would put up with the stigma of enduring the criminals if the trial is not finished within the shortest period.

"Humanity will hold us guilty along with those who suffered in the war if the criminals escape from trial this time," said Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice chancellor of

University of Dhaka while speaking at the program as a special guest.

"A number of documents that could be used against the criminals during the trial had been damaged or vanished during the last government's tenure," Siddique added.

Even after that, government has enough documents in hand to finish trial legally, the VC added.

Speakers opined that country's desired development could be achieved only after finishing trial of the war criminals, who are still the nation's active enemies.

"We lost our father of the nation and his family, as we couldn't bring the culprits under trial after liberation war," said lawmaker Lutful Hi Sachchu terming the then government decision of pardoning identified criminals a mistake.

This time the government wouldn't do the same mistake or bow down to any power, he added.

Lawmaker Prof Jobeda Khatun, freedom fighter Abul Kalam Azad, Chairman of Petrobangla Prof Hossain Mansur, former vice president of DUCSU Mahfuja Khanom were among others who spoke.

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