Man kills wife in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man stabbed his wife to death at a hotel room in the city's Banani yesterday over an allegation of an extra marital relation.

The dead was identified as Mahinur Akhter Mehrun, 25.

Police said hotel staff Safiuddin and Mohammad Nasir rushed her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead.

OC of Shahbag Police Station Rezaul Karim told the Daily Star that after the incident, victim's husband Mohammad Hasan surrendered to the police.

They resided in a rental house in the city's Mollartek of Dakkhinkhan.

Quoting Hasan, the OC said they locked in an altercation over the extra marital relation. Earlier, Hasan requested her either to cut contact with her cousin Mohammad Raju or divorce him, said the OC.

Hasan alleged that Mehrun at one stage decided to divorce him but demanded Tk 1 lakh to do that.

"Then at one stage I stabbed her to death at about 7:00am, locked her in the room we had rented yesterday and left the hotel," Hasan told the police.

Raju's father and Mehrun's uncle Moshiur Khandkar alleged that Mehrun has been killed for dowry.

She was tortured and this prompted her to stay at her mother's house as her family refused to give him Tk 1 lakh as dowry since Hasan married this orphan girl off eight months ago, said Moshiur.

"He had not contacted with her last one month and came to see her four days back at her mother's house in Gazipur and took her with him yesterday morning saying that they would resume their conjugal life," he added.

FM urges EU to increase support to development

UNB, *Dhaka*

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday urged the European Union (EU) to increase its support to the development of Bangladesh.

Dipu made the appeal when EU outgoing ambassador Dr Stefan Frowein called on her at the foreign ministry.

She said the EU is not only the largest trading partner of Bangladesh but the governments of the EU countries are also partners of Bangladesh's development.

She hoped the 'rules of origin' regulation being considered by the EU for last several years would address Bangladesh's concern.

Frowein assured that the concerns of Bangladesh had been accommodated to a large extent and that the EU process for amending the regulations would be completed by early 2011.

PHOTO: PMO

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina places wreaths at the graves of national leaders at Banani graveyard in the city yesterday on the occasion of the Jail Killing Day. On her right is Tanjim Ahmed Sohel Taj and on her left are Syed Ashraful Islam and Mohammad Nasim.

DU journo assaulted by BCL men

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday assaulted a journalist at Sir AF Rahman Hall of Dhaka University (DU) while gathering information there.

Injured Kadar Uddin Sishir is the DU correspondent of The New Nation.

Kadar, also a fourth year student of Mass Communication and Journalism department, said a group of BCL men of the dormitory led by DU unit BCL Vice President Reza Sekander attacked him when he wanted to know from them about the stealing of a cell phone.

The hall sources said BCL men picked the alleged thief from a nearby market around 12:00pm.

Hall Provost Prof Azizur Rahman said a probe committee has been formed to investigate the incident. The committee has been asked to submit its report within three working days.

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