

JOURNO COUPLE MURDER

Cellphone mechanic held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a cellphone mechanic at Muktijuddha Market in city's Mirpur on Sunday in connection with the journalist Farhad Khan couple murder case.

Police yesterday produced arrestee Mohammad Sujan, 18, before a Dhaka court with a three-day remand prayer.

Sub-Inspector Jillur Rahman of Paltan police station said they arrested Sujan with the SIM card of deceased Farhad Khan on Sunday evening from his cellphone repair shop in the market.

Jillur said in preliminary interrogation Sujan told police that he had bought the SIM card from one of his acquaintance but he was not aware of the murder incident.

Police said they are trying to arrest the seller of the SIM card to unearth the fact behind the killing of the couple.

Unidentified criminals killed elderly journalist Farhad Khan, senior assistant editor of the daily Janata and his wife Rahima, 55, at their Nayapaltan residence on Friday.

Maldives vice chief calls on navy chief

UNB, Dhaka

A delegation led by Maldives National Defence Force's Vice Chief Brigadier General Farhath Shaheed paid a courtesy call on Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Z U Ahmed at Naval Headquarters yesterday, said an ISPR press release.

They exchanged greetings and discussed on matters of bilateral issues.



Violent no to new airport

(Clockwise from top) Members of Arial Beel Rakkha Committee stage demonstration on Dhaka-Mawa Highway in Munshiganj, armed with brooms, sticks, and machetes, protesting the proposed Bangabandhu International Airport in Arial Beel. Demonstrators set fire to a motorcycle belonging to a journalist of the daily Prothom Alo at Hashara in Sreenagar. Injured policemen in tears. Locals throw stones at police while blocking the highway near Hashara with logs. Police take away one severely injured colleague. Villagers of Hashara pelt police with bricks. Travellers stuck on the highway cross the conflict zone by an alternative route through crop fields. (Story on Page 1)

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL, FARHANA BARNA



SABBIR KILLING CASE Hearing against Sanvir, 4 others deferred

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned the hearing of Humayun Kabir Sabbir murder case against Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan Shah Alam's son Shafiat Sobhan Sanvir and four others till February 6.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 passed the order after Special Public Prosecutor (PP) SM Rafiqul Islam submitted a petition seeking an adjournment of the hearing.

In the petition, PP Rafiqul Islam said AF M Asif, complainant of the case, could not appear before the court yesterday due to unavoidable circumstances. So, the hearing of the case should be adjourned, said the PP.



Software Expo

Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) will organise a software expo. Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Time: 8:00pm.

Seminar

Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh will organise a Seminar. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:00am.

Workshop

Water Aid and Unnayan Shahojog Team will jointly arrange a workshop. Venue: RDEC Building, Agargaon, Time: 9:30am.

Discussion

Deshpremik Jonogoner Mancha will hold a discussion. Venue: 2/4, Shabagh, Time: 3:00pm.

Seminar

International Organisation for Migra-

READERS respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Monday's The Daily Star News Analysis headlined 'Good genie vs evil genie'.

Rover:

This is an outstanding piece, courageous and direct! I commend Morshed Ali Khan once again for bringing the facts to the surface.

Shuvro:

Sukanta, in one of his poems, wrote: It is very hard to mention that the best thing to eat is the blood of the poor.

Dr Mahfuzul H Chowdhury:

Congratulations, excellent job. I believe that The Daily Star and its team will keep this kind of outstanding reporting for the best interest of the people and our beloved country.

Hassan Ahmed, Canada:

This is a very good article. Thanks to Morshed Ali Khan. In this report we can understand how the poor workers of Sitakunda ship breaking industry are suffering as the owners are violating safety rules.

I am sure that many people died which we don't know of. Government should stop ship breaking in Bangladesh so that other countries do not send their hazardous cargo to our soil, destroying our environment and claiming lives of many workers.

On the other hand, ship breakers are so powerful that they can get certificate or get other non-realistic documents to prove that the ship is clean.

I request government officers not to take bribe from ship breakers and allow them to bring hazardous ships in our country. This money you are taking against the life of a poor worker will not bring good to you.

Zarina Hossain:

The role of the "good genie" and the "evil genie" seems to be mixed up. We need to reverse their roles.

Engr Khaza Nizam Uddin:

The state minister never seems to be worried about the death of workers and the disaster that these businessmen are pushing us towards.

Reaz Hassan:

Hazards in the ship scrapping industry may be remedied but destroying a valuable industry, which supplies 80 percent of the country's iron requirements and keeps the re-rolling mills in operation by employing thousands, is unwise and unaffordable.

A least developed country with 40 million unemployed needing huge investment cannot shun a running industry.

To minimise environmental hazards, I understand that the Netherlands recently evolved a new technology for Bangladesh. Other protective measures may be ensured for workers.

But I am certainly not in favour of dismembering the goose, which lays golden eggs. Genie, or no genie, the industry must survive for the sake of the country's economic interest.

Tributes paid to Pathik Saha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday said journalists should take care of their own health to avoid unexpected death.

Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) held the condolence meeting at its office in memory of its former general secretary Pathik Saha.

Former president Shamim Ahmed requested the executive body to preserve the memory of Pathik Saha, he proposed naming the roundtable conference room of DRU after Pathik Saha and invite his family to different occasions of DRU.

DRU President Mostak Hossain said the proposals will be considered. Former general secretary Motahter Hossain Masum also spoke.

Awami Swachhchasebak League organised a special prayer for the salvation of Pathik Saha's soul at Dhakeswary Temple yesterday afternoon.



Rafique-ul-Huq, former attorney general, speaks at the foundation laying ceremony of Suborno-Ibrahim General Hospital in Kaliakoir of Gazipur yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY

Suborno-Ibrahim hospital founded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foundation stones of a 100-bed general hospital and a nursing college were laid at Chandra and Shafipur respectively on Friday to provide better health services, says a press release of National Healthcare Network (NHN) yesterday.

Two separate inauguration programmes were held at the venues in this regard.

Rafique-ul-Huq, former attorney general and vice president of Bangladesh Diabetic Association, donated the land for Suborno-Ibrahim General Hospital in Kaliakoir of Gazipur and will bear the cost for establishing the five-storied building.

Major (ret'd) Abdul Matin Chowdhury will bear the cost for establishing the building of Sayma-Ibrahim Nursing College and its student hostel.

National Healthcare Network, an associate body of Bangladesh Diabetic Association, will run both institutions.

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