

## READERS respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Tuesday's *The Daily Star* report headlined "Rape victim kills herself."

**Nabila Rafique**

The torment and torture this girl went through since she was raped cannot be expressed in words. She was tormented not only by the rapists, but also by her own family who failed to protect her at every level.

None of these people should be let off the hook. An exemplary punishment should be given to all involved in stopping such atrocities from happening in the future. A collective effort by human rights activists, lawyers, and community leaders of the respective groups should campaign for arrest, detention, and trial of such horrible individuals.

**Dr Reza Khan**

This is a national shame. I think the Supreme Court or government must give a general verdict or ruling or make a law so that no rape case is settled out of the court and culprits can never get off scot-free.

The government immediately should take steps to arrest the people who have raped this particular minor girl and punish them as the law allows.

**Anonymous**

Why there is no justice in Bangladesh? Will justice come someday? How come the law enforcers, politicians can still silence in day-to-day injustice and punishment on innocents? Why doesn't the government have that strong, strict, and bold command to make our police department honest and transparent? Why are the rules so loose? When law enforcers and ruling party men are involved with criminals, we can never get justice. If they are not properly punished from the root level...it means the government failed to establish justice in our country.

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It is so sad for the child who was injured by the boys and their families.

**Pain & Grief**

This is a very sad story. I feel such a thing should not happen in a country practicing Islamic tradition. So everybody witnessing the situation should stand for her and extend "help".

**AK Freespirit**

What does one expect in our lawless country? When politicians were more concerned to fill up their pockets and we are lectured and secretly dominated by international organisations. We are no longer able even to protect our own people from crime. Shame to our politicians, police and the international communities who leads a luxurious life in Bangladesh.

**Minhaj**

As long as the rapists are not punished severely before people, this type of deaths will continue to happen. It is so sad to see the death of a young girl like Serafina Mardi. Why are some men so ruthless? Those who raped this innocent girl did not think for a second that they also have mother and sister!

**Rosaline Costa**

How long do the women have to suffer like this? How will the home minister and the prime minister, who are both women, bear this pain of the mother of this victim? Will the perpetrators be arrested and brought to justice?

**Mohaimin Patwary**

Allah! Save this nation. Save the girls. Save our children.

**Jugal Ghosh**

Illiteracy and unemployment are the direct causes of this dreadful consequence.



Prof Anisuzzaman, right, skims through the book *Balak Poribrajoker Dinlipi* (diary of a tourist boy) by Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, left, during the book launch at the Institute of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## TWO BOOKS LAUNCHED Prof Yunus tells stories of his boyhood travel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 56 years ago Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus was nominated for attending World Scouts Jamboree when he was a student of class X at Chittagong Collegiate School.

When asked why he wanted to join the jamboree, 15-year-old Yunus told the chief national commissioner of scout during his interview that he would write a travel story.

Prof Yunus kept his word, as he maintained a diary despite many obstacles during his six months trip to the countries of North America, Europe, and the Middle East.

This datebook, which contained many adventurous experiences, was published recently in the form of a book named *Balak Poribrajoker Dinlipi*.

The book launch was held at the Institute of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh at Kakrail in the city yesterday. Suborno is the publisher of the book.

"I got astounded when I read the stories in the form of a book, as it is like a document," said Prof Yunus. The book is a record of immediate post-world war period, he added.

"Seeing the book my respect to the age 15 has increased." The 15-year-olds now are more mature, but we are not giving them the scope to build their lives, said Yunus.

The Nobel peace prize winner also said the youths would feel encouraged about

world tour at their age and their confidence would also increase if they read the book.

Ten lakh scouts of the country should get the book by which they would get a chance to get acquainted with a scout, Muhammad Yunus, said former chief national commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts, Muhammad Fazlur Rahman.

"He [Yunus] wrote down everyday expenditure on the book which showed that this man would be a banker to the poor," said Rahman.

Prof Emiratus Dr Anisuzzaman said the diary contains many pieces of information and depicts the picture of livelihood of that period with the observation of a tourist.

Another book titled *Onno Diner Yunus*, a collection of write-ups on him by 15 people, was also unveiled. Dr Shamsul Hossain edited the book published by Mawla Brothers.

In the book Yunus's teachers, students, colleagues, family members, and others presented his personality the way they observed, said Prof Mansur Musa, former director general of Bangla Academy.

Former adviser to a caretaker government, Hossain Zillur Rahman, said the notion of retirement is not applicable for Prof Yunus because of his spirit of working.

Yunus has the efficiency and strength to give something to the society, he said.



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The people in the city's Hazaribagh are forced to use bamboos while a concrete bridge is already there built long ago and left useless due to absence of a link road. The photo was taken yesterday.

## JS session resumes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After a seven-day recess, parliament sits today. According to today's business of the House, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also leader of the House, is scheduled to reply to lawmakers' queries during question hour.

Two bills styled "National sports council (amendment) bill-2011" and "Bangabandhu krirasebi foundation bill-2011" are also expected to pass today, sources at the Parliament Secretariat said.

As per the decision of Business Advisory Committee (Bac) of parliament, the current session will continue until April 10.

## Bekar Hostel in Kolkata installs Bangabandhu's sculpture today

BSS, Dhaka

The historic Bekar Hostel in Kolkata, capital of Indian state of West Bengal, installs today a bust of one of its most prominent occupants, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, alongside turning two of its rooms into a memorial museum.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni left for Kolkata yesterday on a 24-hour visit to join the ceremony at Bekar Hostel, a dormitory for Muslim students of Calcutta University, at Smith Lane in Wellesley Square, Kolkata.

The authorities of the state-run Baker Hostel decided to install the statue on its premises alongside making its two rooms a museum to pay their homage to Bangabandhu who resided there in pre-partition period during the British rule when he was a student of Islamia College (now Maulana Azad College), according to the foreign ministry officials.

## Shah Alam gets anticipatory bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail for two months to Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam in six separate criminal cases.

One of the cases had been filed on corruption charge, and others on charges of illegal earth-filling and stealing soil, Deputy Attorney General Zahid Sarwar Kajal said.

A division bench comprising Justice Md Shamsul Huda and Justice Abu Bakar Siddiquee granted the bail following separate petitions by the Bashundhara chief.

It also issued separate rules upon the government to explain why Shah Alam should not be granted regular bail in the cases.

The cases were filed with Keraniganj, Badda and Motijheel police stations in Dhaka and Kaliakoir Police Station in Gazipur on different dates between 2007 and 2010.

The Bashundhara boss yesterday appeared before the HC bench, seeking bail in the cases. He filed six separate bail petitions on February 20.

Advocate Anisul Huq and advocate Ahsanul Karim appeared for Shah Alam.

## Hermaphrodite's body found in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered a body of a hermaphrodite (hijra) in the city's Pallabi on Monday night.

Police found the body of Alauddin, 25, of Shewarapa at night near of a drain at Pallabi's Eastern Housing area. The neck of the body was wrapped with a piece of scruff.

Brother of the deceased Shahabuddin said Alauddin left home at about 7:00pm on Sunday and didn't return home since then. Family sources said he had no previous enmity with anyone.

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On March 10 last year, Shrabonti, a dance artiste and daughter of Sheikh Anisur Rahman of Rupsha in Khulna, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court against the two.  
In her complaint, Shrabonti said she had participated in a dance competition and secured the first position in 2009. The Baishakhi TV aired the programme. Following the programme, the Padmakuri announced an award of Tk 1 lakh for her.  
The accused gave Shrabonti a cheque for Tk 85,000 after deducting 15 percent from the principal amount. But the cheque bounced twice after Shrabonti deposited it to the Mercantile Bank in the city on December 17 and 29, 2009.

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Sadrul Amin, dean of faculty of arts, said education should be extended to the grass-roots level like in urban areas. Education policy's implementation is vital for this, he added.  
Prof Dr Kazi Shahidullah, vice chancellor of National University; Robaet Ferdous, assistant professor of mass communication and journalism department; Dr Anisuzzaman, professor of philosophy department; and Mrittika Shahita of history department, among others, were present at the programme.

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