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Woman kills herself 'to escape abuse'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman allegedly committed suicide at East Rasulpur of the city's Kamrangirchar on Saturday night.

Sadia Akhter, 21, hung herself from a ceiling fan to escape the perpetual abuse by her husband and in-laws for dowry, alleged her father, Mohammad Hanif.

Her husband, Khalil, a clothes trader, used to torture Sadia since they got married two years ago, he said.

Sadia locked herself in her bedroom around 5:00pm, said Golam Rasul, sub-inspector of Kamrangirchar Police Station, quoting Khalil.

They broke open the door around

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Ershad wins custody of Eric

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday in a judgment said Shahdab Jarab Eric would be brought up by his father former president and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad.

Earlier, Judge Shammi Akhter of the Fifteen Assistant Judge's Court rejected

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ASSAULTING COPS 15 Shibir men remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed 15 members of Islami Chhatra Shibir on a two-day remand each in two cases filed for assaulting policemen and damaging public properties.

On Saturday, police picked the 15 and two other activists of the

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ONLINE POLL

Do you support the proposal to reduce the scope for MPs to remain absent from parliament proceedings for 90 consecutive days?

Yes (84.2%)
No (14.6%)
No Comments (1.2%)

TOTAL VOTES : 404

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government should immediately ban fatwa and make it punishable offence?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING March 28

Azan Jamaat
Fajr 4-45 5-20
Zohr 12-45 1-15
Asr 4-45 5-00
Maghrib 6-20 6-25
Esha 7-45 8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation



Tanks burning at a site bombed by coalition air force in the town of Ajdabiya on Saturday as forces loyal to Libyan leader Gaddafi were retreating after rebels recaptured the key eastern town in their first significant victory since the launch of the Western-led air strikes a week ago.

PHOTO: AFP

Ties with US to stay unhurt

Foreign secy reacts to Blake remark on Yunus

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka-Washington relations will not be affected by the position of a "personality", as the ties between the two countries are based on partnership and marked by common values, global position on international issues and

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4 charged with killing SI Gautam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven months after the killing of Sub-inspector Gautam Roy of Bangshal Police Station, Detective police yesterday submitted charge sheet against four people in the sensational case to a Dhaka Court.

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Radiation report 'mistaken'

Level still 'extremely high'

AGENCIES

The operators of a stricken Japanese nuclear plant have apologised for a "mistake" in reporting a radiation spike 10 million times above normal.

Tokyo Electric Power Company (Tepco), which has previously been criticised by officials for its handling of the crisis at the plant, said it got the readings wrong.

Despite the mistake, the radiation

spike at reactor 2 was still very high and enough to evacuate workers.

The Fukushima Daiichi plant was damaged in the 11 March quake and tsunami.

'EXTREMELY HIGH' Tepco apology related to water readings at reactor 2 at the plant, 240km north of Tokyo.

It had said radiation levels reached 10 million times higher than normal in the cooling system but

because the level was so high the worker taking the reading had to evacuate before confirming it with a second reading.

A spokesman for Japan's nuclear watchdog, Hidehiko Nishiyama, said the level of radiation in puddles near reactor two was confirmed at 1,000 millisieverts an hour.

"It is an extremely high figure," Mr Nishiyama said.

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Some relief for acid, burn victims

Bangladeshi scientist invents bio-based dressing that cures burns 40pc faster than conventional medicines do

BSS, Dhaka

A Bangladeshi scientist now living in New Zealand has brought good news for the people with severe wound and similar physical injury from acid attack and fire incident.

Dr Azam Ali, an agro-scientist, has invented a bio-based wound dressing, which cures severe wound 40 percent



Dr Azam Ali

faster than any other conventional medicine currently available on the market.

A leading pharmaceutical company from Bangladesh has already contacted the scientist to introduce the new product on the local market.

The breakthrough innovation of the Bangladeshi scientist won the globally

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Find those who made quick wealth

PM asks NBR

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the officials of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to inquire into abnormal growth of wealth of certain quarters.

"You have to find out the source of their income and how much money they pay as taxes," she told the NBR officials

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12,000km in 357 days

Sea turtle routes tracked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first turtle that was tagged in Bangladesh with a satellite chip to track its journey last year has travelled over 12,000 kilometres in 357 days and is now coming back to Bangladesh coast from Sri Lanka.

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The turtle that was tagged with a satellite transmitter last year. The image below shows the travel path of the turtle as it heads back to Bangladesh.

PHOTO: STAR



Bangladeshi migrant workers yesterday demonstrate on a highway near Choucha camp in Tunisia demanding more flights for their return home. Story on page 1.

PHOTO: MORSHED ALI KHAN

ROAD CRASH IN GAZIPUR RMG worker's death sparks vandalism

STAR REPORT

Angry garment workers vandalised over 20 vehicles and set fire to four buses and blocked the Dhaka-Gazipur highway for three and half hour yesterday after a fellow worker was killed by a bus.

Transport movements on the Dhaka-Gazipur, Gazipur-Tangail and Dhaka-Mymensingh route remained suspended till 11:30am causing a huge tailback on both ends of the spot following the incident.

Police said a garment worker was killed and three others were injured when a Kaliakoir bound passenger bus of Nirapad Paribahan hit them while they were trying to cross the road at Naljani at about 8:00am.

The deceased Ataur Rahman, 26, was a knitting operator of Body Fashion Ltd garment factory.

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DIVISION IN JAIL HC orders for 2 Jamaat leaders valid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that directed the jail authorities to provide division facilities to detained Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Molla.

A seven-member Appellate Division bench headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque passed the order after dismissing a government petition against the HC order.

The HC gave the order on December 15 last year

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