

Woman injected to death allegedly by husband

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A housewife died after allegedly being injected poison by her husband and his accomplice at Faijullapur village in sadar upazila of Satkhira on Thursday.

The victim Shahanara Khatun, 28, is the wife of Rafiqul Islam, son of Shahar Ali of the area.

Police arrested the accomplice Abu Syeed, 28, son of Samsur Rahman of the area, but failed to nab Rafiqul.

Shahanara's parents said Rafiqul used to torture her for dowry and for this she seriously became ill on Thursday.

Rafiqul brought Abu, impersonating a doctor, who then injected poison into Shahanara's body, said police.

Police sent the body to Satkhira morgue for autopsy.

Shahanara's brother Manirul Islam filed a case with sadar thana accusing the two.



The city's Mouchak crossroads is swamped with dirty water seeping through a cracked sewer, but no step has yet been taken. The photo was snapped yesterday.

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Hefajat fails to justify vandalism

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Leaders of Hefajat-e-Islam, Chittagong yesterday failed to justify acts of vandalism on the roads carried out by the organisation's activists during the April 4 hartal.

They were speaking at the organisation's press conference in Chittagong Press Club, protesting against Women Development Policy approved by the cabinet and demanding withdrawal of cases against their leaders.

In the question-answer session, journalists questioned their fanatic attitude during the hartal.

The leaders could not answer why their activists vandalised vehicles, shops, a petrol pump and many other public and private properties.

Asked why journalists were attacked during the hartal, the leaders termed those as isolated incidents.

When questioned about children seen with sticks, they skipped the question.

They claimed that people, at large, supported the hartal. But when questioned on why people then brought out their vehicles on the road, they said, "Some people might not like our movement."

Asked if Islam supports ransacking and fanatic activities, they said, "We believe in peaceful movement but some government collaborators might have infiltrated into our movement to tarnish our image."

Hefajat's Joint Secretary Muchha Bin Ijhar read out a written statement on behalf of Allama Shah Ahmed Shafi, hefajat's nayebe-ameer, who was absent due to illness.

They threatened of tougher movements unless the government withdrew the policy, which they termed "against the Quran".

Activities in 16 Ctg ghats resume

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Loading and unloading of goods in Majhirghat-Sadarghat area in the port city began yesterday after a three-day suspension caused by labour-importer disagreement.

The activities, suspended in all 16 ghats in the area from Tuesday to Thursday, resumed following a meeting between labourers, contractors, and importers Thursday night.

Workers blamed Nurjahan Group, an importer company, for the deadlock, saying the company stopped loading activities, as it suffered supply shortage of wheat.

Nurjahan Group issued delivery order (DO) against over one-lakh tonnes of wheat, but it imported only 52,000 tonnes, said Kazi Mahbulul Hoque Chowdhury Etle, adviser of ghat labourers association.

When the DO holders learned about import shortage, they rushed to the ghats to release wheat soon and offered labourers extra amount for loading of trucks, said Etle.

Fearing danger Nurjahan Group and its agent N Rahman Company stopped delivering wheat to DO holders, he alleged. The importer company, however, said the three-day deadlock resulted from labourers' protest, as they could not earn extra money by loading goods into truck.

Niazur Rahman, proprietor of N Rahman Company, said a rumour surfaced that there were less amount of wheat than the amount, against which DOs were issued.

Bangladesh at high quake risk for its geographic location

UNB, Dhaka

Although Bangladesh bears no relation with the recent devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the country is highly vulnerable to tremors due to its geological structure, tectonic set-up and geographical location.

According to a geologist, Bangladesh is located in the northeastern part of the Indian sub-continent at the head of the Bay of Bengal. Tectonically, it lies on the northeastern Indian plate near the edge of the Indian carton and at the junction of three tectonic plates - the Indian Plate, the Eurasian Plate and the Burmese microplate.

Dr Syed Humayun Akhter, Professor of Geology, Dhaka University, said these form two long active tectonic structures where plates converge - the India-Eurasia plate boundary to the north forming the Himalaya Arc, and the India-Burma plate boundary to the

east forming the Burma Arc.

"Bangladesh and Japan are situated in two distinct geological and tectonic locations separated by the 5000km wide Eurasian plate. There is no link between the Japanese earthquake and the seismicity in Bangladesh."

He informed that Japan is located in the Circum Pacific Seismic belt, also known as the Pacific Ring of Fire, where 90 percent of the world's tremors occur. Only seven percent occurs in Alpid-Himalayas-Java-Sumatra seismic belt, and two percent in the Mid-Atlantic Ridge seismic belt. Bangladesh belongs to the Alpid-Himalayas seismic belt with low earthquake frequency.

The geologist, however, said the Indian plate is moving 6cm each year towards the northeast, and subducting under the Eurasian plate at 45mm and the Burmese plate at 35mm in the north and east respectively each year. This continuous motion is taken

up by active faults.

He said the probability of an earthquake from a given fault depends on the rate of motion and on the time since the last rupture. Active faults of regional scale capable of generating moderate to great earthquakes are present in and around Bangladesh.

Prof Humayun said these include the Dauki fault, about 300km long trending east-west and located along the southern edge of the Shillong Plateau (Meghalaya- Bangladesh border), the 150km long Madhupur fault trending north-south situated between Madhupur Tract and Jamuna flood plain, the Assam-Sylhet fault, about 300km long trending northeast to southwest located in the southern Surma basin, and the Chittagong-Myanmar plate boundary fault, about 800km long running parallel to the Chittagong-Myanmar coast.

'Accord Dr Shamsuddin with Swadhinata Padak'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Bangladesh Diabetic Society demanded the government to award the late Dr Shamsuddin Ahmed, a professor of surgery department of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, with Swadhinata Padak.

On April 9, 1971, Pakistani Army shot dead Dr Shamsuddin and other doctors, staffs, patients and their relatives in the hospital, says a press release.

Issued by Dr CM Delwar Rana, director NHN of the society, the release also urged the government to identify martyrs killed on that day in the hospital.



Rally

Communist Party of Bangladesh will organise a rally; Venue: Mukhtangon; Time: 4:30.

Discussion

Gonosanghati Patrika will hold a discussion, Venue: RC Majumder auditorium; Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar

Islamic Economics Research Bureau will organise a seminar; Venue: Al Razi Complex, 166 Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam Sarani, Purana Palton; Time: 4:00pm.

Rally

Bangladesh Samajtantric Dal will organise a rally; Venue: Mukhtangon; Time: 4:30.

Meeting

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will hold a meeting; Venue: club premises; Time: 1:30pm.

Ceremony

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Natya Parishad will organise an honouring ceremony; Venue: Rabindra Sarobar; Time: 5:30pm.

Launching

Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre will hold a launching ceremony; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre; Time: 11:30am.

Celebration

Kendria Kanchi-Kanchar Mela will organise a celebration programme; Venue: mela premises; Time: 11:00am.

Lecture

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will hold a memorial lecture; Venue: society auditorium; Time: 4:00pm.

Meeting

Bangladesh Earthquake Society will organise a meeting; Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 4:30pm.

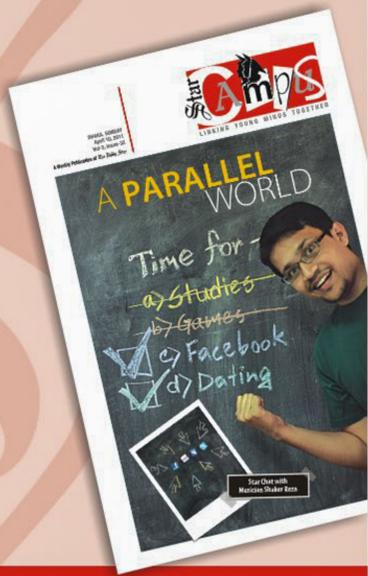
Workshop

International Rice Research Institute will hold a workshop; Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan-1; Time: 9:00am.

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Two water purification technologies imported

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A domestic company has introduced two new technologies, imported from Japan, for water purification to ease drinking water crisis in the country.

Cycloclean and Desaliclean, the two pieces of equipment imported by Desh-Bidesh Enterprise (BDE), were exhibited at Dhaka University yesterday.

BDE Corporate Sales Officer Partha Pathive said cycloclean is a bicycle-like machine. "Six litres of water can be purified by peddling it one minute and 300 litres an hour."

Two cycloclean machines, each costing Tk 1.5 lakh and producing fresh water for 1,500 people within 10 hours, can meet water demand of a building with 70 apartments, he said.



Children splash water welcoming the Thai New Year and Buddhist Era 2554 (2011) in front of the Thai Embassy in the city yesterday.

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