

8-yr-old female domestic help found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police recovered the body of an eight-year-old female domestic help from the residence of a businessman in the city's Uttara sector 14 early hours yesterday.
Her employer Shawkat Reza, owner of a garment factory in Ashulia, claimed that the girl Ritu Akhter hung herself with a scarf from the window grill in a rooftop room of the five-storied building.
Ritu, daughter of Kamal Hossain of village Haliuaghat in Mymensingh, was employed at the house for the past three months with her cousin Rubina, 16, said Uttara police.
She went to bring the clothes left to dry on the roof around 12:00am yesterday. When she did not return, Rubina went up and found the hanging body, said police, quoting the residents.
Shawkat said they rushed her to Uttara Adhunik Hospital where doctors declared her dead.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka
Today is the 26th anniversary of death of **Amin Ahmed Chowdhury**, a former assistant editor of now-defunct The Bangladesh Times.
On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at the village home of the deceased at Ronokali under Golapganj upazila of Sylhet after Esha prayers. Relatives, friends and well wishers have been requested to attend the doa mahfil.
Amin, also a former correspondent of the Voice of America World Service and the British daily The Guardian, died of a massive cardiac arrest on this day in 1985 at the age of 40.

Indo-Bangla military exercise begins today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Commandos of Bangladesh Army will begin a two-week joint military exercise on counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations with Indian commandos at Jalalabad Cantonment in Sylhet today under the mandate of United Nations.
The small-scale exercise styled "Sampriti-II" involving 25 para-commandos from each country would develop professional expertise of both armies aiming to strengthen their relationship.
This is the first-ever joint exercise to be held in Bangladesh. Earlier, "Sampriti-I" was held at Jorhat in Assam from November 1 to 14, 2010, where 25 members of Bangladesh Army headed by a Lieutenant Colonel participated, says a press release of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) yesterday.
Indian Army members of the elite 21 Para (Special Forces) battalion headed by Major SY Mahadik arrived at Osmani International Airport yesterday morning by an Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft AN-32 from Jorhat, Assam.
They would return from Sylhet by IAF aircraft on October 23.
Diplomatic sources said the exercise constitutes an effective diplomatic tool of India towards its "immediate" and "strategic neighbourhood" and "priority nations" towards enhancing overall strategic ties and cooperation between the militaries.
In the wake of improved relations with Bangladesh during the Sheikh Hasina regime in Dhaka, they said India wanted to improve defense ties with Bangladesh.

DHAKA TODAY

Debate
Jatiya Kannashishu Advocacy Forum will organise a debate; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Workshop
Directorate of Primary Education will hold a workshop; Venue: its premises; Time: 10:00am.

Exhibition
Nirapad Development Foundation will organise an exhibition; Venue: Teacher-Student Centre, Dhaka University; Time: 10:00am.

Discussion
Fight for Equal Rights in CHT will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:00pm.

Human chain
Bangladesh Akhchashi Union will organise a human chain; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion
Jagrata Janata Forum will hold a discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters

Unity; Time: 3:45pm.

Discussion
Communist Party of Bangladesh will organise a discussion; Venue: Mukti Bhaban; Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion
Bangabandhu Academy will hold a discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 10:30am.

Human chain
Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement will organise a human chain; Venue: beside National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation; Time: 10:30am.

Seminar
National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital will hold a seminar; Venue: its premises; Time: 11:00am.

Human chain
Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh will organise a human chain; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

DU Bangla dept celebrates 90 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Hundreds of current and former students, teachers and officials of the Department of Bangla in Dhaka University (DU) came together to share their stories and experiences with the department on the eve of its 90th anniversary yesterday.
Alongside the discussion programme, a cultural function was also held at the Teacher Student Centre on DU campus to celebrate the occasion.
DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated the daylong programme as the chief guest.
He said the department played a significant role in the country's history having been a part of national movements like the language movement and the War of Liberation.
The DU authority also honoured eight former students of the department for their outstanding contribution in the field of Bangla language and literature.
Among them are Prof Ashraf Hossain Siddiqui, Prof Kazi Din Mohammad, Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam, Prof Muhammad Nazrul Islam, Prof Rowshan Ara Rahman, Prof Muhammad Abdul Qayyum, Prof Monowara Islam and Prof Ashraf Faruqui.
Prof Emeritus and Convener of DU Bangla Alumni Dr Anisuzzaman presided over the programme while Bangla department Chairperson Prof Siddika Mahmuda and the alumni General Secretary Prof Syed Muhammad Shahed spoke among others.

Trader's 'suicide': Mother, sister detained

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
Police recovered the body of a young man from Kotalerbagh area of Fatulla at Sadar upazila in Narayanganj yesterday.
The deceased is identified as Fakhru Alam Khan, 28, a clothes trader.
Fakhru's relatives took his body to their village home at Khalispur in Chandpur to avoid police but police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.
Police detained Fakhru's mother Fatema Akhter, 40, and his sister Rehana Akhter, 22. They also recovered a pistol loaded with one bullet from his room.
Abdul Matin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Fatulla Police Station, said Fakhru committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with the pistol on Friday night after a family feud.

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