

One strangled in Ashulia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A driver of the Civil Aviation Authorities of Bangladesh was strangled in Ashulia on the outskirts of the city yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abul Kashem, 42, of the cargo village of the Civil Aviation Authorities.

On information, Ashulia police recovered the body, which bore several injury marks, from near a still mill at Zirabo in the morning.

Ashulia police said Kashem was strangled by some unknown criminals.

The victim's wife Rowshan Ara told the police that her husband had been missing since Wednesday afternoon.

The cause behind the killing could not be ascertained immediately.

Meanwhile, the body of an unidentified person, aged around 35, was recovered from a bush behind Joy Restaurant, opposite to the National Mausoleum in Savar around 6:00am yesterday.

The man might be a drug addict as some syringes were found near the place, said the police.

Newspaper holiday on Feb 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (Noab) will observe February 5 (Sunday) as a holiday marking Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

In a statement, Noab said the holiday was fixed as per the decision of Noab's executive committee. Therefore, no newspaper will be published on February 6.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presents a medal to a diploma engineer for his outstanding contributions in his respective field during the 19th National Convention and 35th Council Session of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.

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TWO DHAKA DIST OFFICIALS Probe allegations HC asks ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to investigate allegations against two high officials of Dhaka Zila Parishad of misappropriating crores of state money in the name of expending it for development projects.

During hearing on two separate petitions, the court ordered the government to keep chief executive of Zila Parishad David Paul Khondkar Swapan and its assistant engineer Mokhlesur Rahman Hitler away from their offices during the investigation.

Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid said that it has been reported in the newspapers on different dates last year that David Paul and Mokhlesur Rahman have misappropriated around Tk 100 crore by showing "fake bills or vouchers" in the name of donation to different development projects.

Mizanur Rahman, a contractor, has filed the petitions recently with the HC seeking necessary orders in this regard.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim passed the order after hearing the petitions.

Suspected Tahrir adviser discloses some names

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detained physician Golam Haider Rasul, who was arrested on suspicion of being a policymaker of banned Islamist outfit Hizb ut-Tahrir, yesterday reportedly disclosed names of doctors, teachers and businessmen involved in the organisation's activities.

He made the disclosure on the second day of a seven-day remand after being arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) from the capital's Uttara, said Habu Miah, sub-inspector of Uttara Police Station and investigation officer (IO) of the case.

Members of the elite force arrested cardiac surgeon of United Hospital Golam Haider on January 24 with leaflets and other publications of the banned organisation in his possession.

"Golam Haider has disclosed many names, which will assist us in arresting his accomplices including leaders, activists and financiers of the

Hizb-ut-Tahrir," said Habu Miah.

Haider mentioned some names including the names of doctors, teachers and businessmen, said the police officer.

The IO said Haider admitted his involvement in the banned organisation and that the doctor still believes in the organisation's philosophy of implementing Khilafat system in the state.

Golam Rasul disagrees with Rab official Golam Rasul, father of detained Golam Haider Rasul, disagreed with a remark made by a Rab official in a report published in The Daily Star on January 25 on the arrest of his son.

In the report, Lt Col Ziaul Ahsan, chief of Rab's intelligence wing, said that Golam Rasul said he himself supports the Hizb ut-Tahrir.

In an e-mail on January 25, Golam Rasul denied the allegation and said, "I was never a supporter or member of Hizb ut-Tahrir, I am not a supporter now, nor will I be one in future."

Special body to thwart cyber crimes against country

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) launched a special body to thwart cyber crimes against the country and ensure national security.

The body, "Bangladesh Computer Security Incident Response Team (BD-CSIRT)", the first of its kind in the country, started working to this end on Wednesday.

"The BD-CSIRT is mainly assigned to identify the sites, persons or institutions engaged in harmful activities against the state, society and political and religious beliefs using mobile phones, websites and different social networking sites," said BTRC Chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) Zia Ahmed.

It will also recommend taking punitive measures against the offenders. In some cases, it will take action directly, after informing BTRC, as per the authority given by the telecom act, Zia told the news agency on Wednesday.

BTRC Director General (Legal and Licence) AKM Shahiduzzaman said a person convicted of cyber crimes may face two to

five years of imprisonment and fines ranging from Tk 5 lakh to Tk 5 crore.

"The punishment would be handed down under Sections 69 and 74 of Telecommunication Act," he added.

Three BTRC cyber crime experts, trained abroad, have already started working in this regard, said Zia.

He said the body, decided at a BTRC special meeting on January 23, was formed as different kinds of value-added services like e-banking and e-ticketing are currently operational, requiring a strong security system.

The 11-member body is headed by BTRC Vice-Chairman Giasuddin Ahmed while the director of systems and services was made member-secretary.

Other members are -- BTRC deputy director of legal and licensing and representatives from International Internet Gateway, mobile phone operators, internet service providers, PSTN operators and cyber cafe associations.

Earlier, BTRC used to take action against the offenders whenever anybody filed a complaint, added Zia.

Clarification

Mubashar Hussain, president of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), in a clarification to one of his remarks in the report "Building code violated" published on January 25, said an architect is not responsible for a building's structural failure.

He was quoted to have said the signatory architect is fully responsible for the overall supervision of an under-construction building.

Hussain writes an architect is only liable for any failure/damage resulting from architectural design. In the reported incident, it was a structural failure, he adds.

He further writes, "Regarding the issue of an architect putting signature for obtaining approval from Rajuk but otherwise not having any relationship to the project, as per Building Construction Rules 2008 and ...the Code of Conduct of Ethics and Professional Conduct 2010 of the IAB clearly considers this as an unethical and punishable act".

Concern over secret killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Farroque and Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon yesterday expressed concern with one voice over increasing instances of secret killing and disappearance in the country.

They spoke at an annual meeting of the Crime Reporters' Association of Bangladesh (CRAB) held at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity office.

Farroque described secret killings and forced disappearances as a new trend in crime during the incumbent government's rule.

Menon in his speech said secret killings had increased but Rapid Action

Battalion covered up such incidents by describing those as crossfire deaths.

If the people having the responsibility to maintain law and order make up stories, things will get even worse, he said.

Of the 29 people disappeared recently, the bodies of 16 were recovered, said Farroque adding that instances of imposing section 144 had also increased under this government.

Expressing concern about the country's law and order situation, he said seven girls had been raped before their parents in the last three years of the Awami League-led government.

Referring to rights bodies' statistics, he said 365 journalists had fallen victim to torture during the period. Of the victims, he was one who had faced

police assault in parliament area, but the policemen involved were not punished, rather they were given protection by the government.

The workers party president, Menon, urged reporters not to indulge in media trial. If a person falls victim to media trial, no scope remains to defend him or her.

Crime reporters should be well aware of the laws related to the sphere of their work.

If reporters unearth facts involving crime incidents and place them before readers, the society will be greatly benefited, Menon noted.

Outgoing CRAB president Parvez Khan presided over the meeting.

Thank You

We the bereaved family of late Dr. Razia Khan Amin would like to thank all her relatives, friends and well-wishers who have shared in our grief since she passed away on the 28th of December, 2011.

Dr. Razia Khan Amin (1936-2011)

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WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely
UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla in 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

Mild to moderate cold wave is sweeping over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Barisal, Srirangal, Tangail, Mymensingh, Rangamati, Feni and Hatia and it may continue.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:41pm today and rises at 6:41am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 28.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 06.7 degrees Celsius at Srirangal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	25.5	11.4	65	59
Chittagong	26.4	13.0	78	53
Rajshahi	25.4	09.5	94	57
Rangpur	23.5	08.6	83	59
Khulna	26.5	12.4	89	57
Barisal	26.0	10.0	89	77

CHEHLAM

Chehlam of Lt. Col. Mohammad Quamrul Huda (Retd.), s/o Late Mohammad Nazmul Huda, will be held after Asr prayers on Friday 27th January, 2012 at Plot- 163/164, DOHS Mirpur, Dhaka.

He passed away on 22nd December, 2011.

He left behind his wife and only daughter, elder brother, two sisters and their husbands, and host of other relatives, friends and well-wishers. All are requested to attend the Milad and Doa-Mahfil and pray for his departed solu. May Allah grant him Jannatul Ferdous.

NEWS IN brief

IGP given status of senior secy
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has upgraded the post of Inspector General of Police (IGP) to that of a senior secretary. A government order (GO) was issued in this connection yesterday, said AKM Kamrul Ahsan, spokesman of the Police Headquarters.

The letter signed by Deputy Secretary for Home Dipak Kanti Pal stated that now the salary scale of IGP will be Tk 42,000.

On January 9, the government promoted eight secretaries to the rank of senior secretaries into-

Accused beaten up by rivals
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prime accused in the murder of local Swachhasebok League leader was injured when his rivals attacked him following a previous dispute over sand trading in the city's Badda area on Wednesday night.

Injured Alamgir Hossain, 32, was admitted to the city's Apollo Hospitals.

An armed gang, led by Killer Titu of Khulna, Joyal of Merul Badda and Jamai Based of Badda, entered the

Textiles mill fined
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) in a drive yesterday fined DN Textiles Mills Ltd in Madhobdi of Narshingdi district Tk 50 lakh for polluting Brahmaputra river for the last decade by discharging untreated liquid waste.

The textile mill, set up in 2002, has been running illegally without environment clearance certificate and effluent treatment plant (ETP) since its inception.

A DoE team led by Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, director of monitoring and enforcement, ordered closure of their operation until they set up ETP in the factory.

Re-evaluate master's exam results
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The postgraduate students of anthropology department of Dhaka University, who obtained second class in their master's examinations, yesterday termed the results "partial and pre-planned" and demanded re-evaluation of the results.

At a press conference at Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duja) office, organised by 20 of them, they also threatened to stage demonstration if their demands are not met.

The results for 2009-2010 academic session's postgraduate exams published on Saturday showed a total of 26 students out of 52 secured first class in the examinations. Some 25 obtained second class

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