

## Five commit suicide in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two female students, two female domestic helps and a man allegedly committed suicide in the capital's Razabazar, Mirpur, East Badda and Baridhara-DOHS Cantonment area on Wednesday and yesterday.

In an incident, Sharmin Aktar, 12, a student of class V at Gulshan Ara High School, allegedly hanged herself from a ceiling fan at her residence in West Razabazar area yesterday.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College (DMC) morgue for an autopsy.

In another incident, Ayesha Siddika, 18, a second year student at Kallyanpur School and College, allegedly hanged herself from a ceiling fan at her residence in South Paikpara area of Mirpur around 2:30pm yesterday.

She was rushed to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared her dead.

In another incident, domestic help Poly, 12, allegedly killed herself by hanging from a ceiling fan in Mirpur-6 area around 10:30am yesterday.

Police recovered the body and sent it to the DMC morgue for an autopsy.

In another incident, Mohammad Badal, 22, hanged himself from a ceiling with in his room in Badda area yesterday.

Police recovered the body and sent it to the DMC morgue for an autopsy.

In another incident, domestic help Aruna Begum, 38, allegedly committed suicide in Baridhara-DOHS Cantonment area on Wednesday night.

Police said Aruna hung herself from the shower of a bathroom with a scarf at her employer's house.

She was rushed to DMCH where doctors declared her dead.



People take troubles climbing up and down the foot overbridge in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club because footpath vendors have obstructed the entrance. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## SC JUDGES' APPOINTMENT Bill placed seeking relevant law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private member's bill was placed in parliament yesterday proposing enactment of a law for specifying qualifications and disqualifications of candidates for appointment as judges to the Supreme Court.

The bill is aimed at eliminating the politicisation of the appointment process.

The proposed legislation, placed by Jatiya Party MP Mujibul Haque, also sought curtailment of the government's sweeping authority over the appointment.

The bill has been sent to the parliamentary standing committee on private members' bills and resolutions for scrutiny and placement of a report in the House.

It proposed forming a Superior Judicial Commission led by the chief justice to recommend candidates' names to the president for appointment as judges to the High Court Division and the Appellate Division.

The commission will consist of a senior Appellate Division judge, a senior HC Division judge, a Speaker-nominated lawmaker, chairman of Public Service Commission, the attorney general, and president of Supreme Court Bar Association.

The commission will select competent individuals for appointment as judges to the HC Division and determine the number of SC judges considering the number of pending cases and other aspects.

According to the current constitutional provision, a person shall be qualified for the appointment if he or she has been an advocate of the SC or has held a judicial office for at least 10 years.

The constitution also provides "other qualifications" to be prescribed by law. But none of the successive governments has moved to enact a law prescribing these criteria.

Experts say the current criteria have allowed all successive governments to pick loyal persons as SC judges.

## Lease of govt land to tea garden protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Residents of Jaintiapur upazila in Sylhet yesterday demanded that the government refrains from leasing out 4,000 acres of government land in the hills of the upazila's Charikata and Nijpat unions for the establishment of tea gardens.

The 4,000 acres should be allotted to the landless people who have been cultivating on the land for ages, stated the residents at a rally, organised by Nijpat union parishad members Abdus Shukur and Shamim Ahmed, in the upazila headquarters.

Handing over a memo in this regard, addressed to the prime minister, to

Jaintiapur's upazila nirbahi officer, the residents declared to form a human chain on the same venue on September 19 to press home their demand.

Four companies applied to take lease of the land. The upazila and district officials forwarded the applications to the Ministry of Land recently, said sources.

On Wednesday last, the residents had staged a protest rally at Battala of Jaintiapur. Nijpat Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Malik chaired the programme where Jaintiapur Upazila Parishad Vice-Chairman Muhibul Haque, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon Sylhet unit General Secretary Abdul Karim and former lawmaker Dilder Hossain Selim also spoke.

## Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Dr Kamrunnesa, a language movement veteran of Boro Mosque road in Patuakhali town, died of cancer at her residence in the capital's Uttara yesterday. She was 76. She left behind two daughters. She was buried at Banani graveyard in the capital.

**Sofia Zaman Mozumdar**  
METRO DESK

Sofia Zaman Mozumdar, wife of former secretary Abu Mohammad Anisuzzaman, died on Wednesday. She was 74. She left behind three sons and a daughter.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after zohr prayers on Sunday. Later, she will be buried at Banani Graveyard in the capital. Her qulhwani will be held after magrib prayers at Baridhara Jame Mosque on Monday.

**Qulkhwani**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Muslehuddin Ahmad, former ambassador and founder vice chancellor of North South University, will be held today after Asr prayers at his House-84, Road-14 in Banani of the capital. He died on Monday night at Square Hospital at the age of 84.

## Four fake doctors get two years' imprisonment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court accompanying Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested four fake doctors and sentenced each of them to two years' imprisonment and shut down two fake herbal medicine centres in the capital's Moghbazar.

Rab-3 officials said they raided India Herbal Medical and Kolkata Herbal Medical Care and shut them down. Fake doctor Golam Faruk, 36, owned both centres, which do not have approval of Directorate of Drug Administration to produce medicines.

Along with Faruk, Saheb Ali, 30, Masud Islam, 31, and Md Mashiur Rahman, 32, were

sentenced. AHM Anwar Pasha, executive magistrate of the court, said the "doctors" used to cheat patients by selling fake and adulterated medicines.

"To earn patients' trust, the 'doctors' hung photographs of some of the country's renowned and respected personalities with their medicines, which we assume are fake pictures," said Anwar.

The court also found that none of the convicted has any institutional education. They influenced patients to buy their medicines by conducting fake pathological tests in their lab in the presence of the patients, Anwar said adding, "The lowest price of their products is 12,000."

A collection of popular species of colourful orchid will be put on display, also for sale, at a two-day Orchid Show beginning at Nasheman, Road-95, CEN (C)-2, Gulshan-2 in the capital today. Bangladesh Orchid Society is organising the yearly event.

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