

Standard Chartered  The Daily Star CELEBRATING LIFE AWARDS 2012



1. Classical music maestro Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty enralls the audience with his performance at the Standard Chartered-The Daily Star "Celebrating Life" Awards Ceremony 2012 at Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in the capital's Mirpur yesterday. 2. The jam packed venue. 3. Noted Bangladeshi singer Sabina Yasmin graces the occasion with her performance. 4. Imtiaz Ibne Sattar, acting CEO, Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh, addresses the ceremony. 5. The young lyricists who were presented with the award. 6. Artists perform a choreographed routine. 7. The young photographers who received the award.



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Doctor impersonator caught at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Clad in a white apron and holding a medical book, she moved from one ward to another just like any other Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) doctor for three days.

No one suspected her to be an impersonator, until yesterday, when her performance went a bit overboard.

Afsana Aktar, 20, was caught by on-duty members of Bangladesh Ansar who challenged her identity while she was shouting at and asking relatives of a patient to leave.

"Afsana admitted to have read till class VIII," said Abdul Khaleq, commander of a platoon of the DMCH Ansar.

Afsana said she hailed from Shariatpur district and was residing with a woman in a house next to Mitford Hospital.

She claimed to have met a female intern doctor of Mitford Hospital some months back and was impressed with the respect the latter got from patients and their relatives.

"I took the disguise for that respect," she said, adding that she made the apron at a tailor shop and "managed" the book from a Mitford Hospital doctor. She stayed at DMCH for three days with the help of one of its staff, said Afsana.

Her father told police over phone that he was not aware of her whereabouts.

Afsana seemed somewhat mentally imbalanced, suggested Sub-inspector Sohel Rana of Shahbagh Police Station, where she was detained.

Man 'kills' wife over dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A housewife died in Shekhra village of Saikupa upazila of Jhenidah on Thursday after her husband and in-laws poisoned her over dowry demands, alleged the victim's family.

However, the in-laws claimed the victim, Sweety Akhter, 21, committed suicide. The husband, Khalilur Rahman, a sepoy of Bangladesh Army posted in Chittagong Cantonment, was absconding, said police.

Sweety, daughter of Nazrul Mollah, a retired Local Government Engineering Department officer of Lakkhikole village in Magura sadar upazila, got married 10 months ago, said the victim's brother, Sabuj Hossain.

Despite being provided properties worth Tk 3 lakh in dowry during marriage, Khalilur and the in-laws had been torturing Sweety and even sent her back to her father's home once for more, he said.

After poisoning Sweety in their Bagura village residence of Saikupa upazila, Khalilur and the in-laws left her in critical condition with a local physician of Shekhra village, where she died afterwards, added Sabuj.

Khalilur's father Abdul Hye said they did not know why Sweety could have committed suicide.

The body was sent to Nazrul's house after an autopsy at Jhenidah Sadar Hospital yesterday around 11:30am.

Saikupa Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shahidul Islam Shahin said they had initially filed an unnatural death case in this regard and were waiting for the autopsy report.

PM seeks Vietnamese investment

UNB, Vietnam

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the president of Vietnam to encourage his country's business community to avail themselves of the investment facilities on offer in Bangladesh and import pharmaceuticals, jute and jute goods and leather products from the country.

Sheikh Hasina made the request to Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang when she met him at his Presidential Palace yesterday afternoon.

The prime minister said Vietnam may import its garment accessories and textile materials, plastic goods, footwear, ceramics, handicrafts, potatoes, cosmetics and toiletries from Bangladesh.

Prime minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters after the meeting.

Azad said the prime minister hoped that her visit to Vietnam would be a

milestone in bolstering bilateral relations between Dhaka and Hanoi.

"The purpose of my visit to Vietnam is to further strengthen the existing relations and friendship between the two countries as Bangladesh attaches great importance to her relationship with Vietnam," she told Truong Tan Sang.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who arrived in Vietnam yesterday on a three-day official visit, conveyed greetings of Bangladesh President Zillur Rahman to President Truong Tan Sang.

The prime minister laid emphasis on exchange of visits at different levels, political, official and specially trade and business delegation to further strengthen the bilateral relations.

She said bilateral relations between the two countries have steadily grown over the years and her visit would further strengthen the relations.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, among others, was present.

3 commit suicide in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Three people allegedly committed suicide in Dhunat, Nandigram and Adamdighi upazilas of Bogra on Thursday.

In Dhunat upazila, a youth identified as Rocky, 18, son of Kabir sarker of Guadhari village, committed suicide by ingesting poison, said police.

He killed himself after quarrelling with his father over a haircut, they added.

Meanwhile, Rokeya Begum, 50, of Nandigram upazila, also also killed herself by poisoning herself.

Rokeya was upset after quarrelling with her son, sources said. She was rushed to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

While in Adamdighi upazila, a man committed suicide by hanging himself from his bedroom ceiling.

The deceased was identified as Liton Mia, 22, of Santahar. Police quoting victim's family members said Liton committed suicide after he failed to marry the girl he was infatuated with.

His body was sent to a morgue while an unnatural death case was filed in this connection.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets her Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung at the latter's office in Hanoi, Vietnam yesterday.

TANGAIL BY-POLLS


Electoral symbols allocated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday distributed electoral symbols among the three candidates for Tangail-3 (Ghatail) by election slated for November 18.

Returning Officer Syed Khurshid Anwar distributed the symbols at deputy commissioner's hall room at noon.

Among the candidates, Awami League (AL) backed Shahidul Islam Lebu got boat, Jatiya Party (Ershad) backed Syed Yousuf Abdullah Tuhin got plough and Independent (rebel AL) candidate Amanur Rahman Khan Rana got pineapple symbols.




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LINKING YOUNG MINDS

This week's Star Camps, a weekly publication of The Daily Star, will have some very good articles for the readers. The Spotlight focuses on how the art of writing and reading letters is slowly becoming obsolete. The Campus Edibles section is an interesting write-up about the tea in TSC, Dhaka University. The Going Spiral section is on how bullying can have severe effects on a victim. The Star Chat this week is with young Poet, Quamrul Hassan where he shares stories about his childhood, school, inspirations and aspirations. Do not forget to grab your copy of Star Campus as it hits the country tomorrow, Sunday. And, as always, have a great read!



TYPEWRITERS' Love Notes and Ink Pots

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