

## Two domestic helps found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two domestic helps were found hanging from a ceiling fan at their employer's house in the capital's Uttara yesterday morning.

Sheuly and Zerine, both aged around 15, worked at businessman Arif Ikbal's house.

Quoting Arif, police said he is the first one to find them hanging by two scarves from the same ceiling fan of the kitchen. Police recovered the bodies at 6:30am.

It appears to be a suicide incident, said police. Arif resides there with his wife and two sons aged around 12.

The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsies.

An unnatural death case was filed with Uttara West Police Station.



**District committee of Karmojibi Nari lights candles at Zeropoint of Rajshahi city yesterday demanding punishment for those responsible for the Savar tragedy.**

PHOTO: STAR

## Seven hurt in clash at Buet

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least seven students of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology were injured as a group of seniors clashed with some first year students on the campus early yesterday over organising the latter's one year celebration programme.

Four of the injured, all first year students, were hospitalised. Pratik of electrical and electronics engineering received stab wounds to the head and Anirban of civil engineering had one hand broken.

The clash erupted around 11:00pm on Wednesday after a group of seniors opposed some of the celebratory events of the Entrance Day and quarrelled with the first year students at the Shaheed Minar where the juniors gathered to plan the programme.

Witnesses said Sadhon Mostofa, joint convener of Buet unit BCL, led the attack on the juniors with sharp weapons and iron rods. Sadhon denied the allegations of using any sharp objects.

A Buet official said a three-member probe body was formed, and an FIR was filed with Chalkbazar Police Station. Meanwhile, the juniors kept the main gate locked, bringing all academic activities to a halt and met the vice chancellor, demanding punishment for the attackers.

## ANN strengthens video exchange

ANN, Phnom Penh

Editors of Asia News Network (ANN) have agreed to strengthen video cooperation as a part of the grouping's next step in boosting the ANN brand.

The decision was made at the annual board meeting held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on April 30 and attended by editors from the 22 member newspapers in 19 countries.

"This is a part of growth of ANN as we tap into available resources and expand it beyond the daily exchange of photos and stories," said Pana Janviroj, ANN executive director.

Member publications such as The Nation (Thailand), The Straits Times (Singapore), China Daily, Dawn (Pakistan), The Brunei Times, Philippine Daily Inquirer, The Jakarta Post, Vientiane Times and The Star (Malaysia) are already producing videos available from their respective websites.

"From print mode, we have to change

and upgrade ANN to another level and I think video is a medium with a lot of potential," said Felix Soh, digital media editor of The Straits Times, also the chairman of the board for 2013-2014.

Aside from the regular exchange of videos, publications with more experience are also open to providing technical training to members who are interested in enhancing their multimedia platform.

The annual meeting also marked the official launch of the AsiaNews magazine's digital edition. The magazine, launched in 2006, will be available only on the digital platform starting this month and accessible from the Apple Store.

Meanwhile, the board officially welcomed Myanmar's Eleven Media Group as the 22nd member of the grouping.

The ANN board also decided on French graphic designer and photographer Pierre-Emmanuel Michel as the winner of the ANN logo contest launched in March. See the online version for photo.

## APPEAL AGAINST QUADER MOLLAH VERDICT Defence claims govt plea incompetent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government's appeal against the life term imprisonment of Abdul Quader Mollah should be rejected as it is an incompetent plea, Abdur Razzaq, a lawyer for the convicted Jamaat-e-Islami leader (Mollah), told the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appeal is not acceptable as the government lodged it under an amended provision that was brought to the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 on February 18 but the tribunal delivered the verdict against Mollah on February 5, he said.

Razzaq was placing arguments before the apex court on the ninth day of the hearing on the government's appeal against the International Crimes Tribunal-2 verdict that sentenced Mollah to life term imprisonment for committing crimes against humanity during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

The Appellate Division yesterday fixed May 5 for further hearing on the appeal.

Earlier, Attorney General Mahbub Alam argued before the SC saying that the offences committed by Quader Mollah during the 1971 Liberation War are so grave that he deserves nothing but the death sentence.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Educationist Prof Khadija Rahman died on Tuesday. She served as a

professor and a principal of different government colleges. She also served as the director (operation) of Bangladesh School Textbook Board.

She left behind her husband Shahriar ZR Iqbal, former additional secretary, a daughter and a son, said a press release.

Her qulhwani will be held today after Asr prayers in her Mohammadpur residence in the capital.

**Rabeya Hossain**

METRO DESK



Rabeya Hossain, wife of late Maj (retd) Dr Nazir Hossain, died due to

old age complications at Dhaka CMH on Monday. She was 86.

She left behind two daughters, a son and many grandchildren.

A doa mahfil will be held today after Asr prayers at DOHS Baridhara mosque.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the first death anniversary of Mahfuzur Rahman,

former deputy chief public information officer of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa).

He died of a heart attack last year.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and a Qurankhwani will be held at his Uttara residence in the capital today, said a press release.

## Two held with cocaine, one with Yaba pills in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three men were held with contraband drugs, including cocaine, at different regions of Chittagong yesterday morning.

In Chittagong city, a team of the Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police arrested two men with 1kg cocaine worth around Tk 1 crore on Station Road near Hotel Arafat around 5:00am.

The arrestees, Abdul Qudus, 32, and Sharif Uddin, 42, hail from Feni and Madaripur respectively.

Meanwhile, Chandgaon police recovered 7,400 Yaba pills worth around Tk 15 lakh from an abandoned car in Chandgaon residential area of the port city.

In Cox's Bazar, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) held Ramjan Ali, 40, of Teknaf upazila, with 19,023 Yaba pills, worth around Tk 60 lakh, on the Naf river around 6:30am.

Acting on a tip-off, a BGB team of Teknaf Camp chased a boat coming from Myanmar and held Ramjan along with the boat while his accomplice Amir Ali jumped into the river and escaped, said BGB officials.

Amir, 32, also hails from Teknaf upazila, the officials added.

Ramjan was handed over to Teknaf Police Station where a case was filed.

## MIGRANT WORKERS IN MALAYSIA Levy imposed on income

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign migrant workers in Malaysia have to pay levy on income every month to the Malaysian government from now on.

Bangladeshi workers migrating to Malaysia for plantation jobs have to pay 48 Malaysian ringgits (approximately Tk 1,300) every month.

The employers pay 900 Malaysian ringgits to each worker as monthly salary, said a worker who recently migrated to Malaysia.

But a portion of the money is paid out as levy cost and this leads to the pressure created by overtime activities, he told The Daily Star over the phone, adding that the Bangladeshi government had told them that their employers would bear the cost.

However, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain said the Malaysian employers' decision is not a problem.

The minister told The Daily Star that the workers only paid Tk 33,178 as migration cost, so they can bear the extra cost.

Bangladesh High Commissioner AKM Atiqur Rahman said the Malaysian employers imposed the tax as they now pay a higher salary to the workers.

"Earlier, a worker was paid 600 Malaysian ringgits per month but now they get 900," he said.



**Ten-year-old Limon holds out the photo of her missing mother, Nilufa, at Adharchandra High School playground in Savar. Nilufa was at work in Rana Plaza when it collapsed on April 24.**

PHOTO: STAR

## SAVAR TRAGEDY

# Limon wants his mother back

SM NAJMUS SAKIB

"Mom, where are you...I can't sleep, Mom..." the words left the mouth of 10-year-old Limon as he waits for her mother's return with a photograph in hands and tears in eyes at Adharchandra High School playground in Savar.

With his father Moktar Hossain, Limon has been visiting the school ground every day for the last nine days since the collapse of Rana Plaza where his mother Nilufa worked.

Limon repeatedly demands of his father to bring her mother back to him. "Every night Limon asked me why I allowed Nilufa to Rana Plaza, as, in the absence of his mother, he can't go to sleep. What should I tell Limon, I don't know," Moktar wailed.

He said on the fateful day, Limon's mother, who used to work on the sixth floor of the nine-storey building, went to

work ignoring his request. "She said if she did not join work, she would not get paid," Moktar said Nilufa requested him to let her go as she had to buy some medicines for her mother.

Two of Moktar's brothers-in-law, Helal and Solayman, worked as sewing machine operators in the Rana Plaza garment factories. They were wounded in the collapse.

Moktar said the two of them refused to enter the building along with other colleagues as cracks appeared there. They were forced to join work, he said.

Moktar said, "I, on behalf of the bereaved families, demand hanging of the wild man, Sohail Rana, immediately."

Nine days into the catastrophe, many people still do not know what happened to those missing, nor was there any assurance from the authorities about it.

Moktar said, "We have not got any government help yet."

## BOMB ATTACK ON N'GANJ AL OFFICE

# 6 including Mufti Hannan, NCC councillor indicted

UNB, Narayanganj

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police yesterday indicted six persons in a case filed in connection with the bomb attack on Awami League office at Chashara in Narayanganj on June 16, 2001 that killed 20 people and injured over 50.

Police also cleared 31 persons, including district BNP President Advocate Taimur Alam Khandaker, of the charges.

The six charged are Harkat-ul-Jihad-al Islami (Huji) leader Mufti Abdul Hannan, militant leader Obaidullah Rahman, Narayanganj City Corporation Councillor Shawkat Hashem Shaku, Shahadatullah Jewel, and twin brothers Anisul Morsalin and Muhibul Mottakin.

Narayanganj CID ASP Ehsanuddin Chowdhury, also the investigation officer

(IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the court of the chief judicial magistrate.

IO Ehsanuddin said the investigation found involvement of eight people in the bomb attack. But the six people have been indicted finally excluding two others - Jubo Dal activist Mominullah David and Kajal. Because, he said David was killed in "crossfire" in 2004 and Kajal also died in the meantime.

Of the six accused, Obaidullah and Shaku are on bail while Mufti Hannan and Jewel are in Bangladeshi jail and Morsalin and Mottakin are in Indian jail.

A case was filed against 39 people, including then district BNP general secretary Taimur and its 26 activists, after the bomb attack.

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