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Women suffer violence mostly within families

Global study finds a third of women face attacks

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

More than a third of all women worldwide – 35.6 percent – will experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, usually from a male partner, according to the first comprehensive study of its kind from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The report reveals the shocking extent of attacks on women from the men with whom they share their lives, with 30 percent of women being attacked by partners. It also finds that a large proportion of murders of women – 38 percent – are carried out by intimate partners.

"These findings send a powerful message that violence against women is a global health problem of epidemic proportions," said Dr Margaret Chan, director general of the WHO. "We also see that the world's health systems can and must do more for women who experience violence."

The highest levels of violence against women are in Africa, where nearly half of all women – 45.6 percent – will suffer physical or sexual violence. In low- and middle-income Europe, the proportion is 27.2 percent. Yet wealthier nations are not necessarily always safer for women – a third of women in high-income countries (32.7 percent) will experience violence at some stage in their life.

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The cover of a storm-water drainage line breaks and sticks out. Motorists could easily not see the danger and an accident could happen, as there is no warning sign. Interestingly, the photo was taken yards away from the Prime Minister's Office on one of the better-maintained thoroughfares of the capital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

City polls results intensify rivalry

Govt, opposition become more rigid on their stance on polls-time govt

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The outcome of the four city polls seems to have worsened the ongoing political stand-off, as both the ruling Awami League and the opposition BNP are now ever more rigid on the issue of polls-time government.

In the June 15 polls to the Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet city corporations, all the four AL-backed mayoral candidates suffered heavy defeats to their archrival BNP-backed candidates.

Political analysts say such an emphatic victory has emboldened the BNP-led 18-party alliance, and that it is evident in the

way some senior BNP leaders have been speaking since.

The opposition camp can now fight tough in realising its demand for a non-partisan election-time government, they add.

According to them, the present situation is not conducive to reaching an agreement over the issue.

As analysts put it, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has taken a most rigid stance against the opposition demand, now saying: "If a caretaker government takes over again, it would not hold any election and hand over power."

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Michael Jackson went 60 days without sleep!

CNN ONLINE

Michael Jackson died while preparing to set a world record for the most successful concert run ever, but he unknowingly set another record that led to his death.

Jackson may be the only human ever to go two months without REM -- Rapid Eye Movement -- sleep, which is vital to keep the brain and body alive. The 60 nights of propofol infusions Dr

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10 held with heroin, yaba

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers in several drives recovered 1.3 kg of heroin and 30,000 pieces of contraband yaba tablets from different parts of the capital on Thursday night.

They also arrested 10 people including a Nigerian in this connection.

Tipped off, a team of Rapid Action Battalion-1 arrested four people, including the Nigerian, along with 1.3 kilogram of heroin, 3,100 fake US dollars and a private car in the capital's Uttara. The seized heroin is worth around Tk2 crore.

The arrestees are Nigerian Onyka Godson Dbamalu, 34, Abul Kashem, 52, Payel Begum, 28, and Nilima Labonyo, 28.

The four are members of a drug dealing gang, which uses Bangladesh as a transit route for smuggling drugs to different countries, said a press release of Rab.

They confessed to law enforcers that they had put some heroin in a box of clothes ready to be shifted to China by the DHL courier company.

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The Daily Star



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for outgoing Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission Ghulam Rahman terming the World Bank's claim "irrational" over the Padma bridge project corruption?

Yes (14%)

No (86%)

TOTAL VOTES: 228

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that if a caretaker government takes over again, it would not hold any election and hand over power?

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KHALED, ERSHAD
BNP trashes
reports on
meetings in
Singapore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP rejected media reports that Khaleda Zia had meetings with both Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad and BNP leader Tarique Rahman during her ongoing visit to Singapore.

Terming the media report "fake and politically biased", the party urged newsmen not to publish this kind of news in future.

BNP Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi made the comments at a press briefing at the party's Nayapaltan office in the capital yesterday.

Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia left home for Singapore on June 16 for treatment. This was her second visit to Singapore within three months.

Earlier on February 19,
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GRAMEEN BANK
Inu defends
govt move

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Kushtia

The Grameen Bank is nobody's personal property and the people are the owners of the bank as the state has made a large investment into the bank, said Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu.

He said the state has the

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PRAYER TIMING June 22

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05 4-40
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	5-00 5-15
Maghrab	6-52 6-55
Esha	8-17 8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation