

Aduri won't have to work as domestic help

Says Meher Afroze Chumki

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki yesterday said Aduri, a child domestic worker who was tortured by her employers, will never have to work again as a domestic help to feed herself.

She said Dhaka Medical College Hospital's One-Stop Crisis Centre (OOC), where Aduri is receiving treatment, will arrange her rehabilitation.

The state minister was talking to reporters after visiting Aduri at DMCH.

On September 22, Aduri, 11, was found unconscious in a severely malnourished state and riddled with injuries near a dustbin in the capital's DOHS Baridhara.

Dr Bilkis Begum, coordinator at OCC, said although Aduri's condition is improving, she is still very weak.

Meanwhile, Nourin Jahan Nodi, Aduri's employer who was arrested last Friday, confessed before a magistrate to torturing Aduri for making mistakes.

She admitted to burning Aduri with hot iron and cooking utensils and beating her indiscriminately.

Nodi stated that two to three days before Aduri was found in an unconscious state, she had thrown her out of the house.

She said Aduri was put on a bus bound for Patuakhali, where Aduri hails from, but does not know what happened afterwards.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Erfan Ullah recorded Nodi's statement and then sent her to jail.

Meanwhile, Domestic Workers Right Network formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital demanding quick disposal of Aduri's case and exemplary punishment for her torturers, said a press release.



Protibondhi Nagorik Parishad forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday for realising a three-point demand including allocation of 1 percent of the national budget for development of the organisations of people with disabilities.

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Man killed by drug addict son in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A father was killed allegedly by his drug addict son Sunday at their residence in Ashulia and he was detained by police in the area Monday.

The arrested is Arfan Hossain Akash, 17, while the victim is Joyanal Abedin, 50.

Arfan yesterday confessed that he had stabbed his father to death, said police.

On Sunday, Ashulia police recovered the body of Joyanal from his house on the ground floor at Polashbari, on the outskirts of the capital.

The victim's sister Jharna Begum filed a case in this connection against unidentified persons on the day.

Quoting Akash, Ashulia police Officer-in-Charge Sheikh Badrul Alom said Akah along with his two other drug addict friends were also involved in the killing.

497 women victims of violence in last month: BMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 497 women across the country fell victims to different forms of violence last month, said Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) in a press statement yesterday.

Ninety of the victims were raped, while 13 of them were gang-raped and eight were killed after being raped, it said on the basis of reports published in 14 dailies.

It also noted that nine women were victims of acid attack and 48 others were subjected to dowry related violence, which killed 23 of them. Eighty four women and children were killed while 48 committed suicide due to various tortures.

Execute SQ Chy

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In a statement, the CPB said the judgment reflected the victory of the people's long-standing anti-war criminal movement.

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigosthi said SQ Chowdhury had been involved in an evil attempt to demean the country's independence and sovereignty in the last 42 years,

says a release.

Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal, Bangladesh Jubo Union, United National Awami Party, Bangladesh Awami Muktiyuddho Projonmo League, and Chetony Muktiyuddho issued separate statements hailing the verdict and demanding its quick execution.

Report

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violence against minorities following the 2001 election. About the war crimes trial, Kamal Ahmed said the Shahbagh movement should be seen as a final cry to seek justice and to end the culture of impunity.

Delwar Hussain termed the young bloggers and online communities, who led the movement, as an alternative voice as opposed to established political parties.

On Hefajat-e Islam's rise as a reaction to Shahbagh, Sultan Shahin said Jihadi Islamists' rise should be seen within the context of foreign funding and Wahabi-backed doctrine.

Francis Harrison concluded the meeting, saying the forthcoming election would take place within a bipolar politics with the added dimension of war crimes trial and the appearance of hard-line Islamist Hefajat.

The report is available at ICS and was published by New Millennium.

Land rights

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registry offices a creepy place. He also said, "Our land laws are not friendly for women, minorities or indigenous people."

BNP lawmaker Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anee asked for time to review the proposal.

Shagufta Yeasmin Emily MP, human rights defender Khushi Kabir, Shafiq Rehman, Goutam Chakma, Philip

Gain of SHED, and adivasi leader Sanjeeb Drong also spoke there.

Two ministries, land and law, alongside the Association of Land Reform and Development (ALRD), Nijera Kari, Indigenous Peoples Development Service (IPDS), Uttaran, ActionAid, CARE, Incidence Bangladesh, Samata, and Society for Environment and Human Development (SHED) assisted the research

RMG workers

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pay the arrears in time due to financial crisis.

He said the managing director yesterday reassured them that they would pay it on October 5.

The workers said they would go for tougher programmes if the management failed to pay them by that time.

Abdus Sattar, deputy assistant director of Ashulia Industrial Police, said additional police were deployed at the factory.

Nuclear

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English languages. Other educational programmes on astronomy, natural science and regional geography will also be available for visitors.

In addition, the information centre will organise various programmes to provide basic knowledge on applications of Russian nuclear technologies in the field of agriculture and medicine, and scope of obtaining Russian nuclear education.

Court denies

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to the crime. Besides, another metropolitan magistrate had rejected her bail earlier.

Oishee surrendered 22 hours after the decomposed bodies of her parents were recovered from their Chamelibagh residence in the capital on August 16.

Dhaka Wasa

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Doppenberg, signed the MoU at a city hotel.

Under the project, Segunbagicha Box Culvert (Drain) and Kalyanpur Canal will be cleaned first. The rest of the sewers will be cleaned gradually in the next 10 years.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, who delivered his speech as chief guest, said with the new technology, Dhaka Wasa could run its activities more efficiently and effectively.

Gerben de Jong, ambassador of the Netherlands in Dhaka, also spoke at the event.

Uncertainty looms

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"defence forces" were in force during the 2008 polls but were removed in 2009.

The government on Monday placed an RPO amendment bill in parliament proposing to increase the ceiling of individual election expenditure and donation for political parties.

"Such an initiative might have adverse effects in the long run as a culture of vote buying during polls has turned into a threat to the country's democracy," said Majumdar.

SHUJAN Central Coordinator Dilip Kumar Sarker also spoke on the occasion.

Indian Minister

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Dr Manmohan Singh will inaugurate the grid interconnection through video conferencing on Saturday.

During his visit, Abdullah will call on Sheikh Hasina and meet with Tawfiq-E-Elahi Chowdhury, the prime minister's energy advisor, and

Muhammad Enamul Huq, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources ministry.

Bangladesh and India have established a grid interconnection between the western electrical grid of Bangladesh and the eastern electrical grid of India to facilitate flow of electricity from India to Bangladesh.

Wakkas denied

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speeches and instigating Hefajat activists' actions against the government on May 5.

During Hefajat's May 5 rally at Shapla Chattar, Wakkas threatened to oust the government within that night.

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