

2 children severely injured falling off rooftop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two children were seriously injured after they fell off the rooftop of a three-storey building which had no guardrail in Maniknagar of the capital yesterday.

Brishty, 3 and Sheema, 4, went to the rooftop without their parents' knowledge and while playing there they fell off the edge of the building.

Both the girls' fathers are rickshaw-pullers. They lived as tenants in makeshift houses in the under-construction building, said Ibrahim, a neighbour of the kids. The makeshift houses have corrugated tin sheets as walls.

"The building is supposedly under construction so the rooftop had no guardrail," added Ibrahim.

However, the building has been in this state (with only pillars and roof) for over four years, said another neighbour Rezwana Karim.

The landlord, one Abdul Kadir, did not bother changing the situation despite repeated requests by the tenants.

Both the girls are now fighting for their lives at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

ACC still scrutinising

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42.37 percent of the cases filed in 2013.

Meanwhile, an ACC team led by its Assistant Director Mahbubur Rahman arrested Mozammel Hossain, former deputy general manager of Jamuna Bank, from the capital's Segunbagicha.

Mozammel is one of the 53 top officials of five banks and the controversial terry towel maker Bismillah Group against whom ACC filed 12 cases on November 3 over the misappropriation of Tk 1,174 cr.

The media, scrutinising the wealth statements published on the EC's website, recently revealed that many AL leaders had made quite a fortune over the past five years.

Replying to a question, Faizur said ACC was not "uncomfortable" in investigating the statements and maintaining procedures was taking up time.

"We are trying to obtain enough evidence and witnesses so that none can get acquittal from the court through loopholes," he said adding that ACC would continue pressing charges if it finds the AL leaders guilty.

ACC on December 17, 2013 lodged a case against BNP lawmaker Moudud Ahmed and his brother Manjur Ahmed on charge of grabbing an abandoned public land worth over Tk 300 crore in the capital's Gulshan.

The same month, ACC sued former foreign minister M Morshed Khan, his wife and their son over the siphoning off to Hong Kong US\$ 3.95 crore and Hong Kong\$ 1.36 crore.

Faizur said a total of 177 cases were disposed of last year of which 75 were proved. He blamed lack of evidence and witnesses for the acquittals.

ACC lodged 350 cases and submitted 517 charge sheets in 2013. It received 10,034 allegations and accepted 1,213 for investigation.

Faizur said they were still investigating the Padma bridge scam. Following allegations of irregularities, the World Bank on September 2012 suspended its \$ 1.2 billion fund for the Padma bridge project.

BNP-led alliance calls hartal in Bogra for Thursday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The BNP-led 18-party alliance called a dawn-to-dusk hartal for Thursday in Bogra district protesting the government's "conspiracy" against BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman.

The alliance made the announcement yesterday at a rally on Altafunessa ground in Bogra town.

Saiful Islam, convener of the district unit of 18-party alliance and president of district unit of BNP, among others, spoke at the rally.

Saiful said inhabitants of Bogra avoided the 10th parliamentary polls and this shows that they (people) did not take the election seriously.

Razakars yelled 'Yusuf Bhai Zindabad'

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stating that 60 to 65 people, mostly Hindus, had been killed and their houses torched by the force Yusuf formed.

ICT-2 yesterday recorded Jugal's testimony and both his cross-examination and that of Dilip before adjourning proceedings till today.

During the 32-minute testimony, 63-year-old Jugal said they had formed Sangram Committees to guard their village after the historic 7 March speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Later, Jugal's uncle, a Khulna resident, informed during separate visits that the Razakar force had first been formed in Khulna and later in Bagerhat under Yusuf's leadership, he said.

On the morning of May 13, the villagers resisted an attack by the Razakars. But when some villagers went away for lunch around 3:00pm, some 60 to 70 armed Razakars were able to enter, he said.

"We retreated and hid inside bushes...and saw the

House help Sumi denied bail

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(Sumi) lawyer Syed Nazmul Huda told The Daily Star.

On January 19, a Dhaka court sent Oishee Rahman, daughter of the couple, back to jail after rejecting her bail in connection with the case.

The bodies of Mahfuzur, and Swapna were recovered from their Chamelibagh residence in the capital on August 16 last year.

After Oishee surrendered at Paltan Police Station on

2nd phase of elections likely Feb 27

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Certificate examinations are due in February and March, the commission yesterday sent letters to the education ministry asking for its opinion by January 21.

"We have laid the plan, but it is yet to be finalised. The voting dates will be finalised after discussion with the education ministry, LGRD ministry and other government agencies concerned," a deputy secretary of the EC Secretariat told The Daily Star last night.

Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz yesterday said the EC would announce the schedule for the second phase elections to upazila parishads by this week.

"As tenures of some upazila parishads will expire soon, we will have to announce the schedule for polls to these upazilas and conduct the elections within the legal timeframe," he said.

The last election to 479 parishads was held on January 22, 2009. The tenures of more than 100 parishads are set to expire in February, some more in March and April, and the rest in May.

As per laws, the upazila parishad election is to be held within 180 days before the

tenure expires.

"We will have to hold the elections in phases because tenures of different upazila parishads expire at different times. We hope that the elections will be completed by May," said Shah Nawaz.

About the law and order situation, he said, "We will shortly meet law enforcement and intelligence agency officials. On the basis of their information, we will arrange foolproof security for peaceful holding of the elections."

Replying to a question, the commissioner said, "It is a non-partisan election. So, none will be allowed to contest in it using political identity. We will have nothing to do if any political party supports any candidate."

The upazila parishad election was first held in 1985 and then in 1990. After a long break, the third election was held in 2009.

An upazila parishad comprises a chairman, two vice-chairmen, chairmen of all union parishads, mayor of the municipality, if any, and a certain number of women members from reserved seats. This local government body is tasked with carrying out field-level development activities.

Govt to immunise children

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During the second and third weeks, children who do not go to schools will be immunised from 1.2 lakh immunisation centres, he added.

Dr Sayed Abu Zafar Mohammad Musa, director of Primary Health Care, said now

the prevalence of rubella is 19 per 10 lakh people while measles cases are only 1.4 in 10 lakh people.

He said the children will be immunised at the regular EPI centres like upazila health complexes, along with district, city corporation and medical college hospitals during the campaign.

Razakar force open fire...We heard crying and sounds of gunshots coming from the village...the Razakars carried out the atrocities for around three hours," he said.

Jugal said when the attackers left, he went towards the village's high school field and found eight to 10 bodies. He also heard from people that around 50 to 60 people were killed in the incident, Jugal said.

"I found the body of my uncle Sanatan Das beside our old home," said Jugal while bursting into tears.

Bodies of Gobinda Das, Kanai Das, Kanik Das, Kalipada Das, Radhakanta Das and Ganesh Das were also lying at different places, said Jugal, adding that there is a mausoleum in the village in memory of the martyrs.

While being cross-examined by Yusuf's counsel, Jugal stated that he had heard about the force's formation some 10 to 12 days after the 7 March speech.

Yusuf is facing 13 charges of crimes against humanity and genocide committed in greater Khulna district during the 1971 Liberation War.

August 16 last year, detectives picked up four more persons, including Sumi, in connection with the murder.

On December 30, Syed Nazmul Huda filed the bail petition with the HC saying that the Children Act, 1974 has allowed the court to grant bail to a child in connection with any criminal case.

Sumi is still now a child as per the law, said he adding that Sumi can get bail in the case.

Ekushey book fair

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Bangla Academy yesterday with Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor in the chair.

Only private publishers will get stalls in the udyan while state-owned publication houses will get stalls on the academy premises, the DG added.

"We are expecting to allocate around 400 stalls inside the park," he said.

Bangla Academy has been organising the book fair in Februarys since 1972.

Mother of two

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the hospital around 2:00am and called up her father Gopal Krishna Pal. When Gopal reached the hospital, Sanjay fled.

Gopal claimed that Sanjay and his family members burnt his daughter alive by dousing her with kerosene. "It was a pre-planned murder," he said.

The body was sent to CMC morgue for autopsy.

"Sanjay often used to beat Joya upon instigation by his sister-in-law (wife of his elder brother) Baby Pal. We have settled the feud several times," said Gopal.

The couple got married in 2003 and had two sons, aged 2 and 8.

Islmail Hossain, officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police Station, said they were looking into the incident and would take further action upon filing of the case.

Sanjay and his family members are on the run.

EC likely to decide

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candidatures will not be cancelled for violating the electoral code.

On the same grounds, the commission did not include the names of the two in the gazette listing the members of the 10th parliament, and they were not sworn in as MP.

Afil and Monirul separately sent their explanations on January 15, calling the allegations "completely false, imaginary and conspiratory" and claimed that the tape might have been produced by electronic manipulation.

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In the advertisement published in this newspaper on January 19, at serial 06 the start date of selling tender document should be read as "January 27, 2014" instead of "July 27, 2014". The inadvertent mistake and inconvenience thus caused are regretted. GD-253



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Man found dead in DU lift shaft

DU CORRESPONDENT

A man was found dead at the bottom of the lift shaft of a six-storey dormitory of Dhaka University yesterday evening.

Deceased Sohail Rana, 30, a resident of Lalbagh, used to go to the Sir PJ Hartog International Hall to visit his uncle who works there as a cleaner, said Shahbagh police.

DU Acting Proctor Amzad Ali said hearing screams coming from shaft around 6:00pm, the authorities switched off the lift and found the body at the bottom.

Rana was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The hospital sources said the body bore injuries in the head.

Police said they are investigating the incident while Prof Lutfur Rahman, provost of the hall, said the university authorities will also form a probe committee.

Obituary

CITY DESK



Shahidullah, passed away in Timisura of Romania, on Thursday.

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