

## Siblings kill stepmother, father in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

With the help of their maternal uncles, two siblings killed their father and step mother in Fatullah of Narayanganj early yesterday as a result of a family feud.

Md Amanullah, 55, and his second wife, Hosne Ara, 35, were hacked to death in their bed room of their Geddair Bazar residence.

Habiba, 25, admitted to the killing to Fatullah police. Police also arrested the uncles, Abu Bakar and Alamgir in the Bazar area while teenaged Arif went into hiding.

Habiba lay near their collapsible gate with her hands and legs tied up and cried out for help to convince the neighbours that robbers killed her parents, said police. Later, the neighbours found the body of Aman-ullah in the bed and the other one on the floor.

Quoting Habiba, police also said the siblings were aggrieved as their father had not borne any of their expenses since his second marriage and also threatened that the two will have no share in his land.

Officials of criminal investigation department recovered a blood-stained machete from the room.

The bodies were sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsies.

Meanwhile, the decomposed body of an unidentified girl, aged around 25, was found in a manhole at Rupsha in Rupganj upazila of the district yesterday.

Police sent the body to the morgue for an autopsy.

The girl was killed about 25 days ago, police said. A case was filed.



Rubbish is slowly closing the gap between the two banks of Buriganga 2nd Channel under the two bridges at the capital's Kamrangirchar. This is not merely an irresponsible dumping of garbage, but there is an ulterior motive to gradually encroach on the water body, which is a part of the lifeline of the capital city. A vast section of the channel, not in picture, has already been completely filled and occupied by vested quarters while the authorities concerned keep looking the other way, despite repeated protests by environmentalists and the media. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

## Two boys flee Jessore reformatory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Two inmates of Jessore Juvenile Development Center fled during a clash between police and the children on Sunday, authorities said yesterday.

"We found that two boys were missing after roll call at night," Mohammad Shahabuddin, assistant director of the centre, told The Daily Star.

Nazmul of Patuakhali and Naimul of Dinajpur escaped while police were chasing the juveniles who protested against barring a teenage girl from seeing an inmate Saturday, he said.

"We filed a general diary with Jessore Kotwali Police Station in this regard," said Shahabuddin.

The girl accompanied by another teenage boy was refused entry as per rules, he said.

Police baton-charged the juveniles when they started vandalising windows of the dormitories, prison vans, and pelted police with stones.

The protesting children said the authorities did not respond even if they complained of substandard food and verbal abuse at the facility.

After the police action, about 20 inmates slashed their wrists, arms and chests. The protest left 12 of them injured.

A boy and two constables were injured during the clash when police used batons and fired blank shots.

In February, the juvenile inmates in Tongi correction centre slashed themselves in a similar fashion to protest torture by their supervisor.

## NATURAL CALAMITIES

# Awareness, prompt action can cut casualties: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Widespread awareness campaigns and prompt response in times of natural disasters can greatly reduce casualties, experts said yesterday.

When cyclone Sidr hit Bangladesh's coast in 2007, more than 600 people of Southkhali union in Bagerhat died mainly because they did not go to cyclone shelters in time, they told a discussion at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

However, several years of rigorous

awareness campaigns by Jagrata Juba Shangha (JJS) and Southkhali Union Disaster Management Committee (SUDMC) have successfully made the Southkhali people better prepared for natural calamities, they added.

JJS and SUDMC jointly organised the programme on "Disaster Risk Reduction Initiatives of Southkhali Community".

"The impact of our campaigns were felt when the tropical storm Mahasen struck the country in 2013," said ATM Zakir Hossain, executive director of JJS.

More than 200 community volunteers evacuated about 60 percent of more than 35,000 residents of the union within a matter of hours, he said.

They also sent alerts and information to the people and collaborated with international humanitarian bodies to ensure a coordinated response, he added. "While there were 11 cyclone shelters in Southkhali in 2007, now there are 28."

In a presentation, SUDMC member

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## Protect canals, playgrounds

HC tells govt asking for report in 30 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take necessary steps immediately to protect canals, playgrounds and parks across the country.

In response to a writ petition, the court ordered five top government officials to instruct the district administration to take steps in this regard and submit, after complying with the directives, a report before it within 30 days.

The five officials, asked to implement the order, are secretaries to the ministries of local government and rural

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Shob Mohammad Asaduzzaman, head of sales and marketing of Bangladesh Edible Oil Limited, speaks at a press conference inaugurating the Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef 2014 at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. To his right, are Mostafa Kamal Syed, head of programmes of Ntv; and Raffat Binte Rashid, editor of Star Lifestyle.

## Police foil Hefajat's bid for march to Shapla Chattar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday foiled Hefajat-e Islam's move to bring out a procession in the capital's Kamrangirchar protesting what they said law enforcers and ruling party men's attack on its May 5 rally last year.

Several hundred Hefajat men under the banner of Bangladesh Khelafat Andolon gathered on the Nuria Madrasa premises and tried to march towards Motijheel's Shapla Chattar.

Police said the Qawmi madrasa-based organisation did not take permission for the procession.

Hefajat demanded a proper investigation into the May 5 action and release of its leaders "now in jail".

Earlier in the day, the organisation rallied on the madrasa premises pressing for the implementation of its 13-point demand, including passage of an anti-blasphemy law and stopping of men and women's free mixing.

With the same demands, it held the Shapla Chattar rally last year with support from Jamaat-e-Islami and BNP, and rampaged through the area.

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## RUPCHANDA-STAR LIFESTYLE SUPER CHEF 2014 Culinary genius hunt to begin May 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rupchanda Star Lifestyle Super Chef 2014 will be unlike any other cooking show ever seen on national television, promised organisers at a press conference held to inaugurate the programme.

"The programme is geared to find out and promote culinary experts who are not only good cooks, but also have a sound knowledge of nutrition and a theoretical comprehension about the culinary art," said Shob Mohammad Asaduzzaman, head of sales and marketing of Bangladesh Edible Oil Limited, at the conference at The Daily Star Center in the capital.

The participants in the competition will not only be judged by the dishes they are familiar with cooking, instead they will be thrown into challenges where they will have to recreate unknown dishes simply based on their taste, smell and look, he added.

The participants will also be expected to have strong knowledge on local foods made with regional ingredients," said Asaduzzaman. The winner will be given a prize of Tk 5 lakh.

The search will kick off from Sylhet on May 10 and then spread nationwide, said organisers. Participants who only qualify at the regional level will be considered for the reality show to be held in Dhaka.

The first of the ten episodes will begin in the first week of August.

"Our teams are going from door to door letting people know about the competition," Asaduzzaman added. In addition, participants can register at a hotline number 0961 277 888.

Judges include prominent culinary experts like Abdullah Tarek, Kanishka Chakraborty and Shahida Yeasmin, stated Raffat Binte Rashid, editor of Star Lifestyle, a supplement of The Daily Star.

The show will be aired on Ntv, said Mostafa Kamal Syed, head of programmes of the channel.

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