

# Man gets death penalty for raping, killing woman in Ctg

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A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced a man to death for murdering a woman after raping her in Banshkhalia upazila in 1999.

The convict, Abdur Rahim of the upazila, is on the run.

Chittagong Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-1 Judge Md Rezaul Karim passed the verdict, said Jesmin Akhter, special public prosecutor (PP) of the tribunal.

According to the verdict, the victim visited Rahim's family on March 24, 1999 as their families had a good relationship. Rahim then took the victim to Chhapachhari village on pretence of showing her the area and raped her there. He then stabbed her and left the body there.

The following day, the victim's mother filed a murder case accusing Rahim.

Police submitted the charge sheet on November 4 of the same year while the charges were framed on March 25, 2001.



Buddhists in Chittagong city celebrate their second largest festival, Probarona Purnima, by releasing sky lanterns from Nandan Kanon Buddhist Temple premises on Tuesday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# AHSANULLAH KILLING Condemned fugitive held in Noakhali

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A fugitive man sentenced to death for the assassination of Awami League (AL) lawmaker Ahsanullah Master in May 7, 2004 was arrested in Noakhali on Tuesday night.

Local police arrested Lokman Hossain alias Bulu, 45, in his father-in-law's residence in Kotbaria village under Sonaimuri upazila and handed him over to law enforcers in Tongi.

Son of Goni Miah of Gopalpur area in Tongi under Gazipur City Corporation, Bulu had fled to Dubai following the killing and returned on September 27, said Tongi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Kazi Ismail Hossain.

Gunmen shot and killed Ahsanullah, also the president of Jatiya Sramik League and Gazipur 2 constituency lawmaker, and Omar Faruq Ratan, a young man, and wounded 17 others in a staccato burst of fire at a biennial conference of Awami Swechhasebak League, the AL's volunteer front, at Noagaon near the legislator's house in Tongi.

Ahsanullah's brother Matiur Rahman filed a

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## SACRIFICIAL ANIMAL WASTE

# Proactive citizens clean up most of capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awareness and prompt steps taken by the dwellers of the capital in cleaning spots used for slaughtering sacrificial animals marking Eid-ul-Azha and sprinkling bleaching powder as disinfectants have resulted in most areas comparatively turning up clean.

Such steps helped cleaners of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) to easily collect and take the garbage away to dumping grounds around the city.

Around 13,000 cleaners of DSCC and DNCC started a special cleaning drive at noon on Eid day, predominantly observed on Monday. Till

yesterday, some 30,000 tonnes of garbage generated from the sacrifice of around four lakh sacrificial animals have been removed, stated city corporation sources.

However, many residents complained that the city corporations did not distribute bleaching powder. "I had to spend Tk 100 on bleaching powder as I got none from the corporation," said Babul Hossain, a resident of Mirpur-12.

Anowar Hossain, another resident, said the locals did not wait for the city corporation cleaners and cleaned the waste themselves, keeping the garbage in sacks or other containers so that it could be easily taken away.

The areas which still have a lot of

cleaning to do are mostly places where makeshift cattle markets had been set up.

Piles of garbage was seen at the open space adjoining Postogola crematory cattle market, Morhum Haji Delowar Hossain cattle market in Lalbagh and Balurmath adjoining Brothers Union Club in Gopibagh.

DSCC Additional Chief Waste Management Officer Abu Saleh Main Uddin said their drive was delayed for lessees of some cattle markets, including those at Postogola and Gopibagh, who did not remove the bamboo structures erected at the venues. He hoped to complete the cleaning works in all the cattle markets by today.

DNCC Superintendent Engineer

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A wheel loader of Dhaka South City Corporation dumps the remains of sacrificial cattle into a truck in Lalbagh Beribandh area of the capital on Tuesday for transporting to a proper dumping place on the outskirts of the city.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Indo-Bangla JSC meeting on power begins today

UNB, Dhaka

A meeting of the Bangladesh-India Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on power sector development will begin today in New Delhi.

At the two-day meeting, Bangladesh will place a joint survey report on its proposed import of 100MW power from India's Palatana Power Plant in its Tripura state.

Both Dhaka and Delhi jointly conducted a study to assess the need for new infrastructures to be developed to import 100MW of electricity from the Palatana plant as per decision of the last JSC meeting held in Dhaka in April, said sources at the Power Division.

Officials said the state-owned Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB) and the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) carried out the joint feasibility study in the last few months and compiled the study findings.

"The report is likely to be placed at the JSC meeting scheduled for October 9-10 in New Delhi," said

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## Uttara O-level student's death still a mystery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mystery still shrouds the death of an O-level candidate in the capital's Uttara just days before Eid-ul-Azha on Monday.

The body of Zubair Ahmed, 16, was recovered by divers of firefighting units from a pond at Sector 4 on Sunday around 11:00am as per information provided by an Algerian national, Abu Ubaida Kadir.

Ubaida, arrested and taken on a three-day remand which ended yesterday, told police that he and Zubair were playing football in a field on Saturday evening when the ball fell in the adjoining pond.

He said Zubair drowned while trying to retrieve it and he had tried and failed to save him. All this has been witnessed by, as he says, a local named Ismail Hossain, whom police are still trying to trace.

He claimed to have gone home afterwards and fallen asleep.

Ubaida had been an acquaintance of Zubair for some time for they played football together, the victim's brother Jamil Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday.

On Saturday, Zubair left his Sector 5 residence around 5:30pm without his cellphone. As darkness fell and he did not return, the family called Ubaida but they found the line busy, said Jamil.

Around 6:10am on Sunday, Ubaida called Jamil informing that he knew where Zubair was. They both went to the spot and Ubaida showed where he had last seen Zubair, added Jamil.

Zubair knew a little bit of swimming, Jamil said, adding that he had talked to a lot of people who were playing there at the time Ubaida claimed Zubair had drowned and that none had seen it happen.

Police informed of seeing scratch marks on Zubair's belly. Dhaka Medical College morgue sources informed that they found evidence suggesting Zubair had drowned but kept viscera samples to see if he was poisoned or sedated.

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## Unctad's World Investment Forum begins Oct 13

UNB, Dhaka

The heads of dozens of transnational corporations and other private sector stakeholders will meet with the heads of state and government authorities to launch major new initiatives in the area of investment for development at Unctad's World Investment Forum 2014 in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from October 13 to 16.

"Faced with common global economic, social and environmental challenges, the international community is defining a set of sustainable development goals to replace the millennium development goals when they expire next year," Unctad Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi said. "A key part of the new goals will be a robust funding framework."

There is a clear role for the private sector to galvanise efforts to deliver on the new goals, which cannot be met with public money alone, Dr Kituyi added.

He said, "The core purpose of this year's World Investment Forum is to bring together public and corporate leaders to amplify the discussion about private

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## HC stays suspension of Jhalakathi mayor

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The High Court has stayed a government decision to suspend Mayor Md Afzal Hossain of Jhalakathi municipality for six months.

The LGRD and cooperatives ministry on October 1 suspended Afzal from his post for abusing power including issuing license for plying battery-run rickshaws without approval from the authorities concerned.

Following a writ petition filed by Afzal, the HC on Sunday also issued a rule upon the government to explain why the decision should not be declared

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## Return Hajj flights

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action after receiving the Saudi government's official document," he told The Daily Star.

Besides, 200 pilgrims could not go to Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj after being deceived by 17 Hajj agencies, added Nasir Uddin.

This year, a total of 97,989 Bangladeshis left the country to perform Hajj, said Abdul Malek, assistant hajj officer at Dhaka Hajj Office.

Of them, 1,508 went to Saudi Arabia through government arrangements, while the remaining through private arrangements, he added.

The national flag carrier will operate a total of 134 flights to bring back half of the pilgrims. Return flights of Biman Bangladesh will end on November 8.

Saudi Airlines will also operate return flights from today till November 17.

## Nation mourns

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organisations Amra Muktiyoddhar Shantan, and Obhibhabak Oikyo Forum; and Online Journalist Association of Bangladesh also conveyed messages of condolence stating that Matin's passing has created a void.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique also offered his sympathies to the bereaved family.

## Robbers

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Tahsiba Chowdhury filed a case with the police station accusing her domestic help for her alleged involvement in the incident and three to four unidentified miscreants.

During the incident, the domestic help was home alone while her employer Tahsiba was staying at her relative's house, said police.

Police arrested the house help and sent her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for forensic test as she claimed to have been raped during the robbery. Bilkis Begum, coordinator of the One-Stop Crisis Centre at the hospital, told The Daily Star that the test would be conducted today.

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