

# DEATH OF MAHJABIN Fair probe demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred people, including former and current students of Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College and family members and relatives of Dr Shamarukh Mahjabin, formed a human chain in the capital's Shabbagh yesterday demanding a fair probe into her death.

Shamarukh Mahjabin, 26, wife of Humayun Sultan, son of ex-MP from Jessore-5 constituency Khan Tipu Sultan, was found dead at her in-laws in the capital's Dhanmondi on November 13. Humayun and Mahjabin got married in April last year.

Her in-laws claimed Mahjabin committed suicide, while her father Nurul Islam filed a murder case accusing Humayun Sultan, his father Tipu Sultan and mother Dr Jasmine Ara, associate professor of the college.

After the hour-long human chain yesterday, the demonstrators organised a rally during which they demanded punishment of the culprits responsible for Mahjabin's death saying if the culprits were not punished, innocent young girls would continue to be murdered in the country.

Meanwhile, the post-mortem report of Mahjabin was handed over to police by the Dhaka Medical College authorities on Sunday. The report states that Mahjabin's death was a suicide.

Rejecting the report, Mahjabin's father Nurul Islam filed a petition with a Dhaka court for conducting another post-mortem on Tuesday. The court agreed and ordered for another post-mortem.

Humayun is in jail at the moment while his parents are out on bail.

# 3 arrested

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was demanded from his father through texts messages and calls, said the commander, adding that it was what the detainees confessed.

Shahanur got acquainted with Rabbi two months ago to kidnap him, he added.



A recklessly driven car goes up a road divider as the driver chose to take advantage of an empty road in Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Sarani in the capital's Ramna yesterday around 2:00pm.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# ACC to introduce automation to bring transparency

UNB, Dhaka

The Anti-Corruption Commission has initiated a move to introduce automation system to bring transparency and accountability in the national anti-graft body and make it work faster.

"The commission has already prepared the 'Road Map 2015-16' to bring the entire organisation under automation system and we (commission) approved it," ACC commissioner Dr Nasiruddin Ahmed told the news agency on Thursday.

On October 21, 2014, ACC at a meeting decided to install automation system so that its capacity could be strengthened by establishing a "digitalised system" which will be paperless.

Automation is a condition of being automatically controlled or operated. At present, the ACC conduct probes into the graft allegations manually. But, the ACC officials will be able to work without the use of paper after installing the automation system.

All investigative officers and top officials (commissioners and secretary) of the commission will have separate password to access the automation system, said an ACC official involved in the automation process wishing anonymity.

He said the ACC officials will register the graft allegations in the system. The commissioners will take into account the allegations from the system and will give "official order" asking its officials to conduct probe into the allegations.

# Continuous pressure must

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presided over the discussion.

Rizwana observed that the fate of rivers was interconnected with a good number of people, who, if they joined hands, could make the movement more effective.

She advised the movement's members not to use the issue to fulfil personal agendas and work selflessly to make their endeavours reach success.

Institute of Water and Environment Chairman M Inamul Haque said India and China's claim of running run-of the river hydroelectricity generation facilities, characterised by the absence of water reservoirs, upstream of the Teesta river was an eyewitness leading to the river's death.

"Run-of the river is possible only in the rainy season when water is abundant. In the dry season, the downstream flow reduces substantially...therefore there is no reason to believe that India and China will generate electricity only in the rainy season and remain inactive the rest of the year," he said.

He urged the government to demand compensation from India for the damage caused by the latter's dams upstream.

The movement announced a 17-point demand, including setting up of effluent treatment plants in industrial areas, forming a committee of surveyors to inspect river demarcation every three months, and taking effective steps against grabbers.

# Poor hygiene scares off

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frequently treated students with food poisoning.

Students of Syed Ameer Ali Hall made the same allegation about hygiene at their dining hall.

"The plates and glasses are dirty and have a bad smell," one student told The Daily Star.

Hashem Ali and Sultan Ali, in-charge of the canteen at Sher-e-Bangla hall, said it is difficult for them to serve good food in a hygienic environment due to a shortage of fund.

They said the money charged to students

is too low.

Each student pays Tk 20 for lunch and Tk 16 for dinner.

Hashem Ali urged the university authorities to give them subsidy so that they can serve better food.

Contacted, Prof Asabul Haque, provost of Suhrawardy hall, echoed Hashem saying it is difficult to serve delicious food within the limited money charged to students.

RU student adviser Prof Sadequl Arefin Matin said they would discuss the issue, including that of giving subsidy, and talk to the hall provosts in this regard.

# Bangladesh's Capt Moin

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Romania, according to a press release of Bangladesh High Commission in London.

In the last round, he defeated the Romanian candidate by 49-37 votes.

The election was held at the 23rd session of the IMSO Assembly.

This is the sixth international election that Bangladesh has contested and won on the trot in last six months. The victories bear testimony to the successful pro-peace and pro-development foreign policy pursued by the government, said the release.

# Nisha Biswal visits BIPSOT in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Desai Biswal visited Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT) at Rajendrapur cantonment in Gazipur yesterday.

Commandant of the institute Major General Maksudur Rahman welcomed the US assistant secretary when she arrived at BIPSOT.

Biswal planted a sapling on the institute premises and met up with senior officials of BIPSOT and discussed the role of Bangladesh Armed Forces in UN Peacekeeping Operations.

US Ambassador Dan Mozena, among others, was present at the meeting.

# 34 rescued from human trafficking at Benapole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday rescued 34 people, including three children and 10 women, while they were being trafficked to India through

Putkhal border.

However, the BGB team could not catch the traffickers.

The victims, of Narail, Barisal and Bagherhat, were handed over to Benapole Port Police. A case was filed.

# Habiganj takes colourful

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to give the town a facelift by renovating and decorating important establishments.

Hasina, also president of the ruling party, is scheduled to inaugurate and lay foundation stones of several projects, including the 400MW Bibiyana Power Plant in Nabiganj upazila, said Abu Jahir MP, president of Habiganj district AL.

The prime minister returned home yesterday from the two-day 18th Saarc Summit in Nepal.

She will address a rally at New Field in the town and inaugurate Habiganj Diabetic Hospital, Nursing Institute, Zilla Parishad Auditorium and a renovated stadium from the programme, Jahir told The Daily Star by phone.

He said over 300 billboards and 15,000 gates adorned the district and all upazila headquarters and Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

One of the advertisers who hired the hoardings, however, said these were taken over without informing them. He refused to disclose name in fear of reprisal by local AL men.

Each billboard in Sylhet costs between Tk 30,000 and Tk 1.25 lakh a year, depending on the location, said an official at Habiganj municipality.

The municipality mayor, GK Gous, a BNP leader, confirmed to The Daily Star that no permission was sought. He, however, said one AL leader had called him a few days ago and informed him that the billboards were "needed".

# JCD calls hartal for suspecting

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identify the real culprits properly and arrest them," Imtiaz told The Daily Star.

Prof Shafiqul, 48, of sociology was hacked to death by unidentified assailants in front of his house near RU campus on November 15.

Initially, police claimed that militants and Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir killed the professor due to his adora-

tion for mystic philosopher Lalou. However, Rapid Action Battalion said it was an act of some Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal men over personal grudges.

Police later changed its version and backed Rab's.

Law enforcers have so far arrested 17 people, including six Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal men and eight Jamaat-Shibir men, and remanded 12 of them.

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Today, November 29, 2014, Saturday is the 4<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of late **Mumataj Chowdhury**, wife of the former Finance Secretary and the Managing Director of Sonali Bank Ltd. late G. M. Chowdhury.

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