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Man kills wife for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A woman was killed allegedly by her husband for dowry at Pachakari village in Jessore's Monirampur on Thursday night.

The hanging body of Champa Karmakar, 22, with her hands and legs tied up with ropes was recovered from her residence, said Goutam Mandal, in-charge of Nehalpur police camp.

Her husband Sanjay Karmakar and in-laws have been absconding since the incident, said police.

Champa's brother Bishwajit alleged that Sanjay had been demanding dowry from his sister for around six months.

2 held with animal skins, fake notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel yesterday arrested two men with a tiger skin, 14 deer skins, and counterfeit notes worth Tk 2 lakh in Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur yesterday.

The detained are: Babul Matubbar, a union parishad

member of Bhandaria, and one Mamun.

Jasim Uddin, assistant director of Rab-8, at a press briefing at Rupatali area of Barisal, said they conducted a drive in the area and caught the two poachers and recovered the animal skins and counterfeit notes.

Sand trader hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Unidentified criminals hacked a sand trader to death at Vatkandi village in Sadar upazila of Bogra early yesterday, said police.

The body of Shaheen Pramanik, 38, son of Khater Ali Pramanik of the village, was recovered from a bush.

Later, police sent it to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital.

Gaziur Rahman, assistant superintendent of police (Sadar) of Bogra, said he might have been killed over trade dispute in the area.

Student found dead in Pabna mess

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police recovered the hanging body of a university student from a mess in Pabna town's Monsurabad residential area yesterday morning.

Mehedi Hassan Parvez, 22, son of Bazlur Rahman of Sujanagar upazila, was a first year student of the electrical and electronics engineering department at the Pabna University of Science and Technology.

He committed suicide, Pabna Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ahsanul Haque quoted the family as saying.

Man dies falling from train roof

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An unidentified man was killed and two others were injured as they fell off the roof of a running train after hitting a railway overhead bridge at Mymensingh town's Balashpur early yesterday, said railway police.

With head injuries, Abu Shaheen, 25, an army man posted at Jessore Cantonment; and Motahar Hossain, 30, of Netrakona, were admitted to

Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Abdul Ahad Khan, officer-in-charge of Mymensingh Railway Police Station, said they might have been standing.

Child drowns in Gaibandha river

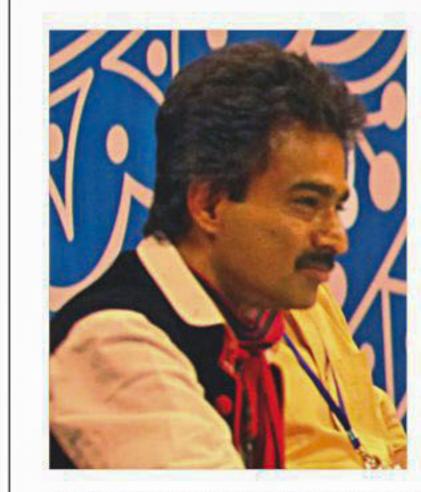
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A child drowned in a river at village Balua of Gaibandha

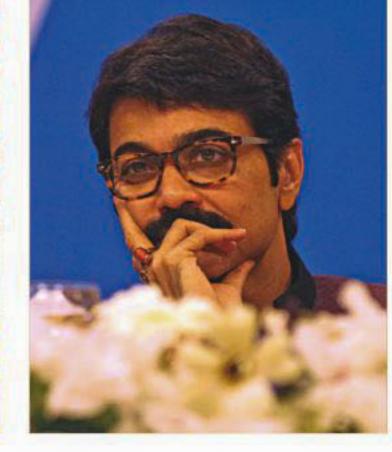
yesterday. Eight-year-old Asif Hossain, son of Emdadul Huq,

around noon was playing with some of his friends near the river Bangalee when he fell into it.











Clockwise from top, visiting Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee joins the artists of Dhaka and Kolkata as they sing the national anthems of Bangladesh and India at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday. Mamata's entourage includes, among others, actors Moon Moon Sen, Prosenjit Chaterjee, Deepak Adhikari Dev, and singer Nachiketa.

PHOTO: STAR

Mamata seeks more connectivity, tourism

Calls on president; sees Bangabandhu museum flooded with emotions; attends reception hosted by Indian high commissioner UNB, Dhaka

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, during a courtesy call on President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban after lunch yesterday, expressed interest in launching an Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata bus service and Khulna-Kolkata train service and in flourishing relations in the tourism sector.

Hoping that her visit will see pending issues resolved, Hamid said Bangladesh was working on improving trade infrastructure and connectivity, particularly with West Bengal.

The president's wife Rashida Khanom, West Bengal Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim, Tourism Minister Bratya Basu, lawmakers Deepak Adhikari (Deb) and Moonmoon Sen and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran were present.

Mamata also exchanged greetings with Hamid's family at his residence.

Afterwards, Mamata visited Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, terming it a place flooded with emotions and which gave her the shivers and that she would surely return to the residence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on every future visit to reminiscence.

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