

Journo Mukul's girlfriend sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Mehjabin Binte Ferdous, girlfriend of recently sacked News Editor of Gtv Rakibul Islam Mukul, to jail after her surrender seeking bail in a dowry case.

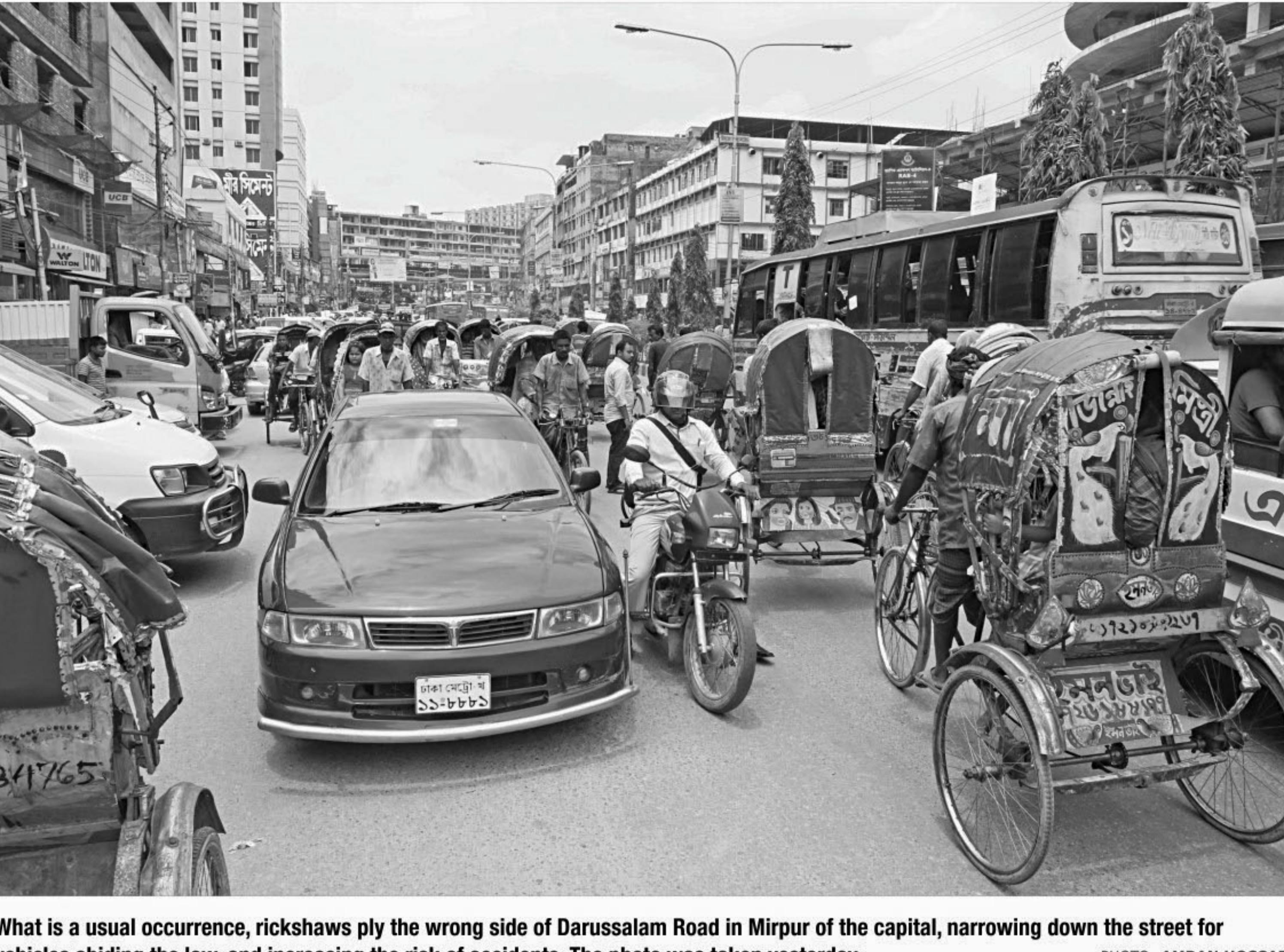
Mukul's wife Naznin Akhter Tonni, senior reporter of the Bangla daily Janakantha, filed the case on June 25 alleging that Mukul tortured her for dowry.

Mehjabin was also accused in the case for instigating Mukul for torturing Naznin.

Mukul was earlier arrested and sent to jail on Sunday after a one-day remand.

Naznin alleged her husband had been torturing her since August last year.

A few months ago she learned that Mukul had been having an affair with another woman for over a year, she said.



What is a usual occurrence, rickshaws ply the wrong side of Darussalam Road in Mirpur of the capital, narrowing down the street for vehicles abiding the law, and increasing the risk of accidents. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Embroidery gives Rangpur women self-reliance

BSS, Rangpur

Several thousand rural women in Rangpur division, who once lived in abysmal conditions, have achieved self-reliance through embroidery work in the last one decade.

They mainly work on women's clothing like saree and kamiz. Once decorated with bright sequins and colourful threads, they sell at higher prices across the country including the capital.

Activists of the NGOs, which took the opportunity to their doorstep with the help of the government, say 42,000 housewives, divorced women, unemployed young girls, widows and students are engaged with the profession and 23,000 have become self-reliant.

The initiatives were taken in 2006-07.

Head of Programme Coordination of RDRS Bangladesh Monjursee Saha said the rural women had fought back poverty and now dream of better future for their children.

Over 2,250 unemployed and distressed women, victims of domestic violence, divorced women, widows and physically

challenged women have so far achieved self-reliance through needlework with the assistance of RDRS Bangladesh alone, she added.

A pioneering entrepreneur of embroidery industry, Chand Mia, of Chandkuthi Danga village in Rangpur's Badarganj upazila, said he had expanded the venture generating employment for many poor women and turned them into artisans.

Most of the housewives, school and college girls from poor families do the needlework in their leisure time sitting at their houses, he said.

He said, "Each saree sells on Dhaka's markets for Tk 7,000 to Tk 26,000 on an average, while the saree embroidered by a more skilled hand brings up to Tk 40,000."

As the venture continues expanding faster, most of the women of all ages in the village have turned into craftspeople and earn Tk 800 to Tk 1,000 weekly, he added.

Craftswomen Shamima, Marjina, Sohana, and Mollika of the village said they earned Tk 2,500 to Tk 5,000 monthly, and their incomes doubled before Eid-ul-Fitr and Durga Puja.

Phensedyl found in vehicle used by cops Also in book stall in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Rapid Action Battalion arrested the driver of a microbus requisitioned for a civil team of police after finding Phensedyl with him in Savar outside Dhaka yesterday.

The Rab team also seized the microbus with two logos of Bangladesh Police, said Mohammad Masudur Rahman, company commander of Rab-4. Fifteen bottles of Phensedyl were found with the driver, Md Rabiu Islam, 40, inside the microbus, and 85 more bottles at his house in Aladipur of Savar.

Habildar Md Mozibur Rahman of Rab-4 filed a case with Savar Model Police Station.

According to the case statement, Rabiu was held while he was dealing with his customers.

The microbus is used for the team under Sub-inspector Md Shariful Islam, said Mazharul Islam, operation officer of the police station.

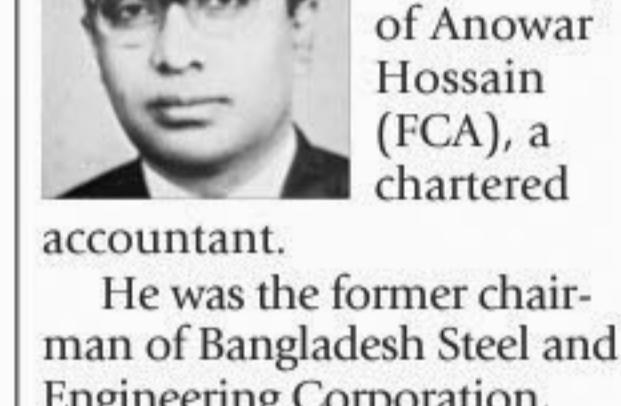
SI Sharif said he did not know how the driver, who had been absent for two days, was involved in the illegal drug business.

Despite repeated attempts, Officer-in-Charge SM Kamruzzaman could not be contacted for comments.

Separately, at least 50 bottles of Phensedyl were seized from a book shop "Bismillah Library" and its owner Md Owashim was arrested at Kurgaon in Ashulia yesterday, said police.

Meanwhile, on information, Ashulia police recovered two crude bombs from a field at Srikondi yesterday, said Sub-inspector Md Rakibul Islam.

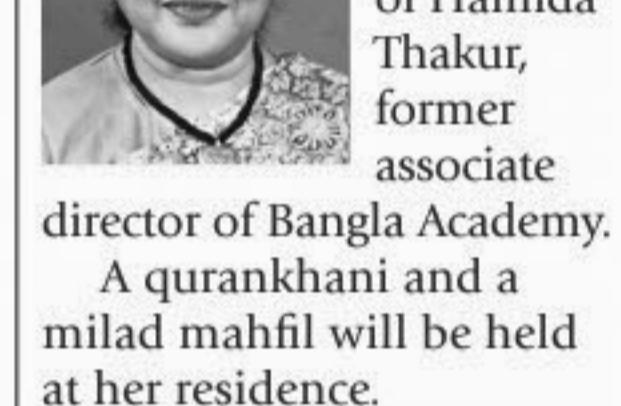
Death anniversary CITY DESK



Today is the 3rd death anniversary of Anowar Hossain FCA, a chartered accountant.

He was the former chairman of Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation, president of ICAB and a founder of ICMAB. A qurankhani and an iftar mahfil will be held at a mosque and orphanage.

Hamida Thakur CITY DESK



Today is the 2nd death anniversary of Hamida Thakur, former associate director of Bangla Academy.

A qurankhani and a milad mahfil will be held at her residence.

Hamida Thakur died in 2013 at the age of 69.

NEWS IN brief

Woman dies in two-storey fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman died after falling down two storeys in the capital's Badda yesterday.

The deceased, Shimu Akhter, 27, wife of an expatriate living in Saudi Arabia, allegedly suffered from mental illness. Police and family sources said she may have committed suicide.

Kamrul Hasan Tito, Shimu's brother, told The Daily Star that she went to the roof of the five-storey building around 2:30pm. Shimu, mother of twin children, was

Two bodies found in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Two bodies were found in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday.

In Aminbazar, the slit-throat body of Sanu Hawlader, 35, was recovered from a water body in Hizla village. He was a sand businessman in Mohammadpur area.

Meanwhile, the body of an unidentified woman, aged around 40, was found in Namabazar area. She might have been strangled as a suffocation mark was found on

Road accidents kill two

CITY DESK

A person was killed and another injured when a bus collided head-on with a pick-up van on Thakurgaon-Baliadangi road in Velajan village of Thakurgaon Sadar yesterday.

The deceased was pick-up van driver Polash, 24, of Panchagarh.

Meanwhile in Manikganj, a truck helper was killed as the vehicle fell into a roadside ditch at Utholy on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Shivalaya upazila.

The deceased was Tapan Mia, 25, of Dhubaria village of Tangail.

SUHRAWARDY MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL Director suspended for irregularities in buying machine

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health ministry has suspended Dr AKM Mujibur Rahman, director of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, on the charge of irregularities in purchasing an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine.

A primary investigation by the ministry found proof of irregularities in buying a 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine, Hitachi brand and Echelon model. He also violated the Public Procurement Rules, according to a circular signed by Health Secretary Syed Manjurul Islam on July 1.

"The order is effective immediately," the circular said. The director, however, would be entitled to allowances during the suspension period.

An official of the health ministry said the hospital's purchase, which also included two generators, two digital X-ray machines and training of 11 staff, was worth Tk 21 crore.

The director, however, has partly violated these conditions. Following that, the ministry formed a probe committee led by an additional secretary that found evidence of irregularities.

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