

### Three more found dead in Gazipur

Seven killed in three days in district

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Three people, including a college student, were found dead in separate incidents in Gazipur yesterday.

In Kaliakoir, the hanging body of Joti Akter, 19, was recovered from her Harinhati village house, said Safiul Alam, sub-inspector of Kaliakoir Police Station.

Joti was an eleventh-grader of Bhasha Shahid Abdul Jabber School and College, he said.

Police detained her husband Mahbubur Rahman Bepary and sister-in-law Badrunnahar Beauty for interrogation.

In Sreepur, Sohag, 25, son of Sozul Ghosh, was found hanging from a mango tree near his house in Barmi Bazaar area, said Sreepur Model Police Station Sub-inspector Sohorawardi.

Yet another incident, Rifat, 6, son of Borhan Uddin, was declared dead at Kapasia Upazila Health Complex after he was rescued from a wetland in Uttar Khamer village of the upazila.

Locals said he drowned in the wetland.

Earlier on Tuesday, missing Mohammed Masum, 35, was found dead in a ditch beside Dhaka-Tangail highway before Shafipur Ansar Academy in the district.

An unidentified man was found dead in Kalikoir's Kalampur area on the day.

On Monday night, one Roton Majhi, 55, and another Raju Dewan, were hacked to death in separate incidents in Gazipur.



The canal inside Mohammadpur Kaderia Housing area of the capital cannot drain water anymore. It has filled up over the time because of local residents continuously dumping waste into it although a signboard of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) prohibits such acts. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

### NILADRI MURDER

## Probe report about refusal to record GD faces questions

### Probe body doesn't take key witness's statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police probe body, formed to investigate the allegation of refusal to record a general diary of slain blogger Niladri Chattopadhyay Niloy, did not take statements of one key witness, raising questions about the investigation process.

The three-member committee submitted its probe report to the commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police on Tuesday. After the killing of Niladri, his wife Asha Moni alleged that Khilgaon police had refused to record the GD on his security a couple of months back. The blogger also mentioned on his Facebook post about the refusal.

On May 14, Niladri and his friend Dev Joyti Rudro went to the police station for filing the GD, according to Asha Moni and Rudro.

"We heard that police already had submitted the report but no police officer contacted me on that issue," Rudro told The Daily Star last night.

Tracking their cellphones, the probe report said Niladri and Rudro were somewhere near the police station on that day but it could not confirm whether they went there to file the GD or for other purposes, a police official of DMP told The Daily Star.

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## Hasina wants to stop flow of 'harmful' information

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the information ministry to be watchful to stop the flow of information that harms people.

"This is an important duty of the information ministry to take useful information to people and to be particularly watchful to stop the flow of harmful information to them," she told the foundation stone laying ceremony for Tathya Bhaban (Information Building) on the premises of the Department of Film and Publications in the capital.

This is the information age where

information creates opportunities for people, she said, adding, "But fabricated information creates confusion among people and causes them harm."

Hasina stressed the importance of how information is circulated and presented, and how the audience is receiving it. "So I hope useful information will be presented to people."

The prime minister said special attention was needed so that distorted information could not harm people, especially children and the youth, or damage their character building process.

With Information Secretary

Martuza Ahmed in the chair, the programme was also addressed by Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, PM's adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Ministry AKM Rahmatullah MP.

Welcoming criticism of the government, the prime minister said, "There'll be criticism; let there be constructive criticism. But criticism shouldn't confuse people distorting the fact. Critics should also mention the development and good works of the government."

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## Secular state must give space for free expression

### UN resident coordinator Robert Watkins tells workshop on terror financing; says Bangladesh doesn't have problem of terrorism yet

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A secular state must give opportunity for free thinking and free expressions, UN Resident Coordinator (UNRC) in Dhaka Robert D Watkins said yesterday, citing the recent murder of four liberal bloggers in the country.

He also said Bangladesh was blessed not to have the problem of terrorism yet but warned that criminality and terrorism often went hand in hand.



He made the remarks while addressing the inaugural session of a workshop on "Designation and Asset Freezing under United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 1,267 and 1,373".

The resolutions deal with sanctions related to terrorism.

About the debates on how free people should express their views, the UN official said it might vary from person to person,

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## CCC mayor seeks cooperation of government agencies

### Lists 124 specific assistances

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Proper coordination between the works of the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) and all government agencies providing services to its residents is a must for turning Chittagong into a liveable, green, healthy, and clean city, the mayor said yesterday.

AJM Nasir Uddin said CCC could not solve all problems single-handedly and with the lack of coordination, the dream of making it a global standard city would never come true.

He was addressing a views exchange meeting with top officials of 28 organisations including the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) where CCC sought 124 specific assistances from 23 of the organisations.

The organisations include the Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (CWASA), Chittagong District Administration, Divisional Commissioner's office, the Department of Environment (DoE), Health Department, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), Power Development Board



(PDB), Water Development Board, Public Works Department (PWD), Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), and Fire Service and Civil Defence.

CCC organised the meeting at its newly built conference room.

Mayor Nasir said CCC hoped for these specific assistances for overall development of the city.

Out of the 124 assistances, the highest 20 were sought from CDA, 12 from CMP and 11 from Bangladesh Railway.

The CCC mayor said CDA should take its opinion while formulating the master and other plans, keep CCC representatives in the planning committees, and inform the mayor before finalising any plan.

It also hoped that CDA would keep it informed of plans to develop city roads, bridges or culverts and of any development project.

CWASA was requested to remove its water supply pipelines now lying beneath the culverts and to place those in higher places to keep the drainage system and water supply uninterrupted.

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**STAR WEEKEND**  
in other news...

With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the *Star Weekend* has an array of unique articles for you. This week our spotlight focuses on the lack of play space for children, resulting in lack of mental and physical growth. There is an article that takes us back to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib's life behind bars during the Agartala Conspiracy Case, and much, much more. Don't forget your copy of *Star Weekend* tomorrow, Friday!

**GROWING PAINS**

Today, concrete structures are rising up as if a collection of their aggressive intent to outgrow their neighbours, casting their grey gloom on the landscape north below. With the reign of the concrete jungle begins the dislocation of nature's gifts. Fresh air, greenery and open space are essential for our mental and physical welfare. Open grounds are fundamental to the optimum growth of children, for whom playing is the most natural process of developing empathy, teamwork and stress management. But our children are stunted by the congestion of the city and deprived of a safe and clean environment to serve their need for space. The gradual disappearance of Dhaka city's open grounds are moulding children into passive thinkers, addicted to television and video games, over-entangled in the delirious world of the media. Read more on the need of play-space in our Spotlight on pages 8 and 10.

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### Pry terminal exams begin on Nov 22

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Primary and Ebtedai terminal examinations (primary level of madrasa) for class-V students will be held from November 22 to 29, said officials yesterday.

Examinations of six subjects will be held on separate days from 11:00am to 1:30pm with English on the first day. Students with special needs will get additional 20 minutes. The result will be announced in late December.

### AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK Landlord of Mufti Hannan gives deposition

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness, the then landlord of Mufti Abdul Hannan, yesterday gave deposition before a Dhaka court in the August 21 grenade attack cases saying that Rapid Action

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