# NEWS<sub>IN</sub> brief

### Sweden, UNFPA sign deal to support midwifery-led healthcare

CITY DESK

Sweden and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have signed a grant agreement to support midwifery-led maternal and newborn healthcare in Bangladesh, says a press release.

The Head of Swedish Development Cooperation Karin McDonald and UNFPA Representative Argentina Matavel Piccin signed the deal. In Bangladesh, about 60 percent of women are still giving birth at home without a skilled attendant, putting both mother and

### NSU holds electrical, computer design fair

CITY DESK

The department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of North South University conducted the "ECE Capstone Senior Design Showcase Fall 2015" on Tuesday.

The aim of this event was to inspire the engineering students to apply their knowledge to change the society from different perspectives and be able to help others understand the applications of engineering in real life.

The event was inaugurated by BOT Chairman MA Kashem and Vice-Chancellor (in charge) Gour

### Ratan president, Mizan secy of Swajan CITY DESK

Mahabubur Rahman Ratan and Mizanur Rahman Mizan

have been made president and secretary respectively of Swajan, says a press release.

The declaration came at a

meeting held during the cake festival and cultural programme of Swajan at Rabinra Sharobar in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday. The 27-member committee also includes Jafar Iqbal Nerob, organising secretary, and Aziz Mia, cashier.

### 105 women, children murdered FROM PAGE 3

press release, adding that six victims were killed after

rape. Thirteen women and children were victims of rape

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were victims of sexual harassment. Forty-two women

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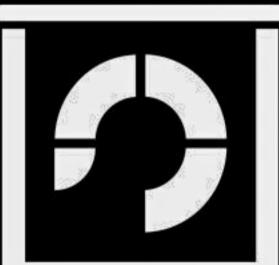
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### Six charges pressed against 2 Kishoreganj

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considered a prisoner of war, she said. The Liberation War is considered an

international armed conflict, and during the period, maltreatment of dead bodies like dumping those into rivers or dragging them across the surface constitutes violation of the Geneva Convention, Tureen said.

The two were "involved" in several such incidents, she added.

**FIVE OTHER CHARGES** 

Persecution of Hindus through forced conversion in Dampara village in Nikli upazila in mid-August; abduction, confinement and torture of four people in Nikli Bazar from September 2 to October 19; killing of 26 people in Gurui village on September 6; killing of 35 Hindus and torture of four others in Dampara village on September 23; and killings of freedom fighters Khairul Jahan Bir Pratik and Md Selim Bir Pratik in Kishoreganj sadar upazila on November 26.

BACKGROUND

Syed Mohammad left for Malaysia on May 21 last year and the investigations began on

November 13, according to the tribunal's investigation agency. Interpol has already issued a red notice

and talked to Malaysian police to bring him

back, it said. Moslem, of Kamarhati village in Nikli upazila, was arrested on July 8 this year after the tribunal issued an arrest warrant against

the duo. Syed Mohammad was originally from Machihata village (Pir Bari) in Brahmanbaria sadar upazila but had been living with his family in Kishoreganj sadar upazila since 1936 as his father worked

there, according to the agency. His father, Syed Musleh Uddin, was the vice president of the East Pakistan unit of Pakistan Democratic Party (PDP) and chairman of the Peace Committee in Kishoreganj sub-division in 1971, the agency said.

Both PDP and Peace Committee worked against Bangladesh's liberation.

Syed Mohammad was the commander of the Razakar Bahini in Nikli and known as "Razakarer Daroga" while his brother that of Tarail upazila in 1971. Moslem was a

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occupation army during Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War. The BEA issued a statement in this regard yester-

The association demanded that the government sever all economic and diplomatic relations with Pakistan before December 16, if it does not seek unconditional apology within the next 48 hours for issuing an statement denying committing war crimes or atrocities in Bangladesh during

BEA also demanded closure of Pakistan embassy in Bangladesh and establishment of different structures, including a museum, marking Liberation War there.

### Filmmaker sees crowdfunding as tool to cut unemployment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Crowdfunding can be a good source of raising capital for investment in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and a way to reduce unemployment, filmmaker Abu Sayeed who has put the idea into practice said yesterday.

Crowdfunding is a practice of funding a project with relatively modest contributions from a large group of individuals, rather than seeking substantial sums from a small number of

investors. Abu Sayeed is crowdfunding to produce his feature film "Songjog", and urged the government to adopt the concept to boost economic growth.

"The alms of Tk 2-5 given to beggars are nominal but they can add up to a huge sum and can be used for new productive ventures," he said.

Abu Sayeed was addressing a roundtable discussion, "Crowdfunding: A New Promising Way for the Development of Bangladesh's Economy", organised by him at Shilpakala Academy.

The award winning filmmaker has already collected Tk 6.85 lakh from 700-800 people although it is little compared to the film's primary budget of Tk 85 lakh.

Shooting will start on December 16.

"If the fund can be raised, it will be spent for taking service, buying goods, and giving remuneration to individuals. None could take away money without any contribution or service," he said, explaining the process of crowdfunding to the audience.

Sayeed said the earning from the film would be spent for making another film in the same way. He believes that

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