

Two women found hanging together

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police last night recovered dead bodies of two women from a house in Ashulia's Narsinghpur area.

The deceased were Preeti and Kobita, aged around 22, said police, adding that they might be factory workers.

Their details could not be known till filing of the report at 12:30am today.

The bodies were found hanging together from a ceiling fan with a scarf around 9:30pm, said police. They also found a note, which read "none would separate us". The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College for autopsy.

EATL Prothom Alo Apps Contest starts

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The EATL Prothom Alo Apps Contest-2016 began for the fourth time at The Westin Dhaka on Tuesday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the programme, where State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak, Country Director of World Bank for Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, South Asia Qimiao Fan, Canadian High Commissioner Benoît-Pierre Laramée, EATL Managing Director MA Mubin Khan and Prothom Alo Editor Matuir Rahman were present. The World Bank is the lead sponsor, with support of the Canadian government. The contest will continue for seven months. Students from different universities can submit their ideas in team by August 31 through www.eatlapps.com/contest 2016.



Miki Yamada, parliamentary vice-minister for foreign affairs of Japan, greeting Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with flowers yesterday when she reached Nagoya in Japan to attend the G7 Outreach Meeting.

PHOTO: PTID

FIXING GUIDELINES FOR APPOINTING JUDGES HC sets June 5 for further hearing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist AF Hassan Ariff yesterday told the High Court that it is the judiciary's sovereign responsibility to see whether the rule of law is upheld and the state is being run in an orderly and just manner.

He said this as amicus curiae (friend of court) during the sixth day's hearing of a pending writ petition that prayed for framing of specific guidelines for the selection process of persons for appointment as judges of the highest court.

The bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice Krishna Deb Nath fixed June 5 for further hearing.

The HC on June 6, 2010 issued a rule asking the government to explain as to why specific guidelines should not be framed for the process of selection for appointments of judges to bring transparency and competitiveness in it.

The petition was filed by SC lawyer Raghib Rauf Chowdhury, stating that the existing selection process lacked transparency and competitiveness since there was no specific guideline.

Extension of primary edu will be a challenge

Says Mostafizur Rahman, seeks more budget allocation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Underscoring the need for more budget allocation, Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman yesterday said extension of primary education up to class VIII would be a challenge for them to handle as many existing schools do not have adequate infrastructure.

"We need extensive preparation as the purview has increased. There are many challenges here which are not easy to face. However, these are not impossible," said the minister.

In light of the National Education Policy 2010, the government made the decision to extend the level of primary education from class V to VIII on May 18.

"If the policy were implemented in 2011, we would've gone far by now," Mostafizur said, adding that they wanted to give a good start with the resource constraint.

He was addressing the closing ceremony of a consultation programme titled "Stakeholder Consultation on PEDP3 and Beyond" jointly organised by the Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), and INGO Education Forum in the capital's LGED-REDC auditorium.

Stressing dedication and devotion of teachers as prerequisite for better education, the minister said, "No matter how much training are being given to the teachers, if they don't have devotion and dedication, nothing will be changed."

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NEWSIN brief

22nd BCS Forum celebrates 12 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiu Alam yesterday at the 12th anniversary of 22nd Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Forum said members of the forum will lead the country in future.

Kazi Nishat Rasul, president of the Forum and senior assistant secretary, Ahmad Majid, vice-president, general secretary and Mohammad Zayedul Alam, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, spoke at the programme organised at Officers' Club, says a press release.

SC Legal Aid Committee meets jail authorities on fast passing info

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee (SCLAC) yesterday held a meeting at its office with jail authorities in order to increase the exchange of information on giving legal aid to detained prisoners at the SC.

SCLAC Chairman Justice M Enayetur Rahim, who presided over the meeting, hoped that the legal aid service will comprehensively be ensured through communication between SCLAC and jail authorities.

TCB to start OMS Sunday

BSS, Dhaka

The Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) is set to start countrywide open market sale (OMS) of essential commodities on Sunday ahead of Ramadan.

A total of 179 trucks -- 32 in Dhaka, 10 in Chittagong, five each in other divisional cities and two each in district towns -- would sell essentials, TCB Public Relations Officer Humayun Kabir told the news agency. He said one could buy highest 4kg of sugar, 2kg of lentil, 5 litres of soybean oil, 5kg of gram, and 1kg of date the OMS point.

Seminar on gravitational waves held at IUB

CITY DESK

A seminar titled "Gravitational Waves: One Hundred Years in the Making" was held at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in Bashundhara, Dhaka on Wednesday.

Quamrul Haider, a professor of the physics and engineering physics department at Fordham University, USA, and a recipient of Swadhinata Padak, was the key speaker of the seminar.



Quamrul Haider

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OBITUARY

Mr. Pollok Kishore Roy (P.K. Roy), Manager, Bank & Leasing of Highspeed Group of Companies, S/O. Late Arun Kishore Roy, Vill. Shmagram, Nibiragar, Brahmanbaria, died in a road accident at Hogli, India on 22/05/2016. He was 65. Mr. Roy is survived by one son, one daughter and his wife. All well wishers have been requested to pray for his departed soul.
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