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Suspect held over Mitu murder

Curious message from Ansar Al Islam condemning killing
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a person in connection with the murder of SP Babul Akter's wife Mahmuda Khanam Mitu.

Shazaman Robin, 28, was arrested in Bayezid area of the port city in the morning, CMP Commissioner Iqbal Bahar told a press briefing at CMP headquarters yesterday.

"We suspect that Robin is the person seen in the CCTV footage," he said, adding that they were verifying if he was indeed in the footage.

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

With heavy bags on his head and shoulder, 12-year-old porter Russell walking on the pontoon of the Sadarghat Launch Terminal. He has been working since he was eight but has almost nothing apart from the clothes he wears.

Toiling for a mere living

3.45m working children remain a cause for concern as world observes day against child labour today

AKRAM HOSEN

A toothbrush, two shirts, a pair of trousers and a savings of Tk 465 are all that Russell has after four years of back-breaking labour at Sadarghat Launch Terminal in the capital.

The twelve-year-old boy carries launch passengers' luggage and suitcases that are quite heavy, and earns between Tk 200-300 a day. But almost all of it is spent on food.

"I love chicken and Biryani. That's why I cannot save much," said the boy who felt that for someone as poor as he it was a matter of embarrassment to crave these foods.

After Russell's father was crushed to death beneath the wheels of a truck around five years ago and his mother died a year later, he and his younger sister started living with his maternal aunt in Faridpur. But he would often starve as the family was very poor.

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NITYARANJAN MURDER IS 'claims' credit

No progress in case; no one arrested

STAR REPORT

With no visible progress in the murder probe of Nityaranjan Pandey, a volunteer of a Hindu monastery in Pabna, Islamic State has claimed the responsibility for the killing, according to the US-based SITE Intelligence Group.

"Amaq News Agency of the Islamic State reported that IS fighters in Bangladesh killed a Hindu man in the northeastern district of Pabna," SITE Intelligence said on its website on Friday.

The Daily Star could not independently verify the IS claim.

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Where is Kalpana?

Amnesty launches unique online campaign 20 years into disappearance of the rights activist in the hills

TAMANNA KHAN

20 Bozor Hazi Gelo - Ezho Bichar No Ohlo

An Amnesty International campaign poster with the sketch of a young woman appears on the screen when googled for #myunseensister. The question "Kalpana Khudu?" (Where is Kalpana?) glares beside the pictures.

On the poster, a statement written in Chakma language "20 Bozor Hazi Gelo -- Ezho Bichar No Ohlo" (20 years have been lost -- Still No Justice) tries to tell the young woman's story.

The sketch is of Kalpana Chakma, an indigenous community leader allegedly abducted by some members of security forces in the early hours of June 12, 1996, from her home in New Lalyaghona of Baghaichhari in Rangamati.

On the 20th anniversary of her disappearance -- after a judicial enquiry, two investigation reports by law enforcers and one progress report by Rangamati Police Superintendent -- "Kalpana Khudu?" is still unanswered.

Amnesty International, a human rights organisation founded in the UK, this year



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

http://myunseensister.tumblr.com

initiated a social media-based "Photo Action" on tumblr, asking people to take their pictures with the poster (available in Bangla, Chakma and English languages) and ask the Bangladeshi authorities about Kalpana's whereabouts.

The idea came up during an Amnesty International conference in Berlin around mid-May, said Bernhard Hertlein, speaker of the Bangladesh Coordination Group of Amnesty International Germany.

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National Budget 2016-17
Allocation for Education and Our Expectations

Congratulations to the Hon'ble Prime Minister from Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), the national coalition of more than a thousand education NGOs, teachers and researchers, for bringing about significant positive changes in the proposed allocation (2016-17) for education.

The budget has shown an increase and we welcome this positive change. But some concerns still remain as there is no clear indication as to how the implementation process of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2010 will be further strengthened through adequate allocation and its judicious utilization.

We, therefore, would like to request the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to kindly consider the following issues in the proposed budget

- It may not be realistically possible for Bangladesh to invest a minimum of 4% - 6% of GDP for education despite commitments made at the UN while adopting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We feel it is important to **draw a roadmap to reach the target by 2018 maintaining this positive upward trend of allocation for education.**
- Provide a **clear guideline for decentralization of the education system** as per direction provided by the National Education Policy 2010 and ensure adequate allocation for this purpose.
- Allocate adequate budget for expansion of primary education up to class VIII particularly for **construction of new infrastructure and recruitment and training of teachers** where necessary.
- Provide clear guidelines and allocate necessary **budget for improvement and regular monitoring of sanitation facilities** in all educational institutions to reduce drop out especially of the girls at the secondary level.
- Provide adequate **budget for construction of women-friendly infrastructure including transport and residential facilities** for the ever-increasing number of women in higher education particularly in medical, engineering and other professional education institutions.
- Provide specific directives for overall infrastructural development of recently joined **enclaves and ensure access to education for all children and literacy of youth and adults.**
- The stipend money (**Upabritti**) per child which has remained unchanged since 2003 should be increased and its coverage expanded specially targeting disadvantaged children and adolescents living in hard to reach areas.
- We appreciate the **proposal for establishing an 'Academy for Autistic Children'. Initiative should also be taken to implement 'Inclusive Education' for people with other types of disabilities** as per the 'Rights and Protection of Persons with disabilities Act 2013'.
- Ensure **separate allocation for Mother Tongue based education at the primary level for indigenous children** as per the decision taken by the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education.
- More allocation is needed for **renovation of old and dilapidated classrooms and construction of new classrooms with multi-media facility**, where necessary.
- Adequate budget is necessary for **linking illiterate people with Literacy and Skills Development programs.**
- Though quality research is important for planning, implementation and monitoring country's development, the proposed budget has not provided any direction in this regard. **Enough budget should be allocated for research particularly in the social sectors.**

We would like to express our gratitude once again to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the proposed increase in allocation for education. We hope that the concerned ministries and agencies will ensure transparent, efficient and effective utilization of the allocated resource. We expect that this new trend of higher allocation for education will continue in future which subsequently will facilitate the process of our gradual evolution to a middle income country with a focus on equity.

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Man lives 555 days without a heart

CNN ONLINE

While waiting for a human heart transplant, Stan Larkin lived 555 days without the organ at all.

To passers-by, the 25-year-old Ypsilanti, Michigan, resident appeared to be a typical young adult. He enjoyed taking his three toddlers to the park and hanging out with his younger brother, Dominic.

What wasn't obvious was that a gray backpack Larkin carried was what kept him alive. Inside that bag was the power source for an artificial heart pumping in his chest.

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
6	12		6-50
7	13	3-38	6-50
8	14	3-39	6-50

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