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7-8 killers took part in mission

They murdered SP's wife in exchange for money, say police; 2 suspects confess in Ctg court

STAR REPORT

Seven to eight criminals took part in the murder of SP Babul Akter's wife Mahmuda Khanam Mitu in exchange for money they received through a middleman, police said yesterday.



Police also told the media about the arrest of two suspected killers, one of whom had shot Mitu.

The two, Wasim and Anwar, both from Rangunia upazila in Chittagong, were arrested on Saturday. And they gave confessional statements before a Chittagong court last night, reports our Chittagong office.

Details about their arrest, however, could not be known.

A number of police officials wishing anonymity said it was quite unusual that suspects in a murder case are giving confessional statements just a day into their arrest and without interrogation in police remand.

Asked if the arrestees disclosed the name of the mastermind, Devdas Bhattacharya, additional commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said, "They [the arrestees] told police that they did not know the mastermind ... they just took part in the murder after receiving money through a middleman."

He also told this newspaper, "We will know about the mastermind once we arrest all the criminals involved in the murder."

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Iqbal Bahar, too, at a press conference said seven to eight miscreants

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CHANGE MAKERS

Joba and Sheuli, left, in mentally distressed condition in the streets. But a selfless man took them to a hospital, arranged their treatment and helped them reunite with their families, right.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Selfless love for the helpless

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and WASIM BIN HABIB

With tangled hair and ragged cloths, she moped around footpath shops at the Paltan intersection, whining for handouts. Her ill-nourished, thin body was crusted with dirt all the time and she lived on alms she begged from shop to shop.

One day in August last year, a man noticed the

girl, aged around 20. He gave her food for a few days on his way to and from office. When closeness developed, he took her to a hospital. After she recovered from her mental distress, the man helped her reunite with her family.

It's a story of a man whose relentless effort, love and care for homeless people suffering from mental problem to help them start their life anew.

When most people in the society turns a back on them, Shamim Ahmed, a 42-year-old banker, dares to take it upon himself to make sure that they live their normal life, and live it well.

"You can't imagine the happiness when you make one such person smile and help him or her to get back to normal life," said Shamim, who

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Germany imposes ban on direct cargo flights

Aviation security shown as reason

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

After Australia and the UK, Germany has imposed a ban on direct cargo flights from Bangladesh to any airport in Germany due to security reasons, said a notice of the Federal Aviation Authority of Germany yesterday.

The ban means any cargo flights from Bangladesh bound to Germany must be rescreened at a third-country airport.

"Because of information provided by our

law enforcement authority and intelligence services" all cargoes and mail consignments originating from Bangladesh pose a risk to aviation security, the notice read.

The German authority has also sent a letter to this effect to the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB).

Earlier in December last year, Australia imposed a similar ban on direct cargo flights from Bangladesh on security grounds. Then in March this year, the UK

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Dhaka-Ctg oil pipeline in 3 years

The 240-km pipeline to enable cost-effective supply of fuel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government would install a 240-km pipeline from Chittagong to Dhaka within three years for the supply of petroleum fuel at a cheap rate, State Minister for Power Nasrul Hamid told parliament yesterday.

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Brexit sparks Labour revolt

Scotland would do what it takes to stay in EU, even veto Brexit

AGENCIES

A string of Labour shadow cabinet members have quit, with more walk-outs expected, in protest at Jeremy Corbyn's leadership over the EU referendum.

Heidi Alexander, Ian Murray, Gloria de Piero, Lillian Greenwood, Lucy Powell, Kerry McCarthy and Seema Malhotra quit.

It comes after Corbyn sacked shadow foreign secretary Hilary Benn.

Corbyn faces a vote of no confidence following a "lacklustre" EU campaign but shadow chancellor John

McDonnell said he "wasn't going anywhere".

McDonnell and shadow cabinet members Andy Burnham, Diane Abbott and Emily Thornberry have given Corbyn their support despite the resignations.

Shadow defence secretary Vernon Coaker has said he is considering his position.

The Labour Party campaigned for Remain during the referendum, which saw the UK voting to leave the EU by 52% to 48% on Thursday.

But Corbyn, who has been a long-

standing critic of the EU and who is regarded as the most Eurosceptic Labour leader in years, was accused by some in his party of not making the case for the EU forcefully enough.

As a result, a motion of no confidence against Corbyn has been submitted by Labour MPs Dame Margaret Hodge and Ann Coffey - and it is expected to consider at the next meeting of Labour MPs today. A secret ballot could be held the following day.

Sources close to Corbyn have said he would stand again in the event of

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An excavator at a metro rail depot site in Diabari of Uttara where the construction work of the country's first metro rail service began yesterday. Measurements are being taken, top right. In the middle is the foundation stone of the project. Inset, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating the construction of the metro rail and the bus rapid transit projects at a function in the capital.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS/BSS



PM opens work on metro, BRT

Metro rail service expected to open by the end of 2019

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday inaugurated the construction work on the much-hyped first-ever metro rail service in the capital and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to Gazipur.

She formally opened the construction work on these two mega projects, unveiling plaques digitally from the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

The MRT Line-6 metro rail service is expected to open half of its 20.10 kilometers by the end of 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, Hasina said the government is working to develop a modern mass transport system, aiming to make the journeys of the people easier, nicer and more comfortable.

Regarding the construction work of package 3 and 4 under the MRT Line-6, the PM suggested the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges for stretching the line and station from Uttara North to Farmgate instead of Agargaon, considering the facility of the commuters.

The entire metro rail route and its all 16 stations will be elevated as well. Only the depot will be on the ground. A formal commencement of ground development for a depot began yesterday. The depot is the foremost component to be in place for building the metro rail service system.

Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project, official name of the metro rail scheme, stretches from Uttara to

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