

Wife of Ctg cop dies mysteriously

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Wife of a detective police was declared dead at a Chittagong city hospital yesterday with her death being shrouded in mystery as there were injury marks on the body.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sub-inspector Aftab of the Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police claimed his wife Ania Rahman Sathi, 24, tried to commit suicide to get rid of asthma.

He rescued her while she was hanging in their Absar Valley house on Love Lane and, later, took her to Max Hospital where she was declared dead, he further claimed.

According to the hospital document, she died due to "irreversible cardio respiratory failure due to a brain injury".

When contacted the hospital over the phone to know the details, the telephone operator declined to give the doctors' contact numbers.

Sub-inspector Somp Hazari of Kotwali Police Station, who prepared the inquest report, said there were marks of injury on the left in the forehead, left shoulder and right wrist.

In the inquiry report, the identity of woman's husband was not mentioned.

When asked about the reason, SI Somp said she did so because Sathi's mother did not mention it.

For autopsy, the body was taken to Chittagong Medical College morgue of which sources, however, said the body also bore blood clot in the thigh and other parts.

Officer-in-Charge Jashim Uddin said Sathi might have committed suicide, adding an unnatural death case was filed.



Protysha, an anti-drug organisation, forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, marking International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

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Exact online media numbers unknown: Inu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu told parliament yesterday that his ministry did not know exactly how many online-based television channels, radio stations and newspapers were in operation in the country.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, he said the government has taken a step to enlist them and formulate an "Online Mass Media Policy" for them. "The aim... is to bring them under rules and regulations and create a sense of responsibility," he added.

He said 105 such television channels, 18 radios and 1,717 newspapers "submitted applications" to Press Information Department following a government notice.

On the approved ones, Inu said there were 41 private satellite channels, 28 FM radio stations, 32 community radio stations and 1,086 daily newspapers.

Clean city priority in Dhaka north's budget this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Giving priority to build a clean and green city, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Annisul Huq yesterday announced a Tk 2,083.35 crore budget for the 2016-17 fiscal, Tk 481 crore higher than last year's outlay.

In his budget speech at Lakeshore Hotel, the mayor said as part of proper garbage management, they had already built 58 secondary transfer stations out of the 72 planned across DNCC area and were trying to set up more in the current fiscal.

The allocation for waste management more than doubled to Tk 46.9 crore this year.

The mayor said DNCC had set up 1,000 waste bins and would place 1,000 more.

"We have already cleared almost

all the billboards of the city as part of cleaning activities and planned to plant around 5 lakh trees in DNCC area. As part of the plan, we will plant 29,000 trees in the next several months." DNCC has already planted trees on 12 foot-bridges and 3km footpaths, and will plant trees on 25 more foot-bridges.

About shifting Karwan Bazar wholesale market to three DNCC wholesale markets in Jatrabari, Amin Bazar and Jatrabari, the mayor said they would be able to shift 70 percent of the Karwan Bazar shops by the current fiscal.

The mayor said they would set up 12 U-loops in DNCC area and would introduce 3,000 public buses and transport service at every educational institution to reduce dependency on cars. The budget set a target

DNCC Budget Outlay Tk 2,083.35cr

REVENUE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Holding tax	480cr	410cr
Bazar salami	160cr	160cr
Property transfer fee	135cr	130cr
Road digging fee	45cr	45cr
EXPENDITURE		
Road, traffic infrastructure	315cr	215cr
Salaries, allowances	135cr	135cr
Waste management	46.9cr	23cr
Mosquito control	23.25cr	14cr

of revenue earning at Tk 948.25 crore, which was Tk 882.15 crore last year.

DNCC expects to receive as government grant, foreign funding and private investment of Tk 881.51 crore, which was Tk 611 crore last year.

Ctg man jailed for 10yrs

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A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced a man to 10 years' imprisonment in connection with a recovery of 24 gold bars from him at the city's Shah Amanat International Airport in 2014.

The convict is Md Selim Uddin, 36, son of Sultan Ahmed of Fatikhhari upazila in Chittagong.

Selim, who is now in jail, was also fined Tk 10,000; in default, to suffer three more months.

According to the case statement, Selim was arrested with 24 gold bars, weighing around 2.8kg and worth nearly Tk 1 crore, at the airport when he landed there from a flight coming from Dubai on January 24, 2014.

Khaleda demands party men's release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said militants were members of the ruling Awami League and the country would become secure if the party's supporters were brought to book.

"We had asked them to arrest militants and we are in favour of tracking down extremists and we strongly support it," she told an Iftar in the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium.

"It is a party of militants as local and foreign arms, ammunition and explosive are recovered from the possessions of its leaders and activists," she told the programme organised by factions of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dhaka Union of Journalists.

Khaleda alleged that nearly 15,000 innocent people, including 3,000 BNP leaders and activists, were arrested under the pretext of a crackdown on militants and demanded that they immediately be released.

She claimed that Jatiya Press Club had been "captured" and journalists were being barred from holding Iftars there.

She said "a grand festival" was ongoing with the ruling party men grabbing people's land, houses and property and plundering banks and other institutions as an illegal and unelected government was in power.

Launching of Akashvani Maitree postponed

CITY DESK

The launch of All India Radio's new Bangla channel "Akashvani Maitree", which was slated for tomorrow, has been postponed due to "unforeseen reasons", a senior official said yesterday.

The channel aims at providing a common platform for participatory content creation for listeners in India and Bangladesh, reviving India's outreach to its eastern neighbour through the airwaves first established during the 1971 Liberation War.

The channel was to be launched by President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in Kolkata.



Nestlings brought down from a nest by children playing in front of Dhaka University's Modhur Canteen yesterday, unwittingly putting the wildlife at risk. Experts opine returning chicks back to nests and refraining from approaching the site gives them a higher chance of survival as only the parents can teach them the skills needed to survive in the wild.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Govt's demolition order

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city corporations for comments. Earlier on April 27, the government directed Rajuk and the city corporations to demolish the 321 buildings at a meeting of the National Earthquake Preparedness and Awareness Committee, chaired by Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya.

Speaking at the workshop, Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury and Prof Nazrul Islam, two renowned urban planners and disaster management experts, expressed frustration over the situation, as the authorities not only failed to execute the government's directives, but also failed to enforce the Bangladesh National Building Code.

Earthquake-tolerant buildings can be built if the existing building code is enforced properly, observed Prof Jamilur Reza, vice-chancellor of University of Asia-Pacific. The main objective of implementing the building code is to lower the loss of life and damage to property in the event a disaster strikes, he noted.

Prof Nazrul, honorary chairman of Centre for Urban Studies, said that before building public awareness, the

policymakers should make themselves properly aware of the situation and implement the tasks on hand for earthquake preparedness.

Prof Mehedi Ahmed Ansary of civil engineering department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) said it is urgent to ensure the assessment of soil quality and enforcement of the building code as part of preparedness for earthquake.

Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said the government has already purchased tents worth Tk 100 crore as part of its earthquake preparedness. It is also procuring Tk 69 crore worth of equipment for its disaster management programme.

Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq, special guest at the workshop, said a disaster awareness campaign for schools and colleges in Dhaka north is being planned.

Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, chairman of disaster science and management department at Dhaka University, Fire Service Director General Brig Gen Ali Ahmad Khan also spoke among others at the programme.

N'ganj slum

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said Rupanjan Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ismail Hossain.

Even shots fired in the air could not deter the attack by people armed with brick chips and sticks when the DMP DB team, led by an assistant commissioner, had handcuffed Shamsheer, he added.

Bill on banning

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minister has assured that a bill will be placed in this session to ban Jamaat. "Jamaat is a party of war criminals as it opposed the Liberation War; the party has no right to be in the country's politics, and there is no alternative to banning it, he said.

He said special allowances should be introduced for freedom fighters for five occasions -- two Eids, Pahlaha Baishakh, Independence Day, and Victory Day.

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