

NEWS IN brief

Man killed by 'son' in Hathazari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was killed allegedly by his son at a village in Hathazari upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased was Md Musa, 60, at Jalal Memberer Bari at South-West Mekhal in Hathazari upazila, said police.

Hathazari police said Saiful Islam Sharek, 18, bashed Musa with a spade when the latter came out of a wash-room. Sharek has been suffering from mental illness for the last two years, added police who arrested Sharek.

Youth's body found in Kishoreganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth, aged around 28, from a jungle in Godarbari area of Kishoreganj Sadar yesterday.

Locals first spotted the body and informed police. Shaifulul Islam, a sub-inspector of Kishoreganj Sadar Model Police Station, said the body bore several stab marks.

The body was sent to Kishoreganj general hospital morgue for an autopsy, the SI added.

Lightning kills boy in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A 12-year-old boy was killed by lightning in Bishwambarpur upazila of Sunamganj yesterday.

The deceased was Mithun Das, son of Haragobinda Das of Noagaon village in the upazila. He was a seventh grader of Murarichand High School.

Rubel Miah, sub-inspector of Bishwambarpur Police Station, said the incident occurred when the boy was working in a field near his house.

Girl dies from electrocution in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An eight-year-old girl died after being electrocuted in Shikalbaha area of Patiya upazila in Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased, Rubi Akter, was daughter of Jamal Hossain of the area.

Rubi died on the spot while she came in contact with a live electric wire which got snapped off an electric pole due to gusty wind at night, said Habibur Rahman, a sub-inspector of Karnaphuli Police Station.

Expecting woman beaten to death by husband in Habiganj

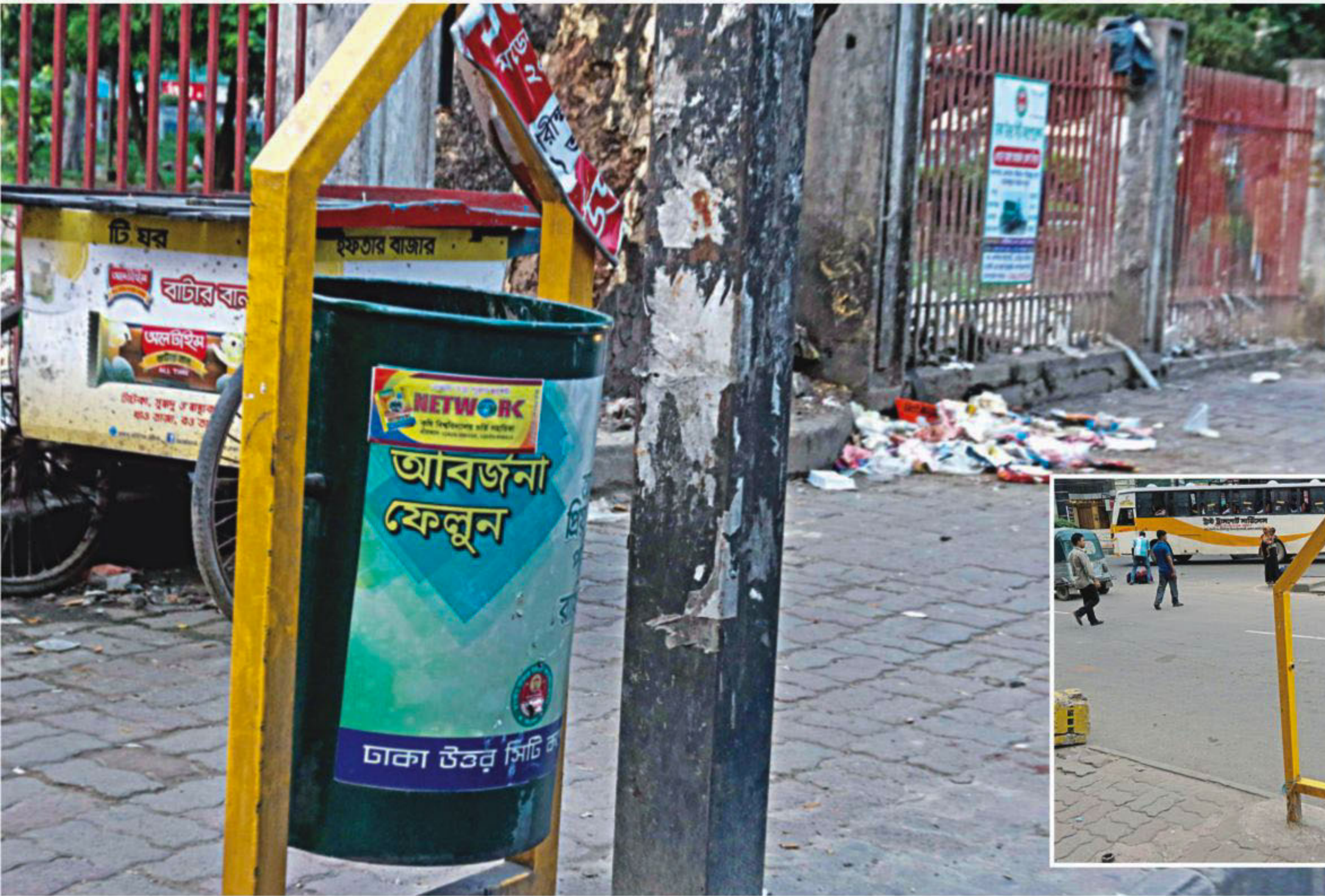
UNB, Habiganj

An expecting woman was beaten to death allegedly by her husband and in-laws over a family feud at Sadekpur in Chunarughat upazila on Thursday night.

Locals said Russel Mia had an altercation with his wife Tahera Banu on that night and later, he and his family members beat up Tahera, leaving her dead on the spot. Police sent the body to hospital morgue for an autopsy yesterday.

A trash bin, set up as part of an initiative taken by the city corporations to make the capital a more liveable city, remains unused while trash gatherers near it. Inset, some of these bins are also being stolen by a vested quarter. The photos were taken in Farmgate area yesterday.

PHOTOS: ANISUR RAHMAN



Udichi event halted for 2hrs for ban at Jhenidah Shaheed Minar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

The fourth biannual conference of Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi of Shailakupa upazila unit in Jhenidah was suspended for over two hours yesterday as the upazila administration verbally imposed a ban on performing any programme at the Central Shaheed Minar in the upazila.

Udichi Shailakupa upazila unit president KM Shahirul Islam and a senior activist Mostafa Ruhul Amin Chand said they started the conference at 11:00am which was scheduled to start at 9:00am.

Just before the start of the programme, some policemen led by a sub-inspector asked them to stop the event until they sit for a "compromise" with the UNO.

Later, the leaders of the cultural organisation sat with the UNO at his residence and requested to withdraw the ban, which was imposed considering the present situation of the country. UNO Didarul Alam said he allowed the organisers to hold the programme upon their request.

Pirojpur man

FROM PAGE 4 son of the deceased, Manik Howlader, filed a case accusing six people and police arrested one of them, Jalal Howlader; said Officer-in-Charge of Mathbaria Police Station Khandaker Mostafizur Rahman.

Trash bins offer little to users

UNB, Dhaka

The efforts of Dhaka city corporations - south and north -- for a clean city by installing trash bins in the capital have apparently failed to help the city dwellers because of their unplanned installation and lack of awareness among the users.

During spot investigations by the news agency, it was found that there was no bin in crowded places where it was needed the most. Besides, lids of many bins have been found missing and their bolts broken.

Officials at the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) said they did the installation work in haste as it was the election commitment of Mayor Sayeed Khokon to make the city a clean one, while their counterparts at the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) said they did the job based on a study.

The officials on both sides -- DSCC and DNCC -- said the bins have not been installed for houses or business entities but for pedestrians so that they

can drop light garbage into those instead of on roads and footpaths that make the city dirty.

But during the visits, it was found that the pedestrians were not using the bins as they were throwing it on the roads or footpaths, while street vendors preferred the bins.

Sabbir, a student, was eating a banana and dropped the peel on the footpath though there was a bin in front of him. "We're habituated to dropping trashes here and there... And I did it out of that bad habit," he said.

Rahela Begum, a resident of Moghbazar area, said the bins are being stolen for lack of proper monitoring and maintenance.

The bins are too small for dumping trashes, said Obaidullah, a green coconut trader in Jatrabari. "The city corporation should install bigger size bins and the gap between its mouth and cover should be widened..." he said.

Abbas, a tea-seller in Mirpur area, echoed him. MK Bakhtiar, DSCC chief waste

management officer, said the waste bins have been installed for the pedestrians. "It's not meant for houses and business entities. And the mouths of the waste bins are not small..."

He, however, admitted that the bins have been installed hastily to fulfill the commitment of its mayor. "We need to readjust those. And we'll install bins in the future assessing the need," he added.

DNCC Public Relations Officer Manzur-e-Mawla, said, "We've installed the bins based on a study. The distance between two bins in crowded places is 50 metres, and 100 metres in less crowded areas."

"In some places bins have been stolen. We'll take a decision later whether we'll reorganise and reset them," he said.

Both the officials said they are carrying out campaigns to increase public awareness so that dwellers drop the waste in proper places.

The DSCC has so far installed 5,700 bins while the DNCC 1,000.

Man killed by 'nephew' in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

A 70-year-old man was killed allegedly by his nephew over a trifling matter at Talgram in Chaudhagram upazila on Thursday night.

Quoting locals, police said Shahjahan Mia had an altercation with his nephew Sayem, 25, son of Abul Kashem, over using a road near his house on Thursday night.

During the altercation, Sayem hit Shahjahan with a sharp weapon, leaving him critically injured.

The old man died on the way to Feni Sadar Hospital. Police yesterday sent the body to hospital morgue.

Road crashes kill 3, injure 5

CITY DESK

Three people were killed and five others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday and on Thursday.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, a microbus driver was killed and five passengers were injured as the vehicle collided head-on with a Cox's Bazar-bound bus on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar Highway in Amjur Hat area of Patiya upazila in the district yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Monaf, 35, hailing from Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar, said Zillur Rahim, in-charge of Patiya Highway Crossing Police Outpost.

The injured were sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Our Sylhet correspondent reports, a 60-year-old pedestrian was killed as a bus hit him while he was walking beside the Sylhet-Sunamganj highway in Pagla Bazar area of the district yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was Nur Miah of Shotrurordon village in Sunamganj.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, a bicyclist was killed as a bus hit his vehicle from behind on Dinajpur-Panchagarh highway in Bhadgaon village under Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur on Thursday evening.

The deceased was Mokbul Hossain, 55, of Mukundapur village in the district.

Sundarbans to be freed soon from reign of sea robbers: Rab

BSS, Dhaka

The terror of sea robbers at the Sundarbans will end soon as most of the gang members either got arrested or surrendered with firearms and ammunition while some others have expressed their desire to surrender in response to a government call.

"There were 20 gangs who controlled the Sundarbans area. Now, only four gangs are active as 16 gangs have put off their activities due to dragnet of law enforcers," Operation Officer of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-8 ASP Nizamuddin said.

Some 199 sea robbers have so far been arrested with surrender of five gangs and 612 firearms and 16,451 rounds of bullet have been seized since the inception of Rab.



Vehicles pass through this road with craters filled with rainwater at Kazla in the capital's Jatrabari yesterday.

PHOTO PRABIR DAS



A vegetable vendor stands idly on an empty street with stores remained closed yesterday as people are yet to return to work after spending time with families during the Eid holidays. The photo was taken in the capital's Naya Bazar area.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

BNP seeks talks again

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We believe in people's power and we'll carry out the movement together with them," he added.

The BNP leader said people could not celebrate the Eid-ul-Azha with enthusiasm as a suffocating situation has been prevailing in the country. "Lakhs of people used to take part in eid congregation at Sholakia, but not even 1,000 people had been there this time."

About militant activities in the country, he said it is necessary to unearth the root of the problem to eliminate it.

Fakhrul alleged that the government is confusing people with misleading information in this regard instead of rooting out militancy.

He also said the government cannot ignore the country's "most popular" party BNP if it wants to tackle militancy with peo-

ple. "If you're really sincere to eradicate militancy, forge a national unity responding to the call of our chairperson, and stop repressing your opponents."

The BNP leader warned that militancy can spread to other areas of the South Asian region if it cannot be tackled here with united efforts.

Criticising the government for withdrawing BNP founder Ziaur Rahman's Swadhinata Padak, he said it is Awami League's nature that it cannot evaluate others due to its parochial politics.

Mentioning Bangabandhu's immense contributions towards liberating the country, Fakhrul said, "We don't want to undermine anyone. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had been on a movement for a long time for the country's independence. Awami League also did it and fought for it. But there's no reason to undermine Ziaur Rahman's

contributions as well."

The BNP leader said the government is allowing setting up Rampal power plant against people's will as it has no accountability.

"Rampal power plant wouldn't have been set up had parliament been effective. Was there any discussion on the power plant in parliament when people think it will destroy the Sundarbans?"

UN worried

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Over the next year, the experts will assess the issues of migration caused by enforced disappearances, enforced disappearances of migrants, factors contributing to the enforced disappearance of migrants; and state obligations in the context of the enforced disappearance of migrants.

Gazipur man arrested over torturing domestic help

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police on Thursday night arrested a man in Gazipur city's Burulia area allegedly for torturing his nine-year-old female domestic help.

She was first admitted to Haimchar Upazila Health Complex on Wednesday with wounds to different parts of her body, said Joydebpur police Officer-in-Charge Khandakar Rezaul Hossain.

The victim is now undergoing treatment at Chandpur Sadar Hospital, he said.

The girl used to work at the house of Omar Faruk, 40, who was arrested following a case filed under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, said the OC.

The minor was tortured as she wanted to go to her Haimchar residence, he added.