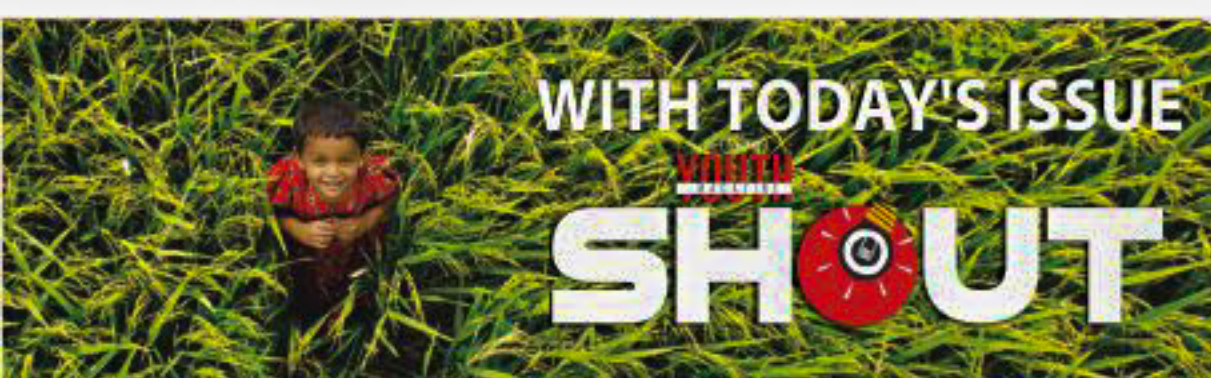




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Minus Pakistan Saarc summit?

India aims to reconfigure several regional groupings at Goa summits on Oct 15-16

REZAUL KARIM

India has launched a well orchestrated effort with its might behind several initiatives in the region to bring together its allies in South Asia, leaving Pakistan in the dust.

Diplomatic sources say India aims to get behind two forums in earnest -- BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) and BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) -- and also to forge a new development platform for Bangladesh, India and Myanmar.

India's initiative comes hot on the heels of the postponement of Saarc Summit slated for next month after most of its members including Bangladesh refused to go to Islamabad over Pakistan's alleged involvement in cross-border crimes and interferences.

Indian resort city of Goa will host the BRICS summit on October 15. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already invited leaders from the BIMSTEC countries -- Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand -- to join the BRICS leaders in the retreat for an outreach meeting the next day.

New Delhi is also considering inviting the Maldives and Afghanistan, who are not BIMSTEC members, to the outreach meet. "It is virtually going to be a Saarc summit minus Pakistan," an Indian diplomat, choosing not to be named, told The Daily Star.

Diplomatic sources in the Indian capital said Modi will exclusively meet the four leaders of Saarc nations --

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Mother Ridwana Kawsar carries the body of her newborn wrapped in a shroud while father Nurul Azam is beside her at the Max Hospital in Chittagong yesterday. The baby was declared dead two hours after it was born in a hospital on Tuesday but was discovered to be alive later. The baby eventually died at 1:30pm yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Whimper in the end

Victim of doctor's neglect, newborn finally dies

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

The newborn baby who was pronounced dead at a private hospital in Chittagong city on Tuesday, even though it was alive, has finally lost her battle for life.

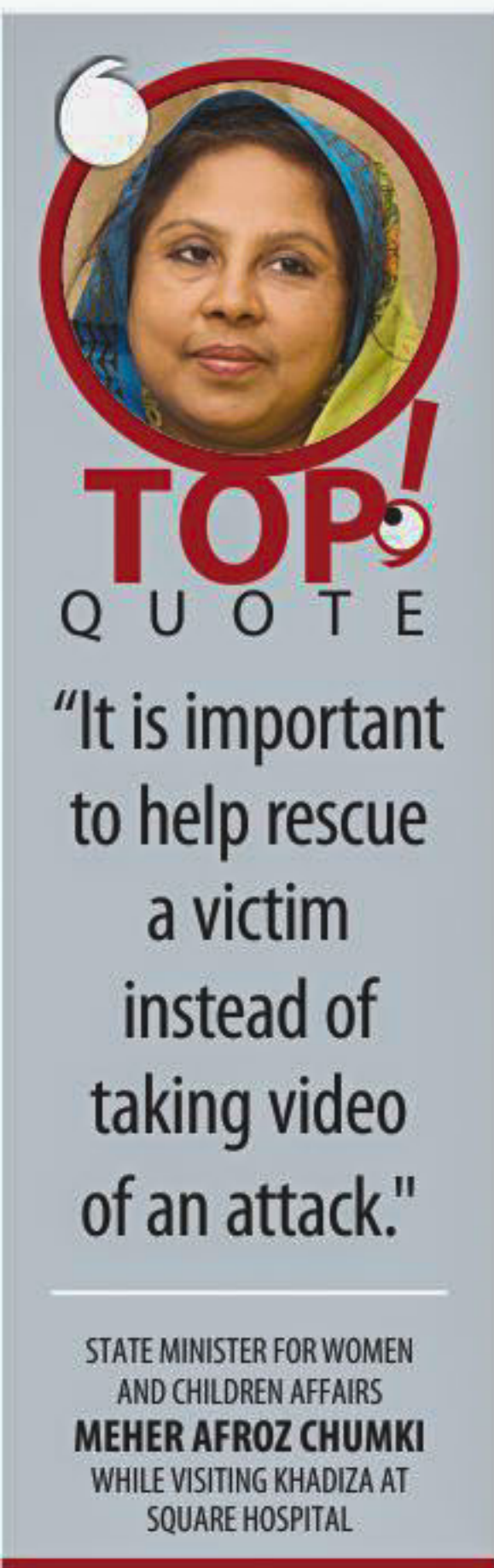
Around 1:30pm yesterday, the baby girl was declared dead by doctors at Max Hospital where she was undergoing treatment.

A medical board led by Basu Bandhu Barua, a consultant of child health at Max Hospital, confirmed the newborn's death.

The baby's parents, both of whom are doctors themselves, and relatives accused the doctors and staff at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of Centre for Specialised Care and Research (CSCR) of negligence of duty.

The mother, Ridwana Kawsar, tried her best to save the premature baby who was declared dead two hours after its birth at CSCR Hospital early Tuesday.

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TOP QUOTE

"It is important to help rescue a victim instead of taking video of an attack."

STATE MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN AFFAIRS
MEHER AFROZ CHUMKI
WHILE VISITING KHADIZA AT SQUARE HOSPITAL

OUTRAGE all around

Brutally stabbed girl clings to life; tearful mother could not believe it's an act of human

AKRAM HOSEN and DWOHA CHOWDHURY

With Khadiza still battling for her life, the harrowing footage of the attack on her by a Sylhet Chhatra League man continued to outrage people yesterday.

Apart from joining street protests, many took to Facebook and other social media platforms to air their anger at the brutality of her attacker and to demand justice for her.

Meanwhile, Badrul Alam, senior assistant secretary of the BCL unit at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), has confessed to hacking Khadiza Begum Nargis with an intention to kill her.

He gave his confessional statement before the court of Sylhet Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Umme Saraban Tahura yesterday afternoon, police said.

Shell-shocked, Khadiza's mother Monowara Begum still could not

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Khadiza

4 cops closed for 'extortion'

They 'took money, necklace from a businessman, threatening to frame him for drug peddling'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four policemen of Darus Salam Police Station were closed to the DMP's Mirpur division yesterday for allegedly extorting Tk 10,000 and a necklace from a businessman after threatening to frame him for peddling drugs.

The cops are Sub-Inspector Kamrul Hasan, Assistant Sub-Inspector Shyamal Das Bangshi, constables Kamrul Islam and Foyaz.

Following the incident, businessman Chowdhury Moshir Rahman lodged a complaint with the police headquarters, seeking punishment to the four.

A committee, headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Mirpur division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Shariful Islam, was formed yesterday to probe the incident, a day after a newspaper ran a report on the extortion.

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HOLEY ARTISAN ATTACK Tahmid cleared

Hasnat stays accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday cleared Tahmid Hasib Khan and Hasnat Karim of the charges brought against them under Section 54 in connection with the July 1 Gulshan terror attack.

The court, however, asked the law enforcers to press charges against Tahmid, a Canadian university student, for hiding information.

Hasnat, a former private university teacher, is still in prison as police made him an accused in the July 1 terror attack case.

Tahmid was released on bail on October 2 from Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj.

Earlier on September 28, Humayun Kabir, inspector of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) Unit of the DMP, appealed to the court that the two be cleared of the charges brought against them under Section 54.

He, however, sought the court's permission for charging Tahmid for hiding information.

In the petition, police said they found no evidence of Tahmid's link to the Gulshan attackers or other militants.

The petition also mentioned that Tahmid had promised DMP officials of the CTTC Unit that he would make a statement on the incident but he didn't communicate with them even though he was given two notices.

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Portugal's Guterres set to be next UN secy-general

AGENCIES

Former Portuguese prime minister Antonio Guterres is poised to be the next United Nations secretary-general and is expected to be formally recommended to the 193-member General Assembly for election by the Security Council today, diplomats said.

Russia's UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, president of the 15-member council for October, said he hoped the council would unanimously recommend Guterres, who was also the United Nations High Commissioner for

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