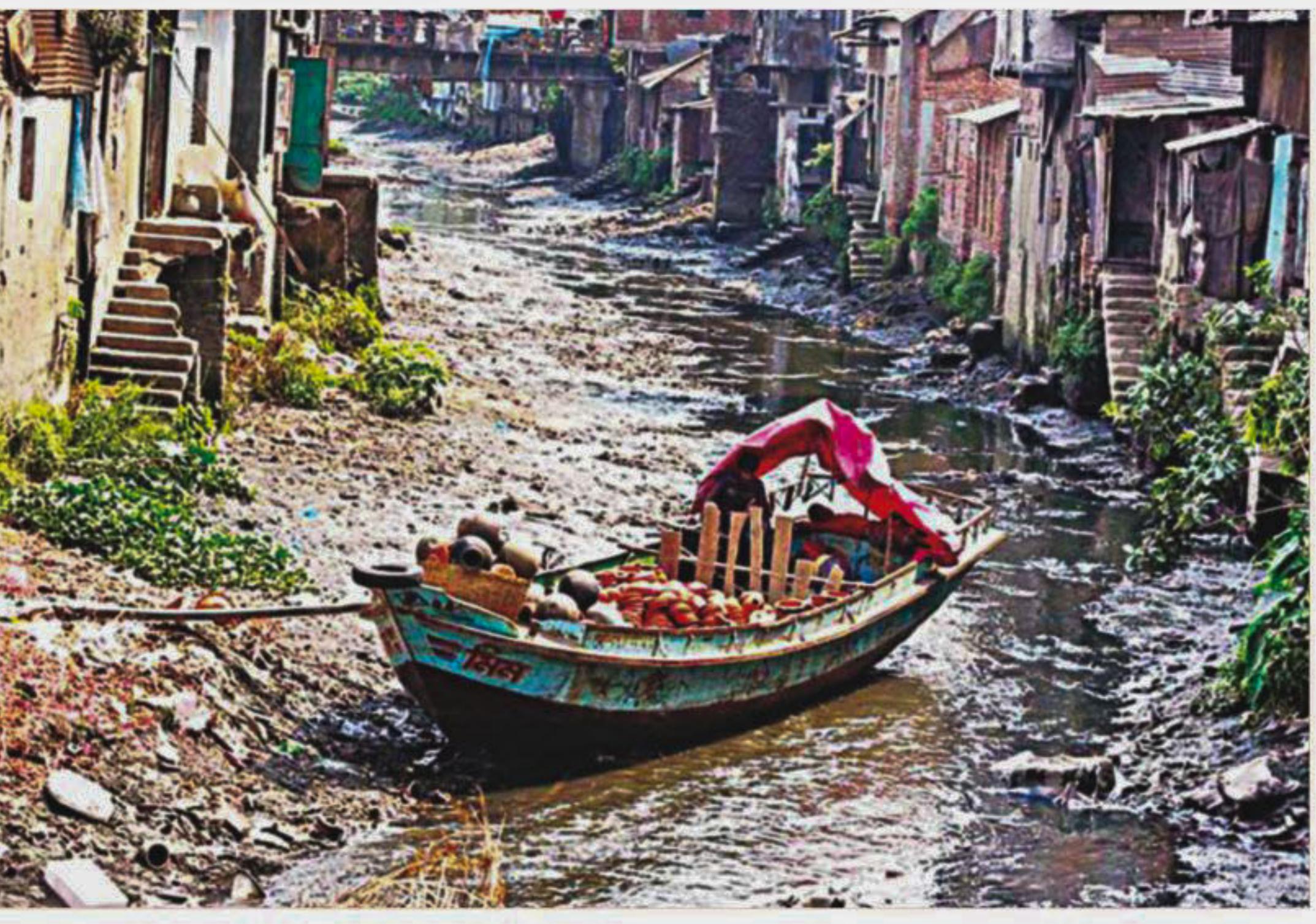


# JAIL KHAL COMES BACK TO LIFE



Boats gently glide over the Jail Khal yesterday morning, which is getting back its life again due to the laudable efforts of the residents of Barisal city and district administration. In the last seven to eight months, the authorities concerned had demolished over 100 illegal structures on its banks and initiated cleaning campaigns in unison with the residents to restore its navigability. Due to wholesale encroachment, dumping of waste and lack of effective measure, the canal was in death throes.

PHOTOS:  
STAR

Girl raped while family held hostage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by one Anwar Hossain after his cohorts held hostage the victim's mother and relatives in the capital's Dakkhin Khan early yesterday, police said.

The girl, who came to Dhaka with her mother from Khulna early September in search of jobs, has been staying at her uncle's residence in the area.

Around 3:30am, Anwar, 27, a neighbour and five of his aides went to the residence and shouted to open the door, said Tapan Chandra Saha, officer-in-charge of Dakkhin Khan Police Station.

They broke open the door, held hostage the girl's mother, uncle, aunt and cousin, while Anwar raped the teenager, the OC said, adding, the victim was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. "We have arrested Anwar," said Tapan. A case was filed.



Journalist  
Timir Lal Dutta  
passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A senior journalist and freedom fighter Timir Lal Dutta breathed his last yesterday morning at the capital's Birdem hospital due to a cardiac arrest. He was 62.

He left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives, colleagues and well-wishers to mourn his death.

During his long career in journalism, Dutta worked with different dailies, including the Daily Samakal and Daily Khabar. He last discharged duties as a senior reporter of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) from where he retired last month.

He was also the president of Shipping Reporters' Forum, Bangladesh (SRFB).

Early in the morning yesterday, he felt chest pains due to cardiac arrest. He was rushed to the hospital where he passed away around 6:00am, said his family members.

Later, his body was kept at his Basabro residence.

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## Girl dies after three of family found unconscious at home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A one-and-a-half-year old girl died after she and her family members were found unconscious at a flat in the capital's Badda early hours yesterday.

The infant, Aria, was declared dead after being taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH); her mother Sahana Begum, 28, and sister Agomoni, 4, were undergoing treatment there, said police and hospital sources.

Police suspected they might have been poisoned through foods.

They were also investigating whether the mother had poisoned herself and the daughters or if there was any familial dispute, said Abdul Jalil, officer-in-charge of

Badda Police Station.

Relatives said Amzad Hossain, father of the infants, went missing from a local hospital after rushing Sahana and their two daughters there.

On information police reached the hospital and later took them to DMCH, said the OC, adding, important information can be revealed once they quiz the father.

The family has been living in the flat on the third-floor of a five-storey building for about four years, said neighbours.

Neighbour Adil Mahmud Selim said Amzad returned home around 1:00am. As no one was opening the door even after repeated knocks and phone calls, he with the help of the neighbours broke open

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## Joy eager to work for party from outside

*Sohel Taj unwilling to hold post*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sajeeb Wazed Joy, son of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, yesterday said he was not interested to take any post in the Awami League (AL) central committee.

It will not be right for him to hold a post as he remains abroad, Joy told journalists after visiting a stall of AL's Centre for Research and Information at the capital's Suhrawardi Udyana during the party's 20th national council.

He added that he wanted to work for AL and the country being out of the party.

Earlier, Hasina, also AL president, told the council that Joy is now holding an important position as her adviser.

AL insiders said Tanjim Ahmad Sohel Taj is also unwilling to take any post as he lives in the US.

Hasina said the council missed one of the senior AL leaders President Abdul Hamid.

## NEWS IN brief

### Motijheel Ideal School, St Gregory's, Notre Dame win nat'l debate contest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four-day long national debate competition ended at the capital's St Joseph Higher Secondary School yesterday.

Josephite Debating Club (JDC) of the school organised the debate with a theme "Juktir Drohe Lupta Houk Jangibaad er Glani, Dhanita Houk Pragatir Baani" (let the curse of militancy be eradicated through logic and the voice of progress reverberate).

Teams of Motijheel Ideal School and College, St Gregory's High School, and Notre Dame College bagged championships in different categories including novice, interschool and college.

When addressing the event, Matur Rahman, editor of the bangla daily Prothom Alo, said, "Freedom of speech and thought is important and debate helps students think freely." Sixty-four teams took part in the competition.

### DFID, UNFPA to train midwives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

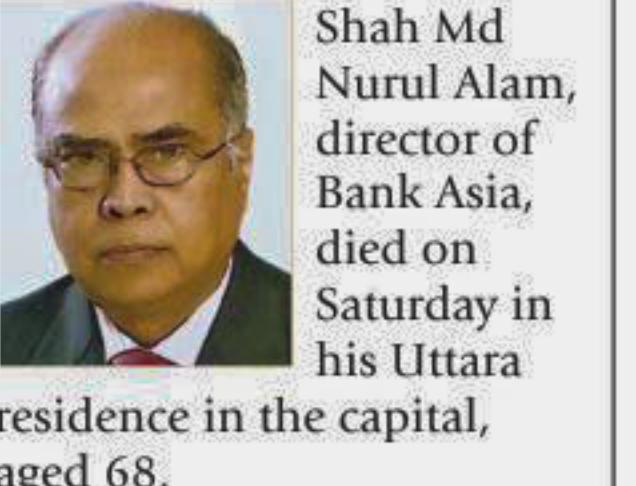
The Department for International Development (DFID) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) yesterday signed a grant agreement to produce competent midwives in Bangladesh.

Jane Edmondson, head of DFID Bangladesh, and Argentina Matavel Piccin, UNFPA representative to Bangladesh, signed the agreement at DFID office in the capital, said a joint statement of the two organisations.

The objective of the five-year programme "Strengthening the National Midwifery Programme (SNMP)" is to improve the quality of midwifery education and create an enabling environment for midwifery-led care for pregnant women and their babies in Bangladesh.

### Nurul Alam no more

CITY DESK



Shah Md Nurul Alam, director of Bank Asia, died on Saturday in his Uttara residence in the capital, aged 68.

He left behind his wife and two daughters.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at a mosque in Uttara after Zuhr prayers and the second one was at Azad Mosque in Gulshan after Asr prayers yesterday. He will be buried at Banani graveyard today.

A Qulwan will be held in his Uttara residence after Asr prayers Friday. The bank management expressed deep shock at the death.

### Abdul Latif dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mohammad Abdul Latif, father of Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Iqbal Mahmood, passed away on Friday night at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases at the age of 97.

Abdul Latif, a former school teacher, left behind his wife, one daughter, four more sons. He was buried following a namaz-e-janaza at Savar Upazila Eidgah after Asr prayers. The family will hold a qurankhwani at his Savar residence today.



Participants at a roundtable conference titled "Mental diseases: Reality and support for treatment", organised by the Prothom Alo in association with Beacon Pharmaceuticals Ltd, at the newspaper's office in Dhaka yesterday. The discussants, including doctors of different medical colleges and mental health experts, underscored, among others, the need for a change in people's negative attitudes towards mental illness and awareness about the issue. They also demanded that a psychiatric unit to widen the health service be launched at the public and private medical college hospitals.

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## 13th Samabartan

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## Attitudes to mental

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Resources and manpower also need to be increased there to provide the service smoothly, he said.

Golam Rabbani, president of Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists, said mental sickness can be cured if its treatment starts early and the patient's family provide enough support.

Sylhet Women's Medical College Principal Prof Mohammed Rezaul Karim sought help from the pharmaceutical companies to reduce the treatment cost of mental diseases.

Director of National Institute of Mental Health Prof Abdul Hamid, General Secretary of Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists Prof Waziul Alam Chowdhury and Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Qayyum also spoke.



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