

### 35 human skulls found in Dhaka flat, tenant held

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police recovered at least 35 human skulls and some bones from a flat in capital's Kafrul yesterday evening.

The flat's tenant, Kamruzzaman Ronny, was arrested in this connection.

Ronny had rented the flat a month ago, introducing himself as the owner of a chemical factory in Old Dhaka and a physician at Mitford Hospital, police said, quoting landlord Elias Saifullah.

Masud Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Mirpur division), said Ronny claimed before them to be a final-year student at the National Medical College in the city.

The parts of human skeletons stored in several cartons were discovered and Ronny was arrested after a tip-off, he said, adding that two of Ronny's associates escaped arrest.

Ronny told police that he sells human skeletons to medical college students and he collected those from a senior physician.

Police are investigating the matter, said the DC.

A resident of another flat of the building first sensed foul odour from Ronny's flat and knocked on his door.

As Ronny did not respond, the resident notified the landlord. Ronny was forced to open the door after residents of the building gathered in front of his door and demanded an explanation.

Police were informed after the skulls and bones were found inside the flat.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with her younger sister Sheikh Rehana takes a look at a photograph of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman yesterday when visiting a memorial museum named after him inside the recently vacated old Dhaka Central Jail on the capital's Nazimuddin Road.

### BANGABANDHU MUSEUM IN DHAKA JAIL An emotional visit for Hasina, Rehana

**UNB, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited old Dhaka Central Jail on Nazimuddin Road in old Dhaka and paid tributes to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and four national leaders.

She along with her younger sister Sheikh Rehana visited the Bangabandhu memorial museum and four national leaders' memorial museum inside the recently vacated jail.

Hasina visited the prison cell where Bangabandhu had been kept confined during the Pakistan rule.

The cell has now been named as Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Jail Memorial Museum.

Sheikh Rehana's son Radwan Mujib Siddiq Bobby, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, Lawmaker Hai Mohammad Selim and Inspector General of Prison Brig Gen Iftekharul Islam were present.

Both Hasina and Rehana who survived the August 15, 1975 carnage turned emotional witnessing the materials Bangabandhu used during his prolonged prison time.

Later, she went to the prison cell where the four national leaders -- Tajuddin Ahmed, Syed Nazrul Islam, Captain Monsur Ali and AHM Qamaruzzaman -- were brutally killed on November 3, 1975.

Earlier, Iftekharul briefed her about various projects taken for the old jail through a physical feature survey and topographic map.

The premier inaugurated the Bangabandhu memorial museum and the four national leaders' memorial museum on May 8, 2010.

PHOTO: PMO

### 55-yr-old man jailed while trying to marry eighth grader again

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

All she wanted was to go to school. But everything changed for the eighth grader when her parents fixed her marriage on October 17 to a much older man.

The marriage was foiled by a mobile court in Chittagong. The court fined the bridegroom and her parents and took undertakings from them that they would not try to hold it again.

But, much to the 13-year-old's dismay, her parents, hailing from Boalkhali upazila of the port city, took her again to Mohara in Chandgaon yesterday to marry her off to the same person.

The 55-year-old bridegroom Mohammed Rafique is a businessman hailing from Raozan, who currently resides in Chandgaon.

After getting information, the same mobile court conducted by UNO Kazi Mahbubul Alam of Boalkhali yesterday afternoon foiled the marriage.

The court sentenced Rafique to 15 days' imprisonment and fined him and the girl's mother Tk 1,000 each, said Md Salauddin Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Boalkhali Police Station.

### Throat-slit body of woman found in capital

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police recovered the throat-slit body of a woman from her residence in Bangshal of the capital yesterday afternoon.

She was identified as Jannatul Ferdous Urmee, 25, wife of Azgar Ali of the area, Officer-in-Charge (Investigation) of Bangshal Police Station Kaikobad told The Daily Star.

On information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body from a toilet on the third floor of a building, added the OC.

The deceased's relatives suspected that Azgar might have killed Urmee, mother of a three-year-old son, by slitting her throat, said police who later detained Azgar.

### ADR ensures justice along with income: Study

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Resolving marriage-related conflicts through alternative dispute resolution services not only ensures justice for women but also, in some cases, engages them in income-generating activities, says a 2014 study of Brac Research and Evaluation Division.

Around 9.3 percent of the over 386 respondents from 19 districts got engaged in economic activities availing the services through Brac's Human Rights and Legal Aid Services Programme on experiencing domestic violence.

Around three percent got jobs while four percent engaged in businesses, said the study, revealed through a roundtable jointly organised by Brac and The Daily Star at the latter's office in the capital yesterday.

The victims became increasingly aware of their own worth and better informed of a higher standard of life while the compensation received was invested for income generation, said the study.

Women, especially those at the grassroots, will not be able to assert their rights without having knowledge on law, said chief of the Brac programme, Sajeda Farisa Kabir.

Since the programme started in 1986, 147,318 complaints have been resolved so far while over Tk 176 crore was recovered for clients between 2010 and 2014, she said.

Justice Dr Syed Rezaat Ahmed of the Supreme Court said although the state was constitutionally responsible for ensuring justice for all citizens, non-government organisations do have an important role to play regarding access to justice.

He said sustaining the legal aid services requires participation of government policymakers.

Barrister Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust, said the coverage of the legal aid services needs to be widened to reach people in remote areas and those who were physically challenged.

AF Hasan Arif, a former attorney general and adviser to a caretaker government, said reaching the services to the masses requires coordination among government and non-government organisations.

Masuda Yeasmin, assistant director of National Legal Aid Services Organisation (NLASO), said coordination was also important to ensure the services' sustainability.

Khaled Hamid Chowdhury, head of laws at London College of Legal Studies (South), said incorporating in course and practical works the concept of providing free legal aid to financially insolvent persons can shape students' mentality accordingly.

Shahnoor Wahid, editor of special

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### BRAHMANBARIA ATTACK Protests keep pouring in

**STAR REPORT**

Different political, social and cultural organisations yesterday stoutly condemned and protested the recent attacks on minorities at different places of the country, including in Nasirnagar of Brahmanbaria.

They also demanded punishment for those involved and security for the minorities.

When addressing a human chain formed by Janmashtami Udjapan Parishad in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club, the Parishad's leader Romesh Chandra Ghosh said the minority people are passing days amid panic for similar possible attacks anywhere in the country.

He demanded that the



Janmastami Udjapan Parishad at a human chain at Jatiya Press Club yesterday protests the attack. PHOTO: STAR

incidents.

Describing the attack in Nasirnagar as "worst one", it also demanded a judicial probe into the incidents.

In a joint statement expressing deep concern over the incidents, around 100 Hindu journalists, too, demanded a judicial investigation as well as actions against the local administration for its "failure" to ensure the minorities' security.

The journalists signing the statement include Shyamal Dutta, Ajoy Dasgupta, Manoj Kanti Roy and Santosh Sharma.

Meanwhile, Samajtantrik Majdur Party in a separate statement demanded steps to compensate the victims and ensure justice.

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Participants at a roundtable discussion on "Access to Justice and the Sustainability of Legal Aid" at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday, organised by Brac and The Daily Star. PHOTO: STAR



Artists at a musical programme in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday. To commemorate 25 years of the newspaper, Star Melodies organised the first part of the programme for paying tributes to 25 noted composers of Bangla Nagorik songs, in assistance with Simantic Creative Concern and Eastern Bank Limited. PHOTO: STAR

### Woman killed by auto-rickshaw while taking granddaughter to school

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**

An elderly woman was killed by a CNG-run auto-rickshaw while she was taking her granddaughter to school in Gowainghat upazila of Sylhet yesterday morning.

The deceased was Adorini Rani Chandra, 60, of Nawagaon. Her granddaughter -- Shrabani Rani Chandra, 5, a play-group student of Prattasha Kindergarten -- received injuries during the incident.

Witnesses said the incident occurred when the auto-rickshaw hit them at Nawagaon in the upazila injuring the two. Locals rushed Adorini to a local health complex where she died.

### Family still awaits stolen baby at DMCH

**SHAHEEN MOLLAH**

Once again, the family of a three-month-old girl, who was stolen from Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on September 22, has returned to the hospital and started to wait anxiously for the last one week for her rescue.

"I just want my daughter back. I will keep on waiting no matter how long it takes," said Nasima Begum, mother of the child, hailing from Shibchar upazila of Madaripur.

The woman and her three daughters left the hospital after staying there for more than two months with her husband Bahadur Dhali who was admitted for a brain tumour.

But Bahadur, his wife Nasima and Bahadur's father returned on October 29. This time they are staying in the corridor of the hospital's first floor. Nasima said they came back for her husband's check-up but most importantly to find her daughter.

On September 22, a woman introducing herself as an attendant of an expecting mother stole the baby girl, she said.

Bahadur underwent a surgery in early September and was released, but the family refused to leave after the baby was stolen.

The search for their missing child continues as Bahadur Dhali and his wife Nasima Begum returned to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital on October 29 and has been staying in the corridor of the hospital's first floor. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

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