

# Lethal cocktail caused Joly's death: Report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi



Rajshahi University teacher Akter Jahan Joly's death was caused by a lethal

cocktail of sleeping pills and hydrochloric acid (HCL), traces of which were found in her intestine as per a viscera report provided to police some days ago. Dr Enamul Haque, a lecturer of forensic medicine department of Rajshahi Medical College who took part in the autopsy, yesterday said they detected a smell similar to that of kerosene. She had a light burn on her upper lip while an empty bottle found in her room might have contained the acid as it gave off an irritating odour, said police, adding use of HCL in suicide is rare and they will seek its source and how it got to the room. Joly, an associate professor of mass communication and journalism, was found dead in her Juberi Bhaban room on September 9.



It is hard to believe but Shikor Khai Bridge at Bilaimara village of Jaintapur upazila in Sylhet has been lying like this for decades after partially collapsing some 33 years back. Governments come and go, but none bothers to take care of the bridge around 25,000 people including schoolchildren of 15 villages use, putting their lives at grave risk. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

# VERDICT ON GRAFT Hearing on Ershad's appeal deferred again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday deferred hearing for the next two weeks a 24-year-old appeal of former president HM Ershad against a lower court verdict that sentenced him to three years' imprisonment in a graft case. The HC passed the deferment order following a petition moved by his lawyer Sheikh Sirajul Islam seeking four weeks' time for placing arguments. Sirajul told the court that his client was sick, which is why he could not consult with him. On November 1, the HC had fixed yesterday for hearing the appeal in line with an August 22 prayer of Khurshid Alam Khan, a lawyer of Anti Corruption Commission. The then Bureau of Anti Corruption had filed the case over misappropriating Tk 1.91 crore by misusing power at different times while Ershad was president between 1983 and 1990. A Dhaka court on February 3, 1992 jailed Ershad and ordered for confiscating the money and his Toyota Land Cruiser car.

# 1988 CTG MASSACRE Journalists were not allowed at crematorium

Witness testifies at court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two witnesses yesterday testified before a Chittagong court in a case filed over police firing at a procession of the then Awami League-led alliance that killed at least 24 people in the port city on January 24, 1988 during Ershad regime. Divisional Special Judge Mir Ruhul Amin recorded the testimonies of a journalist and a lawyer, said public prosecutor Mejbah Uddin Chowdhury. Helal Uddin Chowdhury, then senior reporter of the local daily Azadi, told the court that on that very day he was assigned to cover the news of a rally of the AL-led alliance which was supposed to be held at Laldighi Maidan. When people's procession with a truck carrying AL President Sheikh Hasina reached Old Bangladesh Bank area near the venue, police started charging batons and shooting, he added. The truck helper, Abdul Mannan, was shot dead on the spot, he said. The bodies were first taken to General Hospital and later to Balurighi crematorium where journalists were not allowed, said Helal. Advocate Subhash Chandra Lala, former general secretary of Chittagong Bar Association, in his testimony, said hearing the incident he along other lawyers escorted Hasina to Chittagong Court Building near Laldighi Maidan. On October 14, 1999, CID submitted a supplementary charge sheet accusing eight persons -- then police commissioner Mirza Rakibul Huda, Inspector Gobinda Chandra Mondal alias GC Mondal, constables Mostafizur Rahman, Pradip Barua, Mamataz Uddin, Shah Md Abdullah, Abdus Salam and Bashir Uddin.

# KL to hire workers in three sectors

Says visiting human resource minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysian Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Richard Riot yesterday informed the government that they will hire workers from Bangladesh in three sectors -- construction, plantation and manufacturing. The minister, who arrived yesterday, revealed the information after holding a bilateral meeting with Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam in the capital. Officials at the ministry said the two governments are now in the final phase of starting the workers' recruitment process and hoped to start sending the workers within a month or two. The migration cost has been set at around Tk 40,000, they added. Nurul Islam is scheduled to brief reporters about the developments today, she said. "We already have an agreement with Malaysia for the workers' recruitment. Now, we have discussed to expedite the process..." an additional secretary of the ministry told The Daily Star yesterday. The Malaysian government suspended the recruitment of foreign workers from all countries including Bangladesh on February 19, a day after the two governments signed a memorandum of understanding in Dhaka. But the ministry officials said the agreement was not suspended rather they were negotiating on key issues like recruitment process, migration costs and salaries.

After criticisms over an alleged syndicate comprising some selective Bangladeshi recruiting agents, the expatriates' welfare ministry said it will not give any scope of forming a syndicate during the recruitment process. "We have discussed with the visiting minister and informed him that they must include our 745 recruiting agents for the job. Otherwise, the process will be hampered due to some selective agents and the cost will also increase, which cannot be allowed," said the expatriates' welfare minister. However, Ruhul Amin, secretary general of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, said they are not aware of the Malaysian government's decision yet. Malaysia has been a popular destination for Bangladeshi migrant workers over the last three decades but the recruitment process has always been tainted by malpractices that result in labour abuses. Following massive irregularities during 2006 and 2008, Malaysia froze recruitment from Bangladesh in early 2009. In late 2012, the country began labour recruitment on a limited scale, but it did not work well allegedly for influence of recruitment agents having vested interests in both the countries. Currently, around three lakh Bangladeshis are working in different sectors in Malaysia legally while a good number of the Bangladeshis are also working without legal documents.

# NEWS IN brief

## Four DU students get scholarship

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Four Dhaka University students received "Mustafizur Rahman Khan-Saleha Khanom Memorial Scholarship" for securing the highest CGPA in MBA and MSS examinations in 2014. They are Khaled Bin Amir and Monija Khatun from Banking and Insurance; Ali Ahsan Zonaid and Rawshan E Fatima from Women and Gender Studies.

## JU entry test starts on Saturday

JU CORRESPONDENT  
The admission tests for honours programme at Jahangirnagar University under 2016-17 session will start on Saturday. According to the test schedule, the tests under A unit will be held Saturday and D unit Sunday; B and C units Monday; E, E, G units Tuesday; C unit on November 23. The tests will be held in four shifts, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, everyday.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Zahira Rahman, a retired senior lecturer of University Laboratory School and College in the capital, died at her residence yesterday, aged 82. She left behind her three sons and grandchildren, said a press release. Her body has been kept at CMH mortuary. She will be buried at her husband's grave following a namaz-e-janaza at Banani graveyard tomorrow.

## Free diabetes screening held

CITY DESK  
Marking the World Diabetes Day, Apollo Hospitals Dhaka in collaboration with Sanofi has observed a three-day programme from Saturday to spread awareness about the disease. Free health check sessions was carried out in Gulshan Youth Club and Old Rehabilitation Centre in Gazipur. Free diabetes screening was arranged on the hospital premises. An awareness session was also arranged in the hospital.

## Two schoolgirls found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi  
Two seventh-graders, aged around 14, were found dead at a house in Shahapur on the outskirts of Rajshahi city last evening. The bodies of Umme Maria Shampa and Mst Tamima Bonna, students of Belgharia Abdus Sattar High School, were found hanging from the ceiling at Shampa's house, said Motihar police.

## SAU protests attacks on minorities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet  
Teachers, students and officials of Sylhet Agricultural University formed a human chain on the campus yesterday, protesting the attacks on the minorities. Dr Md Golam Shahi, vice-chancellor of the university, and Md Badrul Islam, registrar, were present.

### DHAKA TODAY

**Dialogue**  
The Daily Star and United Nations Population Fund will hold a policy dialogue titled "Data for the SDGs." Venue: The Daily Star Centre, Time: 10:30am

**Seminar**  
Karmojibi Nari will hold a seminar on female workers role in leadership and decision making. Venue: Jatiya Press Club, Time: 10:00am

## বাংলাদেশ কৃষি উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন

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Mass communication and journalism students of Rajshahi University demonstrate before its administrative building yesterday, demanding fair investigation and justice for their fellow Motaleb Hossain Lipu, who was found dead in a drain on the campus on October 20.

PHOTO: STAR

# Ragib Ali's son denied bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday rejected a bail petition of industrialist Ragib Ali's son Abdul Hai in a case filed for forging legal papers and grabbing the endowed land of Tarapur Tea Estate. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Saifuzzaman Hero gave the order and fixed December 4 for the next hearing. The court also recalled eight witnesses following another petition filed by his lawyers, said Misbah Uddin Siraj, public prosecutor of Sylhet district judge court. Hai was arrested Saturday while entering the country through Sylhet border after remaining fugitive for months, following an August 10 arrest warrant against him, his father and four others. Ragib and Hai are accused in three cases filed over grabbing the tea estate's land, forging government papers and holding the posts of publisher and editor of a local newspaper while being fugitives.

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