

# Mother

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Frustrations, financial constraints, family grievances and so on sometimes play some role, but it is difficult to explain such cases and the reason behind their recent increase.

Anika's husband Shamim Hossain, who runs a barber shop in Mirpur, left home in the morning, saying he would attend the Awami League rally at Suhrawardy Udyan, friends and neighbours said.

Police found a suicide note purportedly written by Anika. "Dear Shamim, I am going away leaving you all behind... You have taken care of everyone, but never thought about us," the note in broken Bangla read.

She also sought to apologies for taking the lives of two "innocent" children. "Forgive us. No one is responsible for my death."

The inspector said they suspect the note was written by Anika, but they were yet to verify it.

Police recovered a bloodstained kitchen knife from the house and also found some blood stains on Anika's hand.

Umme Salma, wife of the landlord, said the family rented their house in July 2015.

Shamim earns about Tk 700 to 800 a day from his barber shop.

"He could not pay the house rent for the last seven months but we never put pressure on them for it," she said.

Neighbour Sheuli Begum said they never saw or heard the couple fight and that they were caring to each other and to the children.

Shamim usually leaves for work around 8:30am and returns home after 11:00pm.

Yesterday, neighbours cut a hole through the couple's tin roof when Anika did not respond to their repeated calls and knocks on the door even after the noon.

Through the hole, they saw Anika's body hanging and then called the police, who were looking for Shamim for questioning.

# AL may not

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Hamid hopped formation of a strong EC would be possible. He said consensus among political parties was a must for holding free and fair elections.

People's confidence in the EC is important for holding a fair election, he added.

Among the political parties that took part in the dialogue are Liberal Democratic Party, Krishak Sramik Janata League, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu), Bangladesh Nationalist Front, Islami Oikya Jote, Bangladesh Jatiya Party, Tarikat Federation, Bangladesher Samyabadi Dal, Bangladesh National Awami Party, Communist Party of Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rob), Gonotantri Party, Gonoforum, Khelafat Andolon, Bikalpadhara Bangladesh, Islami Andolon Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Ambia) and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal.

# Spotify offers

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for an address on "health care legislation that bears your name."

The Swedish company's CEO Daniel Ek revealed the tongue-in-cheek offer over Twitter after Obama was quoted as joking about a job at Spotify.

Natalia Brzezinski, the wife of former US ambassador to Sweden Mark Brzezinski, wrote on Instagram that Obama told her at a White House reception last week that his 2013 visit to Stockholm was his "favorite trip."

"I'm still waiting for my job at Spotify... Cuz' I know y'all loved my playlist," she quoted Obama as saying.

Obama over two consecutive summers released Spotify playlists for vacation listening, revealing tastes heavy on classic soul and jazz.

# China graft drive has punished 1.2 million: watchdog

AFP, Beijing

Nearly 1.2 million people have been punished in China's ongoing anti-graft campaign, a senior official has said, promising that the government will double-down on the drive that some say is a political purge.

As part of the campaign, nearly 2,600 fugitives have been extradited or repatriated, and 8.6 billion yuan (\$1.2 billion) worth of assets have been recovered, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), said in a statement published on the organisation's web site Monday.

China has extradition treaties with 48 countries in total, including Spain, Italy, and France, which returned a fugitive to China last September.

# Fight terror, build nation

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this great day," the prime minister said in her 38-minute speech.

About militancy in the name of religion, the AL chief said Islam is a religion of peace and harmony. "Islam never teaches killing as Allah is the supreme judge and he would judge humans for good and bad deeds."

She added, "Suicide is a big sin in Islam. But those who are unleashing terrorism in the name of religion are encouraging suicide as the best way to go to heaven. They would go to hell as Islam never permits suicide."

The prime minister pledged that Bangladesh would celebrate the golden jubilee of independence in 2021 as a prosperous and developed nation.

"The Father of the Nation is no more among us. But he has given us independence as well as directives on building up a developed and prosperous country."

Had Bangabandhu been alive, she added, Bangladesh could have been a developed nation 25 to 30 years back.

Blasting BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for her movement in 2013 and 2014 to resist the 10th parliamentary polls and oust the government in 2015, Hasina said Khaleda is responsible for killing people in arson attacks and BNP leaders are destined to face trial in people's court.

"The word democracy doesn't fit on the lips of BNP chief. It [BNP] is a terrorist and militant party," she said. "People don't want to take lessons of democracy from a killer."

Referring to the Zia orphanage graft case, Hasina said the BNP chief has embezzled orphans' money. "You appear before court one day

and then skip it 10 days. What does it mean? It indicates thieves are always afraid of police."

Hasina also criticised the BNP for its ties with Jamaat-e-Islami and alleged that the party had established a reign of terror, hindering peace, progress and development. "How could that party appoint war criminals as ministers of the country?"

She said as many as 231 innocent people, including 23 members of law enforcement agencies, were killed in arson attacks at the directives of the BNP chairperson while thousands suffered burns.

The PM highlighted her government's success in different fields -- especially reducing poverty, accelerating economic growth and increasing literacy rate and food production.

Recalling the assassination of Bangabandhu in 1975, Hasina, who is his eldest daughter, said the post-75 rulers tried to destroy the dreams of the Father of the Nation and always looked to Pakistan to stay in power.

"Anti-liberation forces grabbed state power after the killing of Bangabandhu, who had initiated the trial of many war criminals. But Ziaur Rahman freed them after seizing power and made many of them advisors and ministers," she said.

The rally was also addressed by AL leaders Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Matia Chowdhury, Mohammed Nasim, Obaidul Quader, Bahauddin Nasim, Sujit Roy Nandi and mayors of Dhaka Anisul Huq and Sayeed Khokon, among others.

# Expelled AL leader

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He was on the run since the mayhem on the Hindus and their property.

Suruj is one of the key instigators behind the attacks that saw vandalising of over 100 houses and at least 17 temples belonging to the local Hindu community, according to victims and eyewitnesses.

They said Suruj was seen riding on a motorbike, instigating people to attack the houses and temples of the Hindus, by referring to an "anti-Islamic" Facebook post made on an account belonging to a Hindu fisherman named Rasraj.

A police probe recently found that someone else hacked Rasraj's Facebook account and posted the "anti-Islamic" content hurting sentiments of the Muslims.

On October 30, Suruj attended a rally in the playground of Ashutosh Pilot High School at Nasiragar Sadar union and gave provocative slogans, asking to launch an attack on the Hindus.

Many people told The Daily Star correspondent during a visit to Nasiragar following the incident

that Suruj even threatened to kill the Hindus and asked them to leave Bangladesh and go to India.

Officer-in-Charge Mofiz Uddin Bhuiyan of Detective Branch of Police in Brahmanbaria said a video footage bears the evidence of Suruj's involvement in the Gour temple attack.

On the fateful day, he instigated other attackers while wagging a stick in his hand and riding a motorbike belonging to one Haji Billal, said the DB official.

The DB official added that Suruj gave an instigating speech at a rally arranged to protest the "demeaning of religion".

Sub-inspector Ishiaq Ahmed of Nasiragar Police Station, also investigation officer of the case, said Suruj might be shown arrested in other cases filed in connection with the incident after proper investigation.

The Brahmanbaria AL sacked temporarily Suruj and two other local AL leaders -- Abul Hashem and Faruq Mia -- after allegations surfaced against their involvement in the October 30 hate attacks.

# Senate begins to grill

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PROTESTS

Even before the proceedings began, tensions rose when protesters including several from the anti-war, pro-human-rights group Code Pink stood up and brandished signs that read: "End racism, stop Sessions," and "End hate, stop Sessions."

As he was being greeted by Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Chuck Grassley, two male protesters dressed in the white robes and hoods of the Klan began shouting at Sessions about his past and expressing mock gratitude that such a conservative was in line to be attorney general.

"You can't arrest me, I'm a man!" bellowed one of the men as he was ushered out by police.

Sessions, 70, grew up in the segregated South. He has expressed opposition to immigration and voted against a bipartisan violence against women act.

When he was questioned directly by Democrat Dianne Feinstein about whether he would follow Trump's campaign call to jail rival Hillary Clinton over her emails, he said he would step back from any case involving the former Democratic presidential nominee.

"I believe the proper thing for me to do would be to recuse myself from any questions involving those kind of investigations that involve Secretary Clinton that were raised during the campaign," he said.

TELLING TRUMP 'NO'  
Sessions began his opening statement by assuring the panel that the attorney general "must be willing to tell the president 'no' if he overreaches."

But he sought to assuage concerns about his past.

"As a southerner, who actually saw discrimination and have no doubt it existed in a systematic and powerful and negative way... I know that was wrong," Sessions said.

And he signalled that despite his strong personal opposition to the Supreme Court ruling which enshrined US abortion rights, he would not act to overturn it.

Democratic Senator Cory Booker has said he will testify against Sessions at the hearing -- a departure from many decades of Senate protocol.

# Reporter hailed

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Cultural Revolution in China.



But the journalist is best remembered for her "scoop of the century" after she spotted German tanks on the Polish border in August 1939 when she was just a rookie reporter.

Aged 27, she broke the story of Germany's invasion of Poland during her first week working as a journalist there for The Daily Telegraph, covering the worsening security situation in Europe.

Using a borrowed car from a British diplomat to drive across the Poland-Germany border, she saw hundreds of German tanks, armoured cars and field guns, all facing Poland and ready for action, when a hessian screen blocking the view blew to one side.

Three days later, on September 1, Hollingworth called the British Embassy in Warsaw to tell officials that the war had started, after she was awoken by the roar of Nazi aircraft and tanks in Katowice, a Polish city near the German border.

When they did not believe her, she said she held the telephone out of her bedroom window to capture the sounds of German forces.

"If there is a war, and if the world wants, I would like to cover it," the journalist, still proud of her scoop, told AFP in a 2009 interview.

Hollingworth also unearthed British double agent Kim Philby's defection to the Soviet Union in 1963.

"I enjoy action, I enjoy being in a plane that's bombing something, or being on the ground in the desert when they're advancing," Hollingworth once said.

In 1946 Hollingworth and her late husband Geoffrey Hoare narrowly escaped death when terrorists blew up the King David hotel in Jerusalem, where they were staying, killing 91 people.

"MAGNIFICENT"  
Born in 1911, the idea for her future career was implanted early in life during World War I. She dated her interest from a trip in a trap, drawn by her pony Polly, to inspect the effects of German bombing close to her home in Loughborough, central England.

As a young woman Hollingworth travelled Europe as an activist, playing a little-reported humanitarian role before she became a journalist.

Her great nephew Patrick Garrett recently published a memoir about her, which sought to shed light on her less well-publicised achievements.

"Of Fortunes and War" highlights Hollingworth's work with refugees ahead of the Second World War.

Garrett's book recounts how she worked for the British Red Cross to help thousands of refugees who had fled to Poland from Czechoslovakia after the Sudetenland was annexed by the Nazis in 1938.

Of her fateful Telegraph assignment to Poland, Garrett wrote: "This was certainly not the kind of assignment that normally went to female correspondents... Clare Hollingworth was however an extreme exception. Watching wars would become her life."

She was held up as a formidable role model by foreign correspondents who followed in her footsteps.

BBC correspondent John Simpson described her as "magnificent".

In October Hollingworth celebrated her 105th birthday at the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC), where she was a regular for more than three decades after moving to the city in 1981. She had worked from Beijing in the 1970s.

Although her health had deteriorated and she was looked after at home by helpers, she still marked her birthday each year at the club.

Hollingworth was married twice and did not have any children. Her family have yet to release further details about her death.

# Rampant

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Environmentalists of Sylhet and Sunamganj have been demanding effective protection for the haor for years.

According to the district administration there are only 10 police-men, 24 Ansar men and a magistrate assigned to protect the haor that stretches over 100km.

When contacted, Deputy Commissioner Sheikh Rafiqul Islam said they were not aware of the rampant tree cutting in the area and that they would take action soon.

He said, "We have a few law enforcers protecting the large wetland and because of that many locals get away with cutting trees and other such activities. We will take action after visiting the spot."

# Honorarium, benefits

POST	PREVIOUS HONORARIUM	CURRENT HONORARIUM
City corporation mayor	Tk 44,500	Tk 85,000
City corporation councillor	Tk 17,500	Tk 35,000
Zila Parishad chairman	Tk 40,000	Tk 54,000
Municipality mayor (Category-A)	Tk 20,000	Tk 38,000
Municipality mayor (Category-B)	Tk 15,000	Tk 28,000
Municipality mayor (Category-C)	Tk 12,000	Tk 24,000
Upazila Parishad chairman	Tk 20,500	Tk 40,000
Upazila vice chairman	Tk 14,500	Tk 27,000
Union Parishad chairman	Tk 3,000	Tk 8,000
Union Parishad member	Tk 2,000	Tk 5,000

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The AL has an absolute grip on all the elected bodies from the Union Parishads to the Jatiya Sangsad.

After assuming office for the second straight time, the party had hiked the monthly honorarium and other benefits for the lawmakers, ministers and public servants.

Contacted, Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), said the hike in the

honorarium for the local government representatives was hardly "surprising following similar increases in the pays of MPs and public servants."

"It [pay hike] possibly meets the expectations of the public representatives at various tiers of the local government," he said.

Iftekharuzzaman also expressed his hope that the hike might stop a section of the representatives from abusing their power for making money.

# Action after investigation

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They would take further actions against the people responsible after getting the probe reports, he said.

The errors can be corrected in some ways, he said, adding, "We can issue directives to the schools with the corrections or elimination of specific pages."

The minister called upon all not to discourage the schoolchildren by harping on the errors only.

Getting new textbooks in time is a matter of joy for the students. "Mistakes may happen and the persons involved in the incident must face trial for the mistakes... but it's not appropriate to keep on pointing to the errors only. It discourages the students," he said.

"I'm not avoiding my responsibility, but I'm leaving the matter to you whether handing over such a volume of textbooks is a bigger thing than these errors," Nahid added.

He said the NCTB did not get enough time to review primary school textbooks as it has to print the textbooks, complying with some "extra" conditions of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, who bear a portion of textbook publication costs.

Referring to a post that was trolled in

Facebook, he said there is an illustration in Bangla textbook for class-I where a goat is seen eating a mango standing under the tree.

But what was circulated was something different, where many goats were seen climbing up a mango tree, he said holding the page.

"We'll look into whether using such an illustration in the textbook was proper, but the picture that was uploaded on YouTube and other platforms should not have been uploaded," Nahid said.

About the goof -- "Do not heart anybody" -- in class-III Hindu Shikkha textbook, he said, "We cannot spare the person who edited the book."

Mentioning the mistake in the rhyme "Adarsha Chhele" in class-III Bangla textbook, he said the editor of the book is not at all eligible for the job; otherwise he would not have done the mistake of such a popular rhyme.

There has been a storm of criticism over the errors in the textbooks in the social media platforms and other forums soon after the government started distributing some 36.21 crore copies of textbooks among 4.26 crore students of pre-primary, primary and secondary students on January 1.

**Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre**  
Savar, Dhaka-1343

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**Invitation for Tender**  
**Procurement of Pick-up/ Mini Truck & Microbus**

**GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA)	
2	Agency	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka.	
3	Purchaser Name	Rector, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Savar, Dhaka-1343	
4	Purchaser Code	Not Applicable	
5	Purchaser District	Dhaka	
6	Invitation for	01) 01 (One) No. Pick-up / Mini Truck (2-3 Ton. single cabin) 02) 01 (One) No. Microbus.	
7	Invitation Ref No	08/2016-2017	
8	Date	10/01/2017	

**KEY INFORMATION**

9	<b>Procurement Method</b>	<b>Open Tendering Method (OTM)</b>	
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh	
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A	

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12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A	
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A	
14	Tender Package No.	01 & 02	
15	Tender Package Name	01) 01 (One) No. Pick-up/ Mini Truck.(2-3 Ton, single cabin) 02) 01(One) No. Microbus.	
16	Tender Publication Date	11/01/2017	
		Date:	Time:
17	Tender Last Selling Date	29/01/2017	05.00 PM
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	30/01/2017	12.00 NOON
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	30/01/2017	03.00 PM
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address	
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Assistant Director (Purchase & Store), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343	
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	N/A	
	Receiving Tender Document	1) Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343 2) Deputy Director, RPATC, 49 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.	
	Opening Tender Documents	Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka- 1343	
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Director (Admn.) Conference Room (Rojonigandha) 25/01/2017 at 3.00 PM	

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

22	Eligibility of Tenderer	Manufacturers/Sole Distributors of new Vehicles having authorization from the manufacturer.		
23	Brief Description of Goods	01) 01 (One) No. Pick-up/ Mini Truck.(2-3 Ton, single cabin) 02) 01(One) No. Microbus.		
24	Brief Description of Related Services	Required		
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 5,000/= (Five thousand)		
26	Package No.	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	01	01 (One) No. Pick-up/Mini Truck.	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka	78,000/-
	02	01(One) No. Microbus.	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka	1,10,000/-
				Completion Time in Weeks / Months
				<b>20 days</b>

**Purchaser DETAILS**

27	Name of Official Inviting Tender	<b>HASAN MURTAZA MASUM</b>		
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31	The Purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings			

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