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MP LITON MURDER

## Kader confesses he planned, financed it

Say police citing the ex-JP lawmaker's statement in court

STAR REPORT

Former Gaibandha-1 lawmaker Col (ret'd) Abdul Kader Khan had planned, financed, and hired people to have ruling party lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton murdered so that he could retake the constituency, police said citing Kader's confessional statement.



Abdul Kader Khan

Additional DIG Bashir Ahmed said, "He [Kader] told the magistrate that none provoked him to do it [murder]. Rather, he did it on his own."

The police official said they would submit the charge sheet in the case within 15 days and after completing their investigation, reports our Gaibandha correspondent.

"He did it for power," Khandker Golam Faruq, deputy inspector general (DIG) of Rangpur Range, told The Daily Star after Kader confessed before a magistrate yesterday.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Joyal Abedin finished recording his statement at 9:27pm after police produced the former Jatiya Party lawmaker before him around 2:00pm.

Kader was sent to jail afterwards. Briefing reporters on the court premises,

Several people have already been arrested and the police were conducting raids to arrest more people who assisted Kader with information, police said.

Kader, a doctor, was arrested at his home-slash-clinic in Bogra town on February 21. Later, he was placed on a 10-day remand.

Assailants opened fire on Liton inside his

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Rickshaws, a pick-up van and other vehicles moving haphazardly on North South Road in Bangshal in Old Dhaka yesterday. It was just a few yards away from the spot where a medical college student was killed when a bus hit the auto-rickshaw she was travelling in.

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## Grim finding

Large number of people down with depression, anxiety

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An estimated 64 lakh people in the country suffer from depressive disorder while 69 lakh from anxiety disorders, says a new study of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The persons with anxiety disorders constitute 4.4 percent of the total population, the highest among the 11 countries of the WHO's South East Asia Region. It is 4.1 percent in the case of

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## Three killed in Old Dhaka fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three of a family were burnt to death as a fire gutted 10 houses in Old Dhaka's Islambagh area yesterday afternoon.

The dead are Shamim Hossain, 35, his wife Shima Begum, 27, and his cousin Saleha Begum, 38.

Locals said the fire originated at a kitchen on the first floor of a three-storey building and spread to a nearby four-storey building around 4:00pm.

The victims lived in the second building. Shamim worked at a shop on the ground floor of that building. He had gone to his room on the first floor to have a nap closing the shop around 2:00pm. Saleha was also his neighbour.

Shamim's elder brother Shohrab Hossain, who lived with his family on the second floor of the same building, said all the other family members came out shortly after the fire started.

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## Reckless driving on, so is death

Soon-to-be doctor killed in city, mother along with baby boy in Tangail

MUNTAKIM SAAD

She came to Dhaka from Rajshahi with her mother early yesterday to sit for a test at her college. The would-be doctor was supposed to head back to Rajshahi right after that.

But that was not to be.

Sadia Hasan, 23, a fifth-year student of Dhaka National Medical College, was killed after a bus rammed the CNG-run auto-rickshaw she and her mother were in on North-South Road in Bangshal around 7:00am.

The spot was just a kilometre away from her college.

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Sadia Hasan

## Transport strike for 'killer' driver

STAR REPORT

Road transport workers have started enforcing an indefinite strike in 10 southern districts this morning, five days after a bus driver was sentenced to life imprisonment for his reckless driving killing five people in 2011.

The strike comes at a time when a government-supervised survey says at least 64 people die from injuries suffered in traffic accidents every day. The survey, titled Bangladesh Health Injury Survey-2016, was revealed earlier this month.

The transport leaders called the strike, terming the February 22 verdict inappropriate. They are also demanding a "proportional" of Jamir Hossain, the convicted bus driver.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, actor Ilias Kanchan, who has been campaigning for road safety for years,

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Firefighters try to douse the flames at a building at Islambagh in the capital yesterday afternoon. The fire reportedly originated from a kitchen. More photo on page 5.

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