



Who could tell this is a highway! CNG-run auto-rickshaws, trucks and other heavy construction equipment use this portion of the Dhaka-Mawa highway as a parking lot. The photo was taken yesterday at Kadamtoli square in Keraniganj near 2nd Buriganga Bridge at Babubazar.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

KU teacher sacked for sexual harassment

BSS, Khulna

The Khulna University (KU) authorities on Thursday terminated a teacher of the mathematics department over sexually harassing a female student of his discipline.

The KU syndicate took the decision against Prof Sharif Uddin at a meeting on the campus with Vice Chancellor Prof Md Fayequzzaman in the chair.

KU Registrar (in-charge) Prof Sarder Shafiqul Islam said the termination letter was accordingly sent to Prof Sharif.

In 2009, a teacher of the economics department of the KU was also sacked from the university over a similar allegation.

Unidentified youth's body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth, aged around 26, beside Nobinagar-Chandra highway in Baroipara area of Ashulia yesterday.

Locals noticed the body with its hands and legs tied up around 10:00am and informed police. It bore several injury marks.

Miscreants might have killed him and left the body there, said OC Abdul Awal of Ashulia Police Station.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Fugitive JMB member arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) claimed to have arrested a fugitive member of banned militant outfit Jama'tul Mujahidin Bangladesh (JMB) at village Chhontia of Sadar upazila in Jamalpur on Thursday night.

The arrestee, Hassan Sheikh, 52, of the village, was first arrested by Rab members for his alleged involvement with militancy on October 26, 2009. The next day, a case was filed under the anti-terrorism act.

But later he secured bail and subsequently went into hiding from May 12, 2016.

Yesterday, a court sent him to jail.

Two stabbed to death in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were stabbed to death in Darussalam and Airport Railway Station areas in the capital yesterday and Thursday night.

Md Shaheen, 17, was stabbed to death in Tolerbagh area around 8:30pm on Thursday following a "senior-junior" scuffle over a football match at Lalkuthi ground, said Selimuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Darussalam Police Station.

Yesterday, Rubeya, 26, a beggar, was stabbed to death allegedly by her husband Nazmul following a quarrel near Dhaka Airport Railway Station, said Dhaka Railway police.

Locals took Rubeya to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead.

2 men held with 6,000 Yaba pills

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Police arrested two persons with 6,000 Yaba tablets in Roshid More area under Pangsha Municipality in Rajbari on Thursday.

The arrestees are Najmul Islam, 32, son of Nazrul Islam in Joynabad area of Kumarkhali upazila in Kushtia and Masudur Rhaman, 29, son of Momin Ali of the same area.

Office-in-Charge of Pangsha Police Station, Mofajal Hossain said based on a secret information, police raided the house of one Abu Nasar and arrested Najmul and Masudur with 6,000 Yaba tablets. A case was filed against them with Pangsha Police Station.

Formulate

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initial cabinet meeting approval.

This act, Nazrul thinks, will ease the land grabbing culture to some extent.

Housing and Public Works Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain said if someone intends to construct a house even at a village, he or she would have to take permission. The "City and Area Planning Act 2017" has been proposed in this regard.

He said the draft act has been submitted to the law ministry, where it will be subject to a vetting process, after which it will be placed at a cabinet meeting for the final approval.

The cabinet in a meeting on March 20 gave approval in principle to the draft act, which included a provision of five years rigorous imprisonment and fine of maximum Tk 5 lakh for those who would be found to have violated the law.

The Urban Development Director (UDD) will oversee the implementation of the act under his ministry.

Shahid Ullah Khandaker, housing and public works secretary, said once the law is passed, effective steps can be taken to direct which land will be suitable for agriculture and non-agricultural purposes.

He said an experimental implementation process is already underway in Mymensingh, Cox's Bazar and Chittagong's Mirsarai. Once successful, it will be implemented at district, upazila and union levels.

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COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING Join hands with govts

Mahmood Ali urges business community at Bali forum in Perth

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali has called upon the business community to join hands with the governments of the Asia-Pacific region in combating human trafficking and transnational crimes.

He made the call while addressing the Bali Process Government and Business Forum in Perth, Australia yesterday.

The minister is attending the forum at the invitation of the Bali Process co-chairs, foreign ministers Julie Bishop of Australia and Retno Marsudi of Indonesia.

He reiterated Bangladesh's commitment and highlighted the government's multiple measures for preventing and combating human trafficking and related transnational crimes.

The minister also underscored the need for an effective cooperation between the governments and private sector to address the root causes of human trafficking.

The forum was attended by 23 ministers from the Asia-Pacific region and over 45 high-level government representatives and 35 business leaders of member states of Bali Process and UN agencies.

Established in 2002, the Bali process is a voluntary forum for regional awareness and cooperation for addressing the issue of people smuggling, trafficking and related transnational crimes.

Some 4.5 billion people of the world's population are covered under the Bali process, according to the foreign ministry. Mahmood Ali also signed voluntary pledges along with other participating member states.

Earlier, the minister attended a meeting hosted by the Australian foreign minister.

Under a new initiative of the Australian foreign minister, several hundred Australian students receive government grants and scholarships to study in the countries of Asia and the Pacific. Next year, 29 Australian students will come to study in Bangladesh.

Human rights Bangladesh's highest priority

Says Law Minister Anisul Huq at meeting in Geneva

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq has said Bangladesh attaches the highest priority to fulfilling its commitment to ensure human rights for all of its citizens and reiterated that the country holds democracy, human rights and secularism at the core of its national values and ethos.

The law minister said this during a meeting with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva yesterday.

Accompanied by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, the minister went to Geneva at the invitation of Zeid to hold a discussion in areas of collaboration in various human rights issues, according to a foreign ministry press release.

Savar college girl foils early marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A college girl yesterday foiled an early marriage in Chaira village of Savar outside the capital.

On information that the parents of Mariam Akter, a seventh grader, were marrying her off with one Jakir Hossen, Mukta Akter Moni came forward to stop it, said locals.

Mariam is only 14 years old while Jakir, 28, said Mukta, a class XII student of Savar University College.

She informed the local union parishad member of the matter.

She also took the UIP member and locals to the wedding ceremony.

Later, she persuaded Mariam's parents to stop the marriage by highlighting its disadvantages.

She said Mariam's father Nurul Islam was arranging the marriage without the acknowledgement of a court.

When asked about the noble initiative, Mukta, a co-villager of Mariam, said she does not want that any girl falls victim to the curse of child marriage.

She is aware about it as she is involved in different social works, she added.

Two-day educational

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generation skilled enough and competent for the modern age," said Nahid.

He also thanked the organisers for arranging the event, saying that it will help both the students and academics.

Sabur Khan, chairman of Daffodil Group; Prof MA Mannan, vice chancellor of Bangladesh Open University; Munaj Ahmed Noor, vice chancellor of Islamic University of Technology; and Prof Yousuf M Islam, vice chancellor of Daffodil International University, were present on the occasion.



An activist of Nari Mukti Kendra speaks during a rally held in the capital's Shahbagh area yesterday. The rights organisation called for a united resistance movement against rape and other repression against children and women. It also demanded exemplary punishment for the perpetrators.

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College girl's body found in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police recovered the body of a college girl from her house at Monirampur Sadar upazila of Jessore yesterday morning. The dead is Labanno Kundu, 19, daughter of Shakhor Kundu and a student of Monirampur Womens' College.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Mokarram Hossain, officer-in-charge of Monirampur Police Station, told The Daily Star that after getting the autopsy report they can say whether it was a "murder" or "suicide".

An unnatural death case was filed.

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