

# Pregnant woman strangled 'for dowry'

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A pregnant housewife was strangled for dowry at Udaypur village in Kamarkhand upazila of Sirajganj early yesterday, police said.

Abdul Hamid, husband of the victim, Rukshana Khatun, 30, was arrested on charge of killing his wife. Officer-in-Charge Abu Obaida of Kamarkhand police, quoting the victim's family members, said Rukshana was often tortured by her in-laws for dowry. She was taken to arbitration several times for not meeting their demands, they alleged.

Dulal Hossain, the victim's father, claimed Hamid strangled his daughter and hanged her body in the ceiling to portray the murder as a suicide.

Police recovered the body from the house around 10:00am yesterday, the OC said, adding that the victim's body had several injury marks that proved she was tortured.

The body was sent to Sirajganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed against Abdul Hamid with the police station.

# UN offers

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The UNDP had several meetings with the EC, and the commission principally agreed on some of the aspects of the proposals, including upgrading the existing IT infrastructure of the commission, he added.

The Needs Assessment Mission team, led by Svetlana Galkina of the UN Department of Political Affairs, visited the EC and talked to election officials and political party representatives from July 24 to August 2.

The conflict mitigation strategy of the proposed project will contribute to building community resilience against electoral violence in districts most prone to violence. It will also help efforts to promote social cohesion, support the EC's capacity to monitor conflict prone areas and mitigate possible electoral violence. The strategy will boost the EC's capacity to train its personnel and other election stakeholders during all phases of the electoral cycle.

The United Nations has been supporting the electoral process in Bangladesh since 1995. The implementation of the proposed project is likely to begin next year and would continue till middle or end of 2019.

# Boy rescued

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The boy and arrested three suspects early yesterday, said the boy's uncle Rayhan Rohan.

The man who called Momin said he wanted the money delivered in 10-15 minutes and threatened him with "bad consequences".

The man told Momin to go near Nabisco with the money. He changed the money drop-off location twice before asking Momin to drop the bag of money from Bijoy Sarani-Tejgaon Link Road near the rail lines, Rohan said.

As a man picked up the bag and tried to flee, detectives shot him in the leg and took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 4:30am.

Hospital staffers said suspect Rubel, 25, was shot in the right leg. Rubel is the man, who was seen in the CCTV footage taking Tausifur, said Shajahan, additional deputy commissioner (north) of Detective Branch of police.

Another police team raided a flat at Kunipara and rescued Tausifur around 4:00am and arrested two suspects there, he said, adding that an officer was injured in the operation. "I am really grateful to police. Their effort was really sincere," Momin said.

# Dream debut

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There were also no fireworks from the giants of Dhaka, who after being sent in to bat, were restricted to 136 for seven. The Dhaka innings featured only eight fours and four sixes as the Shakib Al Hasan-led side were actually outsmarted by a canny Nasir Hossain. The wily off-spinner led the Sylhet bowling with such aplomb that it could have misled someone to believe that he was not captaining on the big stage for the first time.

Opening the bowling, he removed both openers after which Dhaka could not recover.

Chasing a modest target, the home side reached 137 for one with 19 balls to spare. Openers Upul Tharanga and Andre Fletcher virtually toyed with the Dhaka bowlers in a 125-run stand before the West Indian was out for a 51-ball 63 that contained three massive sixes and five fours. Sri Lanka's Tharanga hit an unbeaten 69 off 48 balls. The left-hander struck five boundaries and a couple of sixes.

In the double-header on the opening day, Rajshahi Kings were pitted against Rangpur Riders under lights. Sent into bat, Rajshahi posted a fighting 154-8.

# CPA conf'ce begins today

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high standards of performance of parliamentarians.

JS Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, also the CPA chairperson, will preside over the conference while Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Mia will lead the Bangladesh delegation.

The eight-day conference began on November 1 with meetings of different committees and sub-committees of CPA as well as conferences of its "Small Branches".

After the inaugural event, all the remaining sessions of the conference will be held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. The meeting will conclude on Wednesday with the adaptation of "Dhaka Declaration".

"The delegates of different member countries in Small Branches have proposed discussing various issues at the conference, including fighting corruption, ensuring transparency in the activities of top officials and taking effective measures to address climate change and environment pollution," ruling Awami League lawmaker Tanvir Imam, also a member of the CPA media committee, told reporters at a briefing at a city hotel yesterday.

He briefed the press after the meeting of Small Branches of CPA. Of the over 180 national and provincial parliaments of the organisation, a group of 43 is classified as "Small Branches", with each of the countries having a population of less than 500,000.

Tanvir said the annual event would bring together parliamentarians, parliamentary staff and decision makers from across the Commonwealth countries for a unique conference and net-

working opportunity.

During the final day's meeting of Small Branches yesterday, its members stressed the need for encouraging the youth community in active politics and role of parliaments in fighting corruption, the lawmaker added.

The conference will focus on the young generation as about 60 percent of 2.4 billion people living in Commonwealth countries are aged below 30.

This year's meeting is also significant from the point of view of the Rohingya crisis as a separate session will be held today where Bangladesh's Foreign Minister AH Mahmood will apprise foreign delegates on the issue.

Bangladesh will also seek the CPA's support to force Myanmar to take back its nationals who have fled their homeland since August 25 following persecution.

As many as eight workshops will be held during the conference on a wide range of topics, including the role of parliamentarians in building stronger ties within Commonwealth, giving voice to the youth and mechanisms for ensuring effective participation of the youth in the governance process.

The election of the chairperson of CPA Executive Committee will also be held during the conference as the three-year tenure of the incumbent chairperson expires this year.

Speaker Shirin was elected chairperson of the CPA Executive Committee in October 2014.

The CPA was founded in 1911 as the Empire Parliamentary Association and its affairs were administered by the UK branch.

# A crucial test

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The AL leaders think intra-party feud might be a big hurdle for the party as it has multiple contenders for the mayor post in every city corporation.

The party identified the same issue as the reason behind the defeat in the Comilla City Corporation polls on March 30 and stepped in to resolve party issues in the six cities where the polls are due.

Besides, the party wants at least a gap of one month between the polls for taking preparations. Many AL leaders had blamed the defeat in the last polls in Khulna, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Barisal on lack of time for preparations as the elections were held on the same day.

On Tuesday, Helaluddin Ahmed, acting secretary to the Election Commission, said the Rangpur City Corporation elections would be held on December 21 and the EC would declare the polls schedule today.

The commission is considering holding the rest of the city polls in the middle of next year.

Elections to the city corporations in Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet were held on June 15, 2013 and all the AL-backed candidates were defeated. The party had another bitter experience in the Gazipur polls held on July 6 that year.

However, AL-blessed candidate had secured victory in the maiden Rangpur City Corporation election, which took place on December 20, 2012.

The mayors are elected for five years. Talking to The Daily Star, AL presidium member Kazi Zafarullah said they have taken the city corporation elections "very seriously" as the results would send a message to the party leaders and activists across the country.

"Defeat will weaken our morale while a win would be the total opposite. We will select the right candidates, take an all-out preparation and go for vigorous campaigns ahead of the polls," he said.

A senior BNP leader said, "It is very unlikely that the party will take any risk by nominating new faces in the six city corporation elections, which will be very crucial for the party ahead of the national polls."

"The elections are going to take place just months before the national polls and we will desperately try to ensure victory which would increase people's faith in BNP," said the standing committee leader, wishing not to be named.

Another BNP central leader said victory in the six city corporations would also inspire "our party men to continue their fight against the ongoing repression by the government".

BNP's candidates in Rajshahi, Sylhet, Khulna and Gazipur city corporations would not be changed as they are considered "much stronger" than their rivals there, said party sources.

Besides, the mayors of three of the city corporations faced a huge trouble in discharging their duties because of several cases filed against them. They had to stay behind bars during most of their tenure. It might win them people's sympathy as an added benefit, added the sources.

The party's strategy might be different for the BNP-backed mayor in Barisal City Corporation, said some local leaders, adding that the mayor, Ahsan Habib Kamal, allegedly sided with the ruling party after his victory.

In Sylhet, three AL leaders are looking for the party ticket. They are city AL President Badar Uddin Ahmad Kamran, General Secretary Asad Uddin and district sports association General Secretary Mahiuddin Selim, who is close to Finance Minister AMA Muhih.

Current city mayor Ariful Huq Chowdhury, city unit BNP General

Secretary Badruzzaman and district unit BNP General Secretary Nasim Hussain are the mayor aspirants from the BNP's side.

In Barisal, AL's politics is dominated by district AL President Abul Hasnat Abdullah and his son city AL Joint General Secretary Sadik Abdullah is still the lone mayor aspirant from there. Recently, the city AL announced his name as their candidate.

The BNP has three leaders seeking the party nomination. Incumbent mayor and central BNP leader Ahsan Habib Kamal, former city mayor and district BNP President Mojibar Rahman Sarwar and party leader Bilkis Jahan Shirin are vying for the party ticket.

In Khulna, Sadar AL President Saiful Islam, Khulna Chamber of Commerce president and first Khulna City Mayor Kazi Amin along with two cousins of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina -- Sheikh Sohel and Sheikh Jewel -- are contenders for the party nomination.

Besides, many AL leaders in the district believe the party would nominate former city mayor Talukdar Abdul Khalek, also lawmaker from Bagerhat-3 constituency, taking his "popularity" into consideration.

The AL in Khulna is split into two factions -- one led by district AL President Harun-or-Rashid and the other by General Secretary SM Mostafa Rashidi Suja. There are also conflicts between city unit AL acting president Mizanur Rahman Mizan, lawmaker from Khulna-2 constituency, and Khalek.

From the BNP's side, current mayor Moniruzzaman Moni and district BNP President Shafiqul Alam Mona would run in the nomination race.

In Rajshahi, city AL President AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and city unit Vice President Mir Iqbal are hopeful about getting party tickets. Rajshahi AL leaders think former city mayor Liton would have the last laugh.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul, also the city unit BNP president, and city BNP general secretary Shafiqul Haque Milon are the nomination hopefuls from their party.

At least 12 AL leaders are seeking party blessing for the mayoral polls to Rangpur City Corporation while the number of BNP leaders, wishing to contest the election, is just two.

The AL leaders include incumbent city mayor Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhantu, AL central leaders Chowdhury Khalequazzaman, Rashek Rahman, district AL Organising Secretary Abul Kasem, city AL President Safiur Rahman, General Secretary Tusher Kanti Mandal, Organising Secretary Rezaul Islam Milon and district unit AL leader Mosaddek Hossain Bablu.

Sources said AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader will visit Rangpur on November 8 and convince all the leaders to support the candidate to be named by the party.

District BNP General Secretary Rois Ahmed and city unit Vice President Kawsr Kamal Babla are seeking party ticket from the BNP's side.

In Gazipur, City AL President Azmat Ullah Khan, General Secretary Jahangir Alam and local Jubo League leader Kamrul Ashan Sarker Russel are hopeful about winning party ticket while incumbent city Mayor MA Mannan, advisor to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, and party executive member Hasan Sarker are vying for the party nomination.

In the last Gazipur city polls, held on July 6, 2013, Azmat Ullah Khan was the AL candidate while Jahangir Alam contested the polls as a party rebel.

# Infant stabbed by mentally challenged man

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An eight-month-old child was stabbed by his mentally challenged uncle at Kamrangirchar in the capital last night.

Nabil, son of Md Nasir and Taslima Begum, of Madbarbazar area in Kamrangirchar, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition, DMCH sources said.

Shahin Fakir, officer-in-charge of Kamrangirchar Police Station, told The Daily Star that Taslima's brother Habibur Rahman, 26, had been suffering from psychological issues for last eight to nine years.

Habibur's condition had improved but turned for the worse over the last three days, the OC said.

Around 6:30pm yesterday, Habibur started chasing Taslima with a billhook. Fearing for her life, Taslima ran away from him leaving Nabil inside a room. But Habibur locked the doors of the room from the inside, the OC said.

When locals stormed into the room, they found Habibur holding a blood-stained knife and the child screaming, he said quoting witnesses.

Locals caught and handed Habibur over to police. Police later sent him to the National Institute of Mental Health in Dhaka, the OC said.

# Govt to seek

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"We will seek a review. That means we are questioning the entire verdict... We are saying that the verdict is not correct. A prayer for expunging some parts [of the verdict] will be there. But, we will seek review for the entire verdict," he added.

Both the minister and the AG, however, declined to reveal the grounds. "It is not possible to discuss these in details," Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said.

According to the SC rules, the review petition has to be filed within 30 days of receiving the certified copy of the verdict. The government received the certified copy on October 10, meaning the deadline expires on November 9.

The SC on August 1 released the full text of its verdict in the 16th amendment case, scrapping the constitutional amendment that had empowered parliament to remove SC judges for misconduct or incapacity.

Following the verdict, the prime minister and senior ministers came down heavily on Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, with many of them calling for his resignation.

Some pro-AL organisations, including Bangabandhu Awami Ainjibi Parishad, held protest programmes against the CJ. The parishad leaders threatened to launch a tougher agitation if the CJ did not step down.

The Jatiya Sangsad on September 13 passed a resolution calling for legal steps to nullify the SC verdict. The law minister on several occasions said the government would seek a review of the judgement.

Amid the criticism, the chief justice went on a month's leave on health grounds on October 3. He left the country for Australia 10 days later.

# Man who 'killed mother, son'

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husband businessman Abdul Karim and his third wife Sharmin Akter Mukta, also Al Amin's younger sister, were arrested.

Quoting Al Amin, Mufti Mahmud Khan said he killed the woman and his son Sajjadul Karim Shaon, an "A" level student, as an act of revenge. Al Amin stated that his sister attempted to commit suicide three to four days before the murders for, what he believed, was Shamusun Nahar's fault.

According to him, Karim, pressurised by his Shamsun Nahar, was preparing to divorce his sister. A dispute arose between Karim and Mukta over the wealth issue since, as of their marriage in 2013, most of the wealth was owned by Shamsun Nahar, the Rab official said.

On the other hand, a mid-ranking DB official who interrogated the two other accused, told The Daily Star that Karim and Mukta planned to kill Shamsun Nahar during their trip to Ranganmati six months ago as she used to "create problems" for them.

Lt Col Emranul Hasan, commanding officer of Rab-3, however, told The Daily Star that Al Amin may have given misleading information. The actual fact would come out when the three accused are interrogated face to face.

**THE KILLING MISSION**  
Mufti Mahmud said Al Amin bought a sharp weapon from New Market with Tk 1100 on Tuesday.

The next evening, he went to Shamsun Nahar's house. Rashida Begum, a domestic help of the house, allowed him in. He then locked her inside the kitchen. He stabbed Shaon first several times and then asked him to be seated, saying he had no rivalry with him.

Then he entered the woman's room and started stabbing her. Shaon, despite being severely injured, tried to save his mother and Al Amin slit his throat. Bleeding profusely, Shaon ran out but collapsed on the staircases of the third floor.

Al Amin's two fingers also sustained cuts during the scuffle. He later took treatment for the wounds at Dhaka Medical College Hospital using a fake name. On his way to Gopalganj, he dropped the blood smeared clothes in the Padma River.

The security guard of the building Abdullah Noman, who saw the killers fleeing, identified Al Amin after seeing his photographs, Mufti added.

Rab and detective officials said Shamsun Nahar was the target but Al Amin killed Shaon as he had witnessed the killings.

The bodies of the victims were buried at their village home in Munshiganj after a namaj-e-janaja in the city's Kakrail circuit house mosque.

Family members and friends demanded exemplary punishment for the killers.

Karim had divorced his second wife earlier.

**BADDA DOUBLE MURDER CASE**  
Police yesterday said nine-year-old Nusrat Jahan, a victim of Badda double murders, was suffocated to death as she had witnessed the killing of her father Jamil Sheikh.

Her mother, Arzina Begum, 30, in collusion with Shahin Malik, 26, whom she was having an affair with, killed her husband. She first refused to kill Nusrat, but was convinced two hours

later. She held Nusrat down while Shahin suffocated her with a pillow. Before that, Shaheen had killed Jamil by hitting him on his head with a wooden staff, police officials said.

Mostaq Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Gulshan Division police, said the duo, after killing the father and daughter, planned to make it look like a robbery. They concocted a story of a group of robbers killing them and raping Arzina. Arzina even pretended to be a rape victim to her neighbours.

Police detained Arzina on Thursday, hours after recovering the bodies while Shahin, a construction worker and his wife Masuma, a domestic help, were picked up from Khulna on Friday.

The DC said Arzina had been having an extra-marital affair for the last four months that led to regular argument with Jamil over trifle matters. "She wanted to go away and start a new life with Shahin," Mostaq added.

Jamil was unaware of Arzina's relationship. As it was hard to manage the Tk 7000 monthly rent for their two-room loft, Arzina convinced her husband to take Shahin as a sublet tenant which gave her the scope to spend more time with Shahin in the absence of her husband, police said.

As part of their plan of murdering Jamil, Arzina opened the door to let Shahin in on Thursday night. He hit Jamil, who was asleep at the time, on the head with the wooden staff. As Jamil woke up, Shahin confirmed his death with a second blow, the DC said.

Jamil's daughter Nusrat woke up then and asked why her father was being attacked, said Mostaq, adding that "Arzina then took Nusrat outside as they had not planned to kill her."

But according to police, Nusrat's question sealed her heinous fate.

Shahin later convinced Arzina to kill Nusrat so as not to have any witnesses. Arzina's son Alvi was spared as he was asleep.

DC Mostaq further said that they believe Shahin's wife Masuma, who was in another room in the same flat during the killings, was not aware of the murder scheme. She came to know after the murders took place and fled to Khulna to save her husband, he said.

# Missile

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Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels claimed they had fired the missile, targeting the airport, the Huthis' Al-Masirah television said.

Saudi Arabia's southern neighbour Yemen has been torn apart by a war between the Saudi-backed government of President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi and Huthi rebels backed by Iran.

A Saudi-led coalition intervened in 2015 to prop up Hadi's government after the Shiite Huthis seized the capital Sanaa.

The rebels continue to hold much of the country.

United Nations-backed talks have failed to broker a political settlement to end the fighting, which has left more than 8,600 people dead since the coalition intervened.

A cholera outbreak has claimed more than 2,100 lives in Yemen since April as hospitals struggle to secure supplies amid a coalition air and sea blockade.

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