



In pursuit of prosperity

From housewife to aquaculture businesswoman, a woman's transformation in Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN with ANDREW EAGLE

For Lovely Yasmin and her family, the long days when her husband was effectively unemployed were difficult. At times, it was a question of food on the table. But the housewife from Uttar Kastosagra village in Jhenidah sadar upazila was determined to change her family's lot. After graduating with a Higher School Certificate in 2001, she enrolled in a six-month course at a youth training centre to learn aquaculture and animal husbandry. It proved to be the start of a major transformation. Few could've imagined what a successful fish farmer Lovely, now 42, would become.

Her husband Md Abdul Mannan Mia had worked at the Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation, but during the Bangladesh National Party's tenure he was exempted from duty as an excess employee. Thus began the family's struggle, not only to cover daily expenses but their three sons' schooling costs.

"There was once an Eid-ul-Azha when my husband couldn't sacrifice even a goat," Lovely recalls, in tears. "I could only cook a hotchpotch and there was barely enough. We were hungry. My youngest son cried himself to sleep. On that day I resolved to build a better life."

In 2002, Lovely took a Tk 20,000 loan with the view to establishing a poultry farm. But the money was insufficient to run the business. She withdrew a further Tk 44,000 from a savings plan but unfortunately the poultry farm wasn't profitable.

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Transformed from housewife to successful aquaculture entrepreneur, Jhenidah's Lovely Jasmine has created a prosperous future for her family. The photo was taken recently near her home in Uttar Kastosagra.

PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

SHAZNEEN MURDER One convict hanged after 19 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Shahidul Islam alias Shahid, a condemned prisoner in Shazneen Tasnim Rahman rape and murder case, was hanged last night.

The jail authorities carried out the execution at Kashimpur High Security Prison in Gazipur at 9:45pm, nearly 19 years after Shazneen's death.

A trial court had delivered the verdict in September 2003.

The execution was confirmed by Mizanur Rahman, senior superintendent of Kashimpur prison.

Earlier in the day, informed by the jail authorities, Shahidul's mother, brother, sister and an aunt met him in the prison.

Shahidul's brother Muhidul received his body, which was later taken to his village home in Gopalganj's Maksudpur under police guard.

A press release signed by Mizanur about the execution and a brief description of the case was handed to

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Scourge of violence

60pc people from marginalised communities suffered violence more than twice last year, finds a study by Manusher Jonno Foundation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 60 percent people from the marginalised communities in Bangladesh experienced violence more than two occasions last year, according to a new study.

On average, members of 33.9 percent households of these communities became victims of physical violence during that period.

Rights organisation Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) conducted the study on the state of marginalised people in

Bangladesh. The survey was aimed at exploring their experience of discrimination, exclusion, rights violation and overall process of marginalisation.

The study report has been published in a book titled "State of the Marginalised in Bangladesh 2016: Experience of Marginalisation, Exclusion and Rights Violation". The MJF unveiled the book at a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

A total of 2,000 households from 40 field

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Core aspects of CHT accord still ignored

Says Santu Larma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, popularly known as Santu Larma, yesterday alleged that the government did not take effective steps to implement the fundamental aspects of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord even 20 years after its signing.

"Only 25 of the 72 clauses of the accord have

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Another step closer to N-power plant

PM to lay foundation of reactor building at Rooppur plant site today

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Palma

Bangladesh will take a big step towards becoming a nuclear power-generating country today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Rooppur nuclear power plant by placing the first concrete block.

The ceremony will be attended by Director General of ROSATOM Alexey Likhachev, minister of science and technol-

ogy Bangladesh Yafes Osman and President of JSC EC ASE Valery Limarenko.

The general contractor for constructing Rooppur NPP is JSC Atomstroyexport, the engineering division of ROSATOM. In 2015-16, it carried out the preliminary work on the construction site and prepared working documentation and validation materials for the necessary licences.

On November 4, 2017, the Bangladesh

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POWER TARIFF HIKE BNP supports left parties' hartal today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has extended its support for the half-day hartal called for today by left-leaning parties protesting a rise in power tariff from December.

"We consider this shut-down to be rational for the sake of the people. The BNP fully supports tomorrow's hartal by left parties," party's senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said yesterday.

The announcement of the hartal came hours after the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) on November 23 announced an average increase in power tariff by 5.3 percent or Tk 0.35 per

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Yetis are bears!

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Scientists have revealed the identity of the yeti, in "the most rigorous analysis to date" of specimens supposedly taken from the legendary monster.

The creature, also known as the "Abominable Snowman", has long been a feature of Himalayan folklore, and became widely known in the Western world following 19th-century explorers' accounts.

Over the years, various specimens have been collected that allegedly derive from real-life yetis. These formed the basis of a new study led by Dr Charlotte Lindqvist, a biologist at the University at Buffalo.

MISSING PRIEST Family asked to pay Tk 3 lakh ransom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Unidentified criminals demanded Tk 3 lakh as ransom from the family members of missing priest Walter William Rozario on Tuesday night.

Bimal Rozario, his elder brother, confirmed the matter.

"My younger brother Amal Rozario received a call from Walter's phone on Tuesday night. The caller demanded Tk 3 lakh from us immediately. But we sought time to arrange the money and informed the matter to police," Bimal added.

The criminals again called them yesterday morning, said "namaskar" and hung up.

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