

**Well done**  
Secretary captures fleeing bus driver after fatal accident  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

The Law and Justice Division secretary yesterday chased down the driver of a BRTC bus while he was fleeing after crushing a woman to death on Dhaka-Mawa highway in Munshiganj.

Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal captured the driver, Abdul Kaiyum, and handed him over to police on charge of killing one Sayeda begum, 60, wife of late Shafi Hossain of Sreenagar upazila, said Golam Morshed Talukder, officer-in-charge of Hasara Highway Police Station.

Talking to The Daily Star, Secretary Zahirul said he was on his way to Gopalganj with a police escort in the afternoon for official purposes.

After the accident took place, he saw the bus driver speeding away. His vehicle chased the bus for about a kilometre and was able to stop the bus and capture the driver with the help of the police escorting him, he said.

## Teaching from the heart

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When her husband died twelve years ago, it took quite a toll on Minara Begum, now 55, from Kornapur Crossing area of Gazipur's Sreepur upazila. The second wife of Tajuddin Bepari had previously been able to focus on family life, including helping her two sons, who have since completed college, with their schoolwork. Without her husband she felt lost and distressed. She thought of doing something for the community, something within her modest means; but before she could embark on a plan, the community came to her.

"We are poor," says Ramiza Khatun, grandmother of Sharmin Akhter, a class two student of Kornapur Government Primary School. "Sharmin's parents are both illiterate. Her father Giashuddin is

a rickshaw puller and her mother Kulsum Akhter is a garment factory worker. They can't help Sharmin with her study and on her own, Sharmin can't do her homework well. Minara Begum helps. We are grateful to her."

Word of Minara's success in teaching her own children, who regularly achieved first to third place in their classes, had spread. In the neighbourhood many parents were struggling to assist their children. Due to their own lack of education, many parents couldn't even answer the simplest schoolwork questions that their children regularly asked. Minara could.

"We can't afford to give Minara any fees," Ramiza continues, "nor does she demand any."

For more than a decade, Minara, who is renowned for her care in explaining lessons and homework, has been



Minara Begum during one of her tutoring sessions. PHOTO: STAR

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## BNP's NOTICE TO PM Govt to respond legally: Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the reply to the legal notice served by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be given through legal procedure.

"Legal notice is a legal procedure. We are yet to receive the legal notice [of Khaleda Zia]. After receiving the notice, we will discuss it and then we will make a reply to the legal notice through legal way," he told reporters after attending the Child Parliament Sessions-2017. The National Children's Taskforce organised the event in LGED auditorium of the capital.

Khaleda on December 19 served a legal notice on Sheikh Hasina, seeking an apology from the prime minister (Hasina) for making "malicious and defamatory" remarks about her (Khaleda) alleged assets abroad.

In the notice, Khaleda demanded that Hasina apologise "unconditionally" and publicise it within 30 days of receiving the notice.

"Or else, the BNP chairperson will take measures to file a defamation suit against the prime minister, demanding compensations for damaging her reputation and image," it said.

Earlier at a press conference at the Gono Bhaban on December 7, the prime minister, also president of the ruling Awami League, expressed displeasure that the mainstream media did not run any report on the BNP chief and her family members' reported assets and investments in Saudi Arabia and other countries.

## CTG STAMPEDE Police find four causes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A police probe has identified four reasons behind the tragic stampede in the city's Rima Convention Centre on Monday.

Faulty construction of the entrance to the convention centre, the organiser and volunteers' mismanagement, insufficient policemen and indiscipline among people caused the accident, SM Mostain Hossain, deputy commissioner (south) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Mostain, also the chief of the three-member CMP probe committee, was likely to submit the investigation report to CMP Commissioner Iqbal Bahar last night.

Ten people were killed and at least 40 injured in the stampede during the quikhwani of former Chittagong mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury on December 18.

The accident happened as several hundred people scrambled for food at the entrance to the convention centre in the city's Jamal Khan area.

"The faulty entrance to Rima Convention Centre was mainly responsible for the accident. Failing to survive a push from behind, some people fell down on the slope of the main entrance. Within moments, people from behind walked over them, causing the

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