

## Pregnant woman found dead by the road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A six-month pregnant woman was found dead beside a road near her west Jalkuri residence at Siddhiganj in Narayanganj yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Asma Begum, 30, wife of Sarwar Hosain of Barisal, and sent it to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Police detained Sarwar, a day labourer and his three co-workers.

Sarwar found the door of the house, where the couple had been living for last seven months, locked from outside when he returned from work on Friday night, said police, quoting Sarwar.

The next morning, locals found Asma's body.

The body bore some injury marks on the face and neck, said police.

Sarwar might have strangled Asma over a family feud, suspected police.



Experts from home and abroad speak at a roundtable on "Palliative Care: A call for Public Awareness and Policy Inclusion" organised by Ayat Skill Development Centre (ASDC) at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

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## NEWS IN brief

### DU registered graduate polls begin

BSS, Dhaka

The election to choose 25 registered graduate representatives for Dhaka University Senate began yesterday.

In the first phase, voting was held at 28 centres from 10:00am to 1:00pm outside the capital while the fourth and last phase of voting will be held on January 20 in the city, said a DU press release.

The second and third phases will take place on January 13 and 16 respectively outside the capital.

The results will be declared on January 21, it added.

### Bhashani university students demand revised fees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The students of Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University in Tangail yesterday demonstrated on the campus to press home their five-point demand.

They also kept the administrative building locked for three hours.

The demands include reducing fees payable by the students, including credit fee, transportation fee and cancellation of tuition and all development fees. The students submitted a memorandum to the proctor in this regard. The students opened the lock at 6:00pm after the VC Prof Mohammad Alauddin assured them of holding a discussion over their demands.

### Two security guards killed in Dhamrai

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the bodies of two security guards from the factory they used to work at in Dhamrai, outside the capital, yesterday afternoon.

The dead are Raza Mia, 50, of Manikganj, and Shahid Mia, 38, of Bogra. Police also detained their co-worker Bollam Mollah.

Quoting Bollam, police said on Friday night, some unidentified youths beat up his two co-workers with hammers and then hacked them as the latter tried to prevent the youths from entering the factory "Swedis Beverage Ltd" in Sutipara.

### Govt gives 27 lakh

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Maya asked lawmakers for quick distribution of blankets, mentioning that the prime minister asked party leaders and MPs to stand beside the cold-hit people.

The minister also urged all to help the victims.

### Abducted businessman

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During primary interrogation, Babu said he and his cousin Samrat were business partners. He abducted Samrat as the latter was dilly-dallying to repay him money, the OC added. A case was filed with the police station.

## 107 Hindus killed in 2017

Says Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Mohajote

UNB, Dhaka

At least 107 Hindus were killed and 31 became victims of enforced disappearance in 2017 -- higher than previous year's, said Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Mohajote (BJHM) yesterday.

Polash Kanti Dey, general secretary of BJHM, an alliance of Hindu organisations, came up with the statistics while revealing a report titled, "Atrocities on Religious Minorities in Bangladesh from January 1 to December 31 of 2017", at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity. The report said 782 Hindus were either forced to leave the country or threatened to leave. Besides, 23 were forced to convert.

Polash said at least 25 Hindu women and children were raped while 235 temples and statues were vandalised. The number of atrocities on the Hindu community in 2017 is 6,474. The number was 11,335 in 2016.

BJHM President Prabhas Chandra Ray said though the number has declined because of the efforts of government, BJHM and Hindu society, incidents of killing and forced disappearance are still alarming. He expressed hope that the number of atrocities on the minorities will come down to zero soon with government efforts.

### JS goes into

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The business advisory committee of parliament, headed by Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, would sit at 3:00pm to finalise the duration and other businesses of the session.

The House sitting is likely to be adjourned for an hour after its start in honour of fisheries and livestock minister and Awami League lawmaker Golam Mostafa, who passed away recently.

The 18th session ended on last November 16.

The 10th parliament was formed through January 5, 2014 national election, which was boycotted by the BNP-led alliance and most of the other political parties.

## A life of hope, dignity

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care is available in few hospitals like Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and Dhaka Medical College Hospital in Bangladesh at present.

For a larger implementation, the government has to take an initiative as it is not possible for the private organisations to do it alone, he said.

Dr Moarraf Hossain, director of National Institute for Cancer Research and Hospital, said 30 percent of the cancer patients, they have provided treatment to, could get cured.

The remaining 70 percent who suffered for a long time are considered as a burden on the family and society, he said, highlighting the importance of palliative care.

Praising the initiative of the roundtable, noted entrepreneur Rokia Afzal Rahman said, "At the end of the day, I feel I have to contribute to the society that has given me the opportunity to build myself."

"Today, I am here to commit myself to be with you," she told the roundtable.

Speaking as the chief guest, Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Advocate Fazle Rabbi Miah said he would take steps to bring success to the initiative. He stressed the need for arranging awareness programmes on palliative care in different divisions.

Bushra Alam, senior health specialist of the World Bank in Bangladesh, suggested engaging the youth in building awareness on palliative care.

Prof MA Khan, head of Hematology, DMCH; Nusrat Aman, chief patron of ASDC; Sathyanarayanan Doraiswamy, chief of Health Programmes, UNFPA Bangladesh; Prof Judy Beal, dean, Simmons College of Nursing, Boston, USA, and Arif Mahmud, director, Medical Services, Apollo Hospitals, also spoke.

## BGB man fatally run over by bus

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upazila yesterday, said witnesses.

The deceased is Mahbubur Rahman, 38.

Locals rushed him to Badarganj Upazila Health Complex where he succumbed to his injuries.

In Faridpur, an elderly man was killed as a truck ran him over in Munshi Bazar area under Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Kashem Sheikh, 60, from Kafra village under Gerda Union of Sadar upazila. The man was crossing a bridge in Munshi Bazar area.

He succumbed to his injuries on his way to Faridpur Medical College and Hospital.

In Thakurgaon, a motorcyclist was killed on the spot after a Panchagarh-bound truck

ran him over on the Panchagarh-Dhaka highway yesterday.

The accident occurred as Mahfuzur Rahman Atom, lost his control over the motorbike.

In another incident, a rickshaw-puller and his passenger were killed when a Dhaka-bound truck hit the rickshaw on the Thakurgaon-Dhaka highway in Satyapir Bridge area yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shovon, 24, of Nishchintapur of Thakurgaon municipality.

He was going home, Thakurgaon Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Kafil Uddin told The Daily Star. The identity of the rickshaw-puller could not be known immediately.

[Our correspondents concerned contributed to the report]

## Progress too slow

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project completion period between January 2015 and December 2018. "But three-fourth of the total time was lost in red-tapism well before start of the project," said an official. Finally, he said, Titas started installing meters on September 17 last year, but faced problems shortly afterwards.

Officials said when Titas started the installation work, it found many of its service lines are faulty. It also found the lines connected to gas ovens are leaked. Some 13,174 meters were installed until December 26, 2017. The plan was to install 23,000.

Titas Gas Prepaid Meter Project Director Fazlur Rahman admitted the problems and said they have sent letters to the consumers concerned asking them to fix the leaks with the help of Titas. "But the response is very poor. Some 400 letters were sent but we've received very little response."

Moreover, the Titas-appointed contractor's inadequate manpower has contributed to the delay. "Toyokeiki Co Ltd, the selected contractor, was asked to increase its manpower, but they look reluctant. It caused further delay in the work," a Titas official said preferring anonymity. Besides, allegation runs ripe that local sub-contractors are taking additional money from consumers if any leak is found in their gas connections during the meter installation.

Over the project's slow progress, State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid said he is not very happy with the Energy Division's performance.

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## Expression of Interest (EoI)

UNFPA is in the process of identifying potential implementing partner (IP) for a 04 years long project; 'ASTHA: Strengthening Access to Multi-sectoral Public Services for GBV Survivors in Bangladesh' (2018 - 2021) supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN). ASTHA will be implemented in Jamalpur, Cox's Bazar, Bogra and Patuakhali districts.

Those who are interested in participating in the process should forward their expression of interest in a sealed envelope marked as "EoI for ASTHA" to **Chief, Gender Unit, UNFPA Bangladesh, 15th Floor, IDB Bhavan (UN Offices), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka by 20 January 2018 (by BST. 1600hrs.)**.

Organizations are requested to retrieve the detailed 'Scope of Work' from the UNFPA Bangladesh website (<http://bangladesh.unfpa.org/en/submit/astha-strengthening-access-multi-sectoral-public-services-gbv-survivors-bangladesh>).

"Request for Proposals" tab which contains the eligibility criteria and requirements. Only short listed organizations may be contacted for further information/agreement.

Note: Due to the high volume of communications, UNFPA is not in a position to confirm receipt of the expression of interests.

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## Corrigendum Notice

It is notified for all concerned that the following amendments are hereby made against tender notice published vide memo No. 58.03.0000.017.07.261.17.22074 dated: 04.12.2017 in the daily "Prothom Alo" & The "Daily Star" dated: 06.12.2017 respectively for the procurement of fire fighting & rescue equipments:

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