Rohingya man 'killed' in camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A Rohingya man was allegedly killed inside Kutupalong camp in Ukhiya upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Md Hakim, 40, was beaten to death by another Rohingya refugee Md Rafique, 32, witnesses

They both arrived in the camp some five months ago, fleeing persecution in

Rakhine state of Myanmar. Police said an altercation took place on Thursday when Rafique enquired the

identity of a woman, who came to see Hakim and his son at the camp. The woman, who arrived

from Bandarban, is the first wife of Hakim, police said quoting locals.

Following the altercation, Rafique beat Hakim with a hammer repeatedly killing him on spot. Later, he fled the area, police added.

He was arrested from the camp along with another suspect Shamsul Alam, a resident of the camp.

The body was sent to a local hospital for autopsy.

Unicef to give \$113m for 7.2 lakh kids

UNB, Dhaka

As part of the Rohingya joint response plan, Unicef will provide \$113 million to meet the needs of 720,000 children -- Rohingya as well as Bangladeshi children in the communities hosting them -- through the end of 2018.

The "extraordinary efforts" of the Bangladesh government, with support from the humanitarian community, brought crucial protection and relief to children and families, many of whom had escaped death, said Unicef.

The crisis continues -- the Rohingyas are still fleeing Myanmar with around 500 new arrivals every week over the past month.

The scale of immediate, basic, life-saving needs including the daily need of 17 million litres of clean water remains immense.

Some 50,000 latrines are needed, of which over 28,000 are constructed and over 200,000 children are still not getting any form of education.

"There are new and acute risks," Unicef spokesperson Marixie Mercado told reporters at a press briefing in Geneva yesterday.

The response plan includes the preparedness work that is going into protecting Rohingya refugees from impending monsoon rains and potential cyclones.

It also includes longer-terms needs, most importantly education and protection and notably psychosocial support, for children.

"Together with partners, we have been able to reach 82,000 children between 4 and 14 years old with rudimentary learning -- English, Myanmar and some maths -- plus some basic life skills," said the Unicef spokesperson.

The plan aims to reach 270,000 children by the end of the year, a huge undertaking, but one that can spell the difference between hope and despair for every single one of those



Visitors look at a photograph during an exhibition at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro (BSK) Chitrashala in the capital yesterday. The eight-day exhibition features 26 students of the fourth batch at Alor Ishkul, a photography training centre based in BSK. Through their lenses, the photographers captured the lives of low-income people working in the capital's Aminbazar bridge area. The exhibition will continue till March 23. PHOTO: STAR

UN lauds Bangladesh's human rights efforts

UNB, Dhaka

The UN Committee for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has commended Bangladesh's endeavour and achievements at the first review of the national report of Bangladesh at the 63rd session of the committee for the International Covenant on Economic, Social, Cultural Rights that concluded in Geneva yesterday.

At the review meeting, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam led the Bangladesh delegation.

The review was conducted by 18 members of the committee, who took part in the two-day dialogue and asked questions to the delegation of Bangladesh in relation to the present status of implementation of ICESCR and share future plans.

The state minister, in his introductory remarks, mentioned the vision of

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the realisation of the economic, social and cultural rights of the people of Bangladesh, said the foreign ministry.

The committee raised issues of women empowerment, the protection of rights of ethnic minorities, status of Antidiscrimination Bill 2015, strengthening tax systems, protection of labour rights, social safety net, Bangladesh's plan of transition from informal to formal economy, birth registration, Child Marriage, amongst others.

To respond to the question of addressing the issues of discrimination, the state minister highlighted, inter alia, the wide base of the social safety net, the 15th amendment of the constitution in the protection of rights of the ethnic minorities.

In this regard, he mentioned that Bangladesh ranked 34th in the world in the Inclusive Development Index.

Banskhali 11-Murder Key accused held again after 7 years

Police arrested an accused of

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

the Banskhali 11-murder case in Chittagong city yesterday. The arrestee is Md Jasim,

40, son of Abdus Sukkur,

said police. Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Salahuddin of Banshkhali Police Station, said, "Jasim had been on the run since the case was filed in 2003, but

was once arrested in 2011". "Later, he got bail and fled to Oman. He came back to Bangladesh in 2016, and was arrested again yesterday in connection with the same

case," OC added. Yesterday, Jasim was caught by locals and handed

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No place for female jobseekers Farzana is one of those thousands of

UNB, Dhaka

When Farzana Islam enrolled in the department of mathematics at Dhaka University (DU), she was high-spirited to reach her aspirations. The girl from Chandpur passed with

flying colors in both undergraduate and post-graduate levels, which gave wings to her dreams. But the reality unfolded later on,

when the Rokeya Hall resident had to vacate her safe haven, following the submission of her thesis. She could opt to live in sublet

arrangements, but failed to compromise on security, she said regretfully. Left with no other option, Farzana finally bought herself a ticket to Chandpur, packed her bags and left the city, leaving

behind her dream to build a career. She got married soon after and is now a home-maker, but deep inside, the sting of leaving her dreams unfulfilled still leaves her overwhelmed.

women who are failing to start their career in the city due to inadequate accommodation facilities for them. Although there are some living

arrangements for working women, there are no government or private initiatives for female jobseekers in the city. Therefore, these educated women get

little or no opportunity to prepare for the competitive job market or interviews. Farzana, who stood first in her post-

graduate exam and sixth in the undergraduate level, said, "I could not get myself prepared for the highly competitive job market for lack of proper support. I faced some interviews with inadequate preparations and unsurprisingly I failed." She also said if she could manage

good accommodation in Dhaka after leaving the university dormitory, probably by now she would be holding a good job.

Another job seeker, Kamrunnahar

Nazifa, who recently graduated from the department of economics at DU, had to vacate her dormitory allotment and now lives in a private female hostel in the city.

Stating that the environment of the university dormitory and the private hostel are completely different, Nazifa expressed high dissatisfaction over her present accommodation conditions, citing security and poor study environment. "In sublet houses three or four

persons have to share a small room which is very insecure and we get very little room for our study. The government provides hardly any facility for job seeking women," she said.

She further said the high living cost in metropolis like Dhaka is a big challenge for a job seeking woman.

There are only seven governmentrun hostels for working women in the country, of which three are located in Dhaka.

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The authorities of Dhakeshwari National Temple stage a hunger strike at the temple in Dhaka yesterday,

demanding reclamation of the endowed property meant for the temple.

PHOTO: STAR

'কৃষিই সমৃদ্ধি'



সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক (খামার) এর কার্যালয় পাংশা বীজ উৎপাদন খামার, বিএডিসি

পাংশা, রাজবাড়ী

21	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়।
२।	এজেনী	বিএডিসি।
9	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী ধরণ	সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক (খামার), পাংশা বীজ উৎপাদন খামার, বিএডিসি, পাংশা, রাজবাড়ী।
81	দরপত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	০২/২০১৭-১৮ , তারিখঃ ১৩/০৩/১৮খ্রিঃ।
01	কাজের বিবরণ	পাংশা বীজ উৎপাদন খামারের অচল/অকেজো ট্রাক্টর , বিভিন্ন পুরাতন কৃষি যন্ত্রপাতি ও বিভিন্ন পুরাতন মালামাল।
ঙ৷	দরপত্রের সূত্র	অতিরিক্ত মহাব্যবস্থাপক (খামার), বিএডিসি, কৃষি ভবন, ঢাকা মহোদয়ের দপ্তর স্মারক নং-১৭৪৮ তারিখঃ ২৫/০৪/২০১৭খ্রিঃ মোতাবেক।
91	বিক্রয়ের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
ъı	দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান, যাদের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন এবং টিআইএন সনদ আছে।
81	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	প্রতি সেট ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
701	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির ও জমা দেয়ার স্থান	ক) সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক (খামার), পাংশা বীজ উৎপাদন খামার, বিএডিসি, পাংশা, রাজবাড়ী। খ) উপ-পরিচালক (বীবি), বিএডিসি, কৃষ্টিয়া। গ) উপ-পরিচালক (কঃগ্রোঃ), বিএডিসি, গোয়ালচামট, ফরিদপুর।
77 1	আর্নেষ্টমানি/সিকিউরিটিমানির পরিমাণ	দরপত্র সিডিউলে উদ্ধৃত মোট মূল্যের শতকরা ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) হারে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে "সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক (খামার), পাংশা বীজ উৎপাদন খামার, বিএডিসি, পাংশা, রাজবাড়ী" এর অনুকূলে প্রদানযোগ্য।
251	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৫/০৪/২০১৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
201	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখ ও শেষ সময়	১৬/০৪/২০১৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ (বারো) ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
181	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, স্থান ও সময়	১৬/০৪/২০১৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকেল ৩.৩০ (তিনটা ত্রিশ) ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত, নিমুশ্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর।
761	কৃতকার্য দরপত্রদাতাকে সরকারি নিয়মমাফিক মোট মূল্যের উপর ৪% হারে ভ্যাট ও ৫% হারে উৎসে কর ও আয়কর পরিশোধ করতে হবে।	

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TIB for ACC's stronger role

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has demanded "a more effective and stronger role" of the Anti-Corruption Commission for curbing corruption in the country.

They also said the government should not allow people to legalise back money, bring trust in the financial sector, and ensure freedom of press and space for democracy.

The call came during TIB's annual meeting at its office in the capital on Thursday, said a release. TIB Chairperson Sultana Kamal and its Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman spoke at the meeting.

In search of light

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I enjoy their company as they are friendly."

Fourth grader Panna Akter Nipu said she wants to be a journalist when she grows up. "I like drawing pictures. Studying here with them is never boring. So I come here every day."

As the volunteers are all students, they cannot always pay for the rent on time. Considering the nature of the coaching centre, the house owner also allows delays in payment, said Koushik Paul, who is a student at Jagannath University and a volunteer of Aalor Khojey since 2016.

Several local philanthropic organisations sometimes come forward to organise various activities for Aalor Khojey students.

Volunteer student Sharif Ahmed of Dhaka Commerce College is providing financial support to sixth grader Mosammat Jannat so she continues her education.

Jannat's father Maksudur Rahman, a bus helper, said, "I wanted to stop my daughter's education. But the volunteers helped her and she did not want to give up. I am truly grateful to them."

Rickshaw puller Badsha Mia, father of another student, Bithi Akhter, gave full credit of his daughter's good result to Aalor Khojey as she secured GPA-5 in the primary education completion examination last year. "Thanks to the effort of Aalor Khojey, my daughter did well in the exam,"

he said. Today, on National Children's Day, Aalor Khojey in collaboration with "Inventor's Puppets" is organising a cultural programme and puppet show for the slum children at Jheel Para Bosti.



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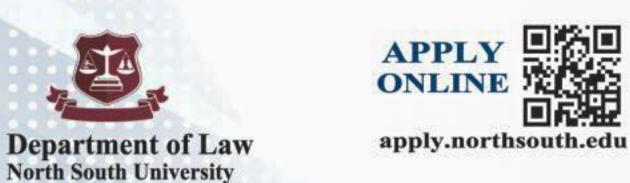
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