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BEAUTY MURDER Police arrest key suspect

MINTU DESHWARA

Law enforcers yesterday arrested the main accused in the case over Beauty Akhter's rape and murder in Habiganj.

Babul Mia, 30, was arrested from Beanibazar area of Sylhet by a joint team of Rapid Action Battalion and police around 12:30am, additional superintendent of police Maniruzzaman,

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No tickets for rebel backers

Says Hasina in ALCWC meeting; sets May 11 for BCL council

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Ministers and lawmakers of ruling Awami League, who had backed AL rebels in local government elections, will not get party tickets in the upcoming general elections, said AL President Sheikh Hasina.

During a meeting of AL Central Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the party, at the Gono Bhaban last night, Hasina said a list of leaders who violated party discipline and contested polls against AL-backed candidates would be prepared.

She asked AL organising secretaries to make the list, said meeting sources.

The issue came up when the polls to 53 union parishad chairmen posts on Thursday were being discussed. AL candidates won 29 posts, BNP 12, AL-rebels seven, and independent candidates achieved victory in five.

AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader on Friday blamed internal feuds for multiple defeats on Thursday.

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An overloaded power tiller pulling a trailer trundles on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Khudirampur area. The slow-moving vehicle forces another slow vehicle (an autorickshaw) to queue behind it. Vehicles of various speeds using the same road often results in crashes and casualties. The government banned these vehicles on highways but they are using it due to poor monitoring.

'If you strike

back I'll leave'

Asansol imam, who

The imam of a mosque in

West Bengal's Asansol town

has appealed for peace and

restraint hours after his 16-

dead following the violence

year-old son was found

that started in the indus-

trial town and other areas

in the state after the Ram

lost son, lauded

for peace call

AGENCIES

Rangpur spl PP 'missing'

Also an AL leader, he stood for state in the Hoshi Kunio murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A special public prosecutor of Rangpur has been missing since Friday morning.

Advocate Rathish Chandra Bhowmik, 55, represented the state in cases over the murder of Japanese national Hoshi Kunio and Rahmat Ali, khadem (caretaker) of a shrine.

Rathish went missing just 12 days after a Rangpur court awarded capital punishment to seven members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) for the of killing of Rahmat in Kaunia upazila of the district in 2015.

Dipa Bhowmik, wife of the lawyer, said her husband usually leaves home for work around 8:30am.

Around 6:00am on Friday, a man wearing punjabi-pajama visited him at their

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Trump declares April 'Sexual Assault Awareness' month

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump -- who has himself been repeatedly accused of sexual misconduct -- has designated April 2018 "National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month" amid a national debate over the issue.

"Sexual assault crimes remain tragically common in our society, and offenders too often evade accountability," said a proclamation from Trump released by the White House on Friday. "These

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A WAR FOR OIL 11

Tony Blair's rise to power was meteoric. With his "New Labour, New Britain" slogan he snatched the biggest victory for his party since 1990. But the Iraq War chapter brought him disgrace even faster as it became apparent that his claims of Saddam's WMD were lies. Finally, Blair had to resign.

The rise and fall of Blair

INAM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON

Labour's 1997 win was the Party's biggest ever since its establishment in 1900. But it was even more significant because the party was out of power for 18 years after Labour's James Callaghan was ousted by Margaret Thatcher in 1979.

Labour was lost in the quagmire of Trotskyism with its party manifesto and leaders more inclined to militant socialism. The party was yet to know how to identify itself with the young Britons' thoughts. The following three elections Labour also lost miserably to the Conservatives.

Then came along two young men, two friends in fact, - Tony Blair and Gordon Brown - who took the helm of the party and started modernising it. SEE PAGE 17 COL 5

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Md. Faridul Islam **GM** Operations ACI PremiaFlex Plastics Ltd.



Md. Asaduzzaman Assistant Manager, HR & Admin ACI PremiaFlex Plastics Ltd.

We regret to announce the untimely demise of our dear colleagues, Mr. Md. Faridul Islam and Mr. Md. Asaduzzaman in an unfortunate car accident on Thursday, 29 March 2018 (Inna lillahi... raji'un). We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.



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