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# Taking care of the urban poor's health

SHADMA MALIK

A young girl with some documents in her hands sat in the waiting room of Nagar Shastho Kendra in the capital's Meradia.

With dull eyes and a pale look, she entered the room of counsellor Feroza Begum. The 19-year-old seemed a bit relieved sitting in front of Feroza.

Salma Akhter was in the eighth month of her first pregnancy and it was her monthly visit to the health centre. When she was about to leave the room, Feroza told her what to do before and after the delivery and asked her to visit the centre also for effective family planning.

The health centre is part of Urban Primary Health Care Project (UPHCP) launched in 1998. With the slogan "Shebar Alo, Shobar Kacche", the project started its operation in 2001 to give better treatment to underprivileged people in cities. Health centres running under the programme have been supported by the LGRD ministry.

Learning that Salma had no difficulty with her pregnancy, Feroza said the expected delivery date was close and Salma needed to be extra careful about her health. She should also save some money for the future of her and her child, the counsellor suggested.

Feroza also advised Salma to keep in touch with her gynecologist and said she should rush to the hospital if she had any bleeding.

Like Salma, people from low-income households have easy access to the urban primary healthcare centres where they get better and affordable services.

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A counsellor at Nagar Shastho Kendra in the capital's Meradia talks about maternal health to women from low-income households. Ten such centres supported by the LGRD ministry provide affordable services to city residents. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Indian foreign secy due in city today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale arrives in

Dhaka this afternoon ahead of the meeting between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Commonwealth Summit in London.

During their meeting in London, the two premiers are scheduled to review the implementation of promises and decisions taken in recent times.

Though the possibility of any VVIP visit or signing of much-delayed Teesta Water Sharing Agreement before the general election in Bangladesh remains highly unlikely, the meeting between the two prime ministers on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) will be

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## Father linked to Beauty killing

Police say, citing confessional statement of a relative

MINTU DESHWARA

The probe into the rape and murder of Beauty Akhter took a dramatic turn as the Habiganj police chief yesterday said key accused Babul Mia was not the killer. Instead, her father Sayed Ali, uncle Moyna Mia and a hired killer were involved in the murder.

The murder took place in presence of Beauty's father, Superintendent of Police Bidhan Tripura said, adding that the hired killer pinned her down, while Moyna Mia and a hired killer were involved in the murder.

After Babul was arrested, he confessed to the abduction and rape of Beauty, but denied the allegation of murder.

On suspicion, police detained Sayed Ali and Moyna Mia on Thursday. However, the hired killer has not yet been found, officials said.

Addressing a press briefing yesterday evening, the SP said Moyna gave a confessional statement under section 164 of the

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## One-stop cheating service in exams

Cops nab 10 of a gang, including 3 bank officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It's like a one-stop shop where subject experts solve questions and supply those to jobseekers and university admission candidates directly at the examination halls using electronic devices.

A Chinese device that looks like a regular debit or credit card but works like a cellphone and a tiny wireless bullet-like earphone sets one up for two-way communications. One just needs to put the tiny earphone in the earhole and the device in the pocket or wallet.

After a few minutes into the test, the examinees are told the answers through the device.

Detectives on Friday arrested 10 members of such a gang including three bank officials from different areas in the capital for their alleged involvement in helping examinees cheat in job recruitment exams and university admission tests.

"This gang has pocketed a huge amount of money illegally. From each examinee or group, they used to take from Tk 35,000 up to Tk 10 lakh," Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of Detective Branch, told a press briefing at DMP Media Centre yesterday.

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## Gazans bury their dead after Israel kills nine

AFP, Gaza City

Palestinian mourners in the Gaza Strip yesterday buried their dead, including a journalist, after Israeli troops killed nine during the latest border clashes in a week of bloodshed.

Thousands of protesters approached the border fence around Gaza for a second Friday in a row, burning tyres and hurling stones at Israeli forces, who responded with tear gas and live ammunition.

In addition to the nine dead, at least 491 were wounded by Israeli gunfire, the health ministry in the Hamas-run enclave said. Israel said there were around 20,000 protesters and that they were seeking to breach the border.

Numbers were down from the previous Friday, when tens of thousands

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## Because he 'wasn't paid enough'



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Italian police have arrested a postman after finding nearly half a tonne of undelivered mail stashed in his house.

The 33-year-old, who has not been named, told officers he did not deliver post for three years because he felt he was not paid enough. He quit the job last year.

The hoard of undelivered mail was discovered by police after they searched his home in the northern city of Turin.

Officers' grew suspicious after a routine traffic stop, during which they found a 20cm folding knife and 70 letters in the suspect's car.

They searched his home, where they uncovered a

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## 50 SSC exam scripts lost

Marks submitted, re-evaluation not possible

FM MIZANUR RAHMAN, Ctg

An examiner of the SSC Science exams lost 50 answer scripts on Friday evening.

The scripts of students from different schools in Chittagong were marked and recorded.

However, officials at the Chittagong Education Board (CEB) said if any of the 50 students would seek a re-evaluation of their marks,

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## 'RAPE ATTEMPT' Woman takes matters into own hands

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A housewife cut off the genital of a youth to save herself from rape at Savar village under Satoria upazila on Friday night.

Local Union Parishad member Abdur Razzak said the youth, Moslem Uddin, 29, lured the housewife to a meeting next to his house with an offer of money and cellphone.

At one stage, Moslem allegedly tried to rape the housewife and she cut off his genital with a blade to save her. Moslem escaped the scene before anybody arrived there.

The husband of the housewife alleged that Moslem had been trying to lure his wife by mobile phone set and money for long.

Officer-in-Charge (Investigation) of Satoria police Hasmat Ullah said he had heard about the incident. Legal action would be taken if they filed a complaint, he added.



Participants at a job fair for people with disabilities at World Trade Centre in Chattogram city yesterday. As many as 180 people with disabilities took part at the event organised by Bangladesh Business and Disability Network. Different organisations and companies set up stalls and interviewed the participants for different posts in the afternoon.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN



## If I can, you can too

Word of inspiration at job fair for people with disability

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

No one provided Bhashkar Bhattacharya with a job, even after he came back from Japan armed with a degree a year ago. The problem, however, had nothing to do with his qualifications, but with his eyes with which he cannot see.

But it was his ability to keep dreaming bigger which took him to the position of a national consultant at the Prime Minister's office.

Bhashkar began his speech with his tale of hardship while addressing the audience at the "Chittagong Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities 2018".

The fair was organised by Bangladesh Business and Disability Network at World Trade Centre in Chattogram yesterday.

"If a visually impaired person like me could become the leader of a

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