

Youth falls to death at Bashundhara City mall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth yesterday died after falling from level 7 of Bashundhara City Shopping Mall in Panthapath area in Dhaka.

The deceased was identified as Onim, 20, son of Abdul Awal of South Keraniganj, said Mazharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Police Station.

He was a salesman at a medicine store in Mitford area of Old Dhaka, the OC added.

Upon hearing a thud, security personnel rushed to the spot and found him bleeding profusely in front of an escalator on the ground floor, said Major (ret) Shahabuddin Chaklader, executive director (Admin and Security) of Bashundhara City.

The mall was on its weekly closure yesterday, and nobody except a few security officials were there.

It could not be ascertained how he fell, as the incident took place around 11:05am and there were no eyewitnesses.

He was taken to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

A mobile phone, a pair of glasses and a pair of slippers was found lying by the southern railing of block C on Level-7, the security officials added.

A tonsillitis surgery gone fatal

Probe committee formed after woman's death in Savar hospital

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

Around 4:00pm last Thursday, Abul Kashem took his wife, Lily Begum, to Mamtaz Uddin General Hospital in Savar's Polishbari area as she was suffering from throat pain.

The family lived in nearby Dendobara area of Ashulia. Kashem is a grocer by profession and Lily, 32, a housewife. The couple has three sons -- 16, 12 and 2 years of age.

Doctors at the private clinic suggested that Lily needed a tonsil removal operation immediately, which they said would cost around Tk 9,000.

Around 8:00pm, Dr Mudassar Mahmud, a specialist from Dhaka's National Institute of ENT (Ear Nose Throat), who also sees patients at the clinic; and Dr Ittajul Islam, an anaesthetist, took her to the operation theatre (OT) for surgery.

The family waited outside the OT, praying for Lily's quick recovery.

The surgery was supposed to take not more than 30 minutes, and according to US-based organisation Medscape, tonsil removal (tonsillectomy) is considered one of the most common major surgical procedures.

But two hours went by. To Kashem, something did not feel right. He tried to inquire about his wife's condition but to no avail.

Around 10:00pm, Dr Mudassar informed him that he should take Lily to another hospital for "better treatment as her condition was critical".

"The doctor then left the hospital. I also did not see any staff member

afterwards," Kashem, 40, said. "We rushed inside the OT and found my wife lying unconscious on the operation table."

"I took my wife to nearby Habib Clinic right away. Doctors there said she was brought dead... We still cannot believe she is no longer with us," said the grief-stricken husband. "My wife died due to wrong treatment," he alleged.

CASE FILED FOR 'WRONG TREATMENT'

On Friday, Kashem filed a case with Ashulia Police Station against Dr Mudassar Mahmud, Dr Ittajul Islam (written "mistakenly" as Dr Emtajul Islam in the case document) and the clinic's managing director Rubel Wahid, alleging that his wife died due to wrong treatment.

"Everything was normal... She

cooked for our sons before going to the hospital. She even spoke to me when they were taking her to the OT.

Md Rashedul Islam, Lily's nephew, who was present during the operation, alleged that they did not get any help from the clinic management when they tried to take her to another hospital. The staff members also fled the clinic, he claimed.

DOCTOR'S VERSION

This correspondent tried to get in touch with Dr Mudassar Mahmud on Friday, but he did not pick up the phone. He, however, answered his phone on Saturday around 4:00pm.

"No doctor wants to see a patient die. The doctor died of heart attack. Sometimes it happens during operation," he claimed.

He also claimed that he did not do anything wrong during surgery.

"I have conducted such surgeries many a times in various hospitals," he added.

When asked why he left the hospital, he said he had explained the situation to the family before leaving the hospital. He also claimed that he had notified the family of the patient's death.

Dr Ittajul Islam did not answer his phone despite repeated attempts for the last three days.

Meanwhile, this correspondent spoke to a number of doctors over the issue of "heart attack".

Seeking anonymity, they all agreed it was quite unusual for a patient to die of cardiac arrest during a tonsillectomy. They, however, mentioned that it might have happened due to an overdose of anaesthesia.

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Left, the deceased, Lily Begum, who was admitted to the hospital, right, on Thursday. PHOTO: STAR, COLLECTED

NEWS IN brief

Jamaat leader arrested on various charges in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a local Jamaat-e-Islami leader on various charges in Sadaha area of Chittagong early yesterday.

The arrestee -- Kamal Uddin, 45, son of late Asraf Ali from Sadaha union -- is general secretary of Satkania upazila unit of the party.

Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Islam said Kamal is accused in 18 cases filed over various charges including sabotage, murder and assault on police.

Kamal had terrorised the upazila during the countrywide violence and blockade enforced by BNP and Jamaat, said the OC.

Two eateries fined in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court during a drive in Muradpur area of Chittagong yesterday fined two restaurants for preparing and preserving food in unhygienic environment.

The court, led by Shirin Akter, assistant commissioner of the district administration, fined Hotel Zaman Tk 10,000 and Hotel Mecca Tk 5,000.

Shahdat Hossain Mridha passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Shahdat Hossain Mridha, former secretary of Patuakhali district unit of BNP, died from a cardiac arrest on Monday. He was 66.

He left behind his wife, a son and a daughter. Mridha was buried at Muslim graveyard in the town after a namaz-e-janaza around 10:00am yesterday.

Local BNP and Awami League leaders, among others, attended the funeral.

The district BNP declared two days of mourning for the death.

Dr M Zahir's death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Dr Muhammad Zahir, an eminent jurist and constitution expert. He passed away in 2013.

Dr M Zahir taught Company Law at Dhaka University and was a senior advocate of the Supreme Court. Convener and member of several company law reform committees in Bangladesh, Dr Zahir was also an elected member of the Court of Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris.

He authored the renowned analytical legal publication "Company and Securities Laws", which is being widely used as a book of reference in South Asia, Australia, Canada and the UK.



Begum Khurshid's 13th death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 13th death anniversary of Begum Khurshid Chowdhury, wife of former president late Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, says a press release.

She was the youngest daughter of late Abu Nasiruddin, a senior official of Bengal Civil Service.

On the occasion, a Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held at Nagbari Jame Mosque in Tangail.

Her relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programmes and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

NAMAZ-E-JANAZA



Barrister Rushed Haque, the son of Rizia Sultana and the late Md. Nizamul Haque passed away at 9:00 pm on the 9th of July 2018. (Inna Lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un). His Namaz-e-janaza will be held at Azad Mosque, Gulshan after Zoh'r prayers today. Family, friends and well wishers are requested to attend.

CCC announces Tk 2,425 crore annual budget

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) yesterday announced Tk 2,425 crore budget for the fiscal year 2018-19.

City mayor AJM Nasir Uddin declared the budget at KB Sattar auditorium in CCC building at Anderkilla in the port city.

The highest earning will come from grants for development, which is Tk 1,680 crore, and the highest expenditure has been set for development work worth Tk 1,355 crore.

Budget for the last fiscal year, 2017-18, was Tk 2,327 crore, but CCC could execute only 38 percent of it. This year, the budget has increased by four percent.

Grant for development was also not satisfactory in the last fiscal. CCC expected grants worth Tk 1,290 crore, but received only Tk 442 crore.

Declaring the budget, AJM Nasir said in course of time industries have expanded in the port city, commercial activities have increased and demands of the city dwellers have also skyrocketed.

CCC, for the first time in their budget, allocated Tk 2 crore for the rehabilitation of people with drug addiction.

"Budget is not only a document of income and expenditure; it also reflects people's desire for development. With our limited resources, we are giving our level best efforts to meet the demands of the city dwellers," he said.

WRIT SEEKING BADAL FARAZI'S RELEASE HC to issue order today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court will pass an order today on a writ petition that sought its order on the government to release Badal Farazi, who was recently brought back to the country from India.

The bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Md Khairul Alam fixed the date after holding hearing on the petition.

Badal Farazi, 28, a Bangladeshi youth, who was serving a life sentence in Delhi's Tihar jail after being convicted in a murder case, was brought back on July 6 under a bilateral treaty on "Transfer of Sentenced Prisoners", signed with India around eight years ago.

After processing his documents, police took him to Dhaka Central Jail to let him serve the rest of his sentence there.

Barrister Md Humayun Kabir Pallab, a Supreme Court lawyer, filed the writ petition seeking HC directive on the government to release Badal from jail and to declare the government decision of keep-

ing him detained illegal. He, in the writ petition, said Badal is not a criminal.

The Indian court concerned has reportedly convicted and sentenced one Badal Singh, an Indian citizen, in a murder case, but the Indian law enforcers have detained Badal Farazi, a Bangladeshi national, Barrister Humayun Kabir told The Daily Star.

Badal, who is from Bagerhat, had been in the high-security Indian jail for the last 10 years.

Indian police had been looking for Badal Singh accused of killing an old woman at Amar Colony in New Delhi on May 6, 2008.

When Badal Farazi was entering India on a tourist visa on July 13, he was arrested by Border Security Force for similarity of his name with that of the accused in a murder case, according to a report of Bangla daily Prothom Alo on May 17 last year.

According to the report, the home ministry of Bangladesh sent a letter to Indian government for his repatriation.

DB arrests 2 more in Sudipto murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) early yesterday arrested two more individuals accused in the murder case of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader Sudipto Biswas.

The two -- Rajibul Islam Rajib, 21, and Mamunur Rahman Rabbi, 20 -- were arrested at AK Khan Staff Quarter in Bagghona area of the city under Khulshi Police Station.

Asif Mohiuddin, DB's assistant commissioner (port zone), told The Daily Star that they arrested the two after their names were mentioned in the confessional statements given by other arrestees in the case.

So far, including the latest two, police have arrested a total of eight people, most of whom are activists of BCL and Jubo League.

Sudipto, assistant secretary of BCL Chittagong city unit and also a student of Government City College, was killed allegedly by a group of BCL and Jubo League activists in front of his house at Nalapara area on October 6 last year.

Advertisement for Shahjalal Fertilizer Company Limited (শাহজালাল ফার্টাইলাইজার কোম্পানি লিমিটেড) featuring a table with 21 items and contact information.



MA Hashem, newly elected chairman of the board of trustees of North South University, paying a courtesy call to Prof MA Mannan, chairman of University Grants Commission, yesterday. Vice Chancellor Prof Atiqul Islam and Prof Gias U Ahsan were also present.

ACC arrests sub-registrar, deed writer with bribe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in a drive yesterday at Atghoria upazila land registration office arrested an official with Tk 14 thousand bribe, and another with Tk 50 thousand bribe.

The arrestees are sub-registrar Ishrat Jahan and deed writer Ashrafal Alam respectively.

Abu Bakar Siddique, deputy director of ACC in Pabna, said they arrested Ishrat with specific allegation of receiving Tk 14,000 from a client who filed a complaint with the ACC, mentioning serial numbers of the bank notes that had been handed over to her as bribe. The bank notes recovered from her possession matched the serial numbers provided by the complainant.

During the drive, the ACC team also detained Ashrafal and seized Tk 50,000 from his possession after service seekers at the office complained about him being an intermediary in bribery.

The ACC will file cases against the two accused following completion of investigation, Abu Bakar added.

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