

# Woman 'kills' self after stabbing landlady

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman allegedly committed suicide at home after stabbing her landlady in Chittagong city's Baluchara area on Thursday afternoon.

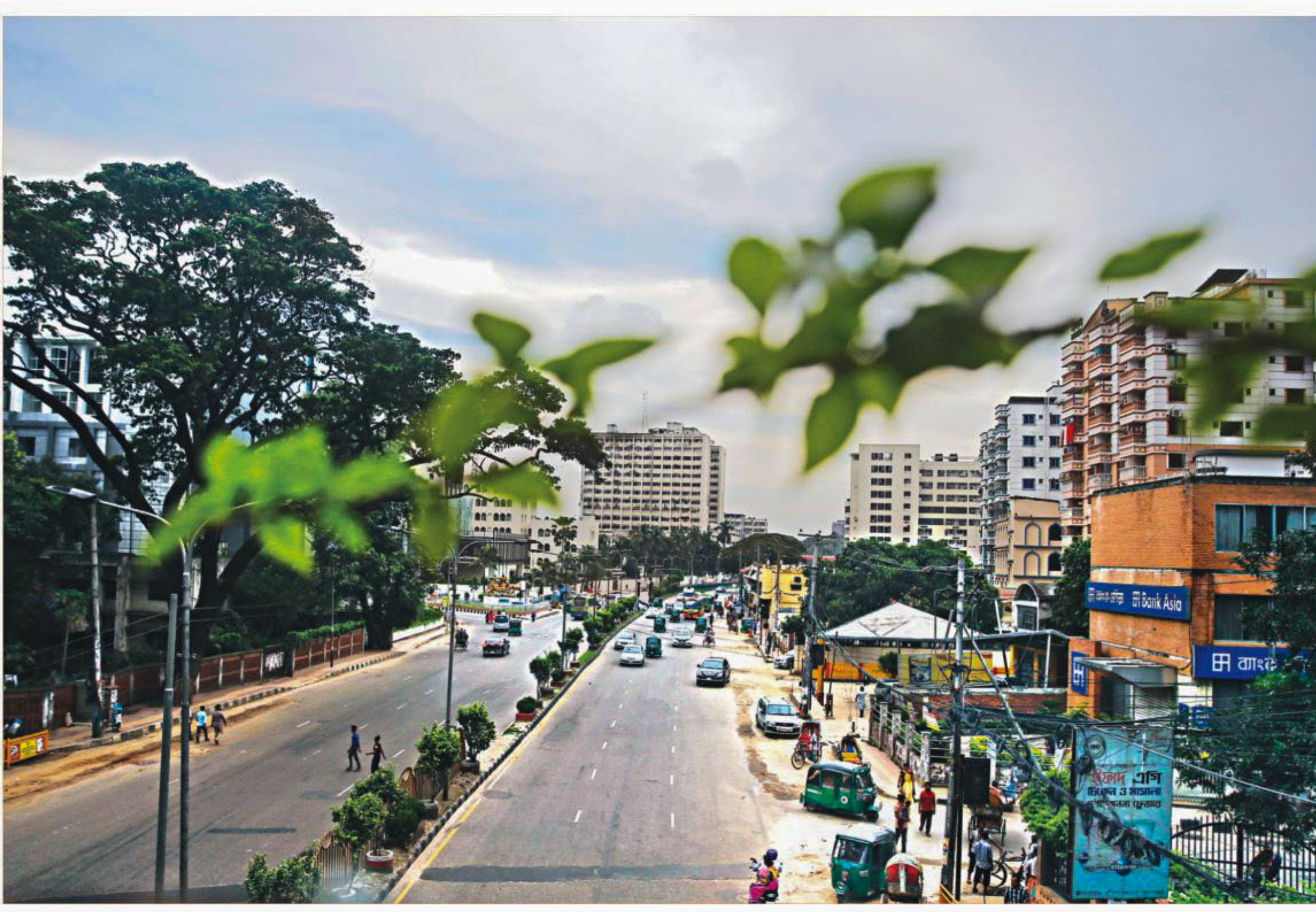
The deceased was identified as Liza Chowdhury, 24, said police.

Liza lived alone in the tin-roofed house owned by Uttam Barua, said Aatur Rahman Khondakar, officer-in-charge of Bayezid Bostami Police Station.

Liza, who introduced herself as a private job holder to her house owner, had a fight with Uttam's wife Antara Barua, 26, over a trifling matter.

At one stage, Antara asked her to leave the house, said the OC quoting locals. Out of anger, Liza stabbed her indiscriminately around 3:30pm on that day.

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**STILL IN HOLIDAY MOOD...** Dhaka is yet to get back to its usual hustle and bustle as most city dwellers have not started returning from Eid vacation. The photo was taken at Paribagh around noon yesterday.

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# RAPE OF 8TH GRADER Family alleges police didn't receive case, released accused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

An eighth grader was allegedly raped by her cousin on August 15 and since then she has been undergoing treatment at Patuakhali General Hospital.

Her family claimed that they went to Mirzaganj Police Station to file a case immediately but police did not record it as FIR (First Information Record) when they brought the accused to the police station.

Police also released the accused later, her family claimed. The victim, daughter of Eunus Bepari from Maida village under Mirzaganj upazila, is a student of a Dakhil madrasa.

The accused, identified as Md Rasel, 25, son of Abdur Razzak Sikder of the same village, is her cousin. He is unemployed.

According to the girl, at about 1:00pm on August 15, her parents were out of the house. Rasel came over to their house and raped her.

Upon hearing her cries for help, neighbours arrived and rescued her; Rasel managed to flee.

In the evening, she was taken to Mirzaganj Upazila Hospital and the on-duty doctor referred her to Patuakhali General Hospital.

Morsheda Begum, a staff nurse, said she is undergoing treatment as a "rape victim".

"The next day we went to Mirzaganj Police Station and submitted a written complaint but they [police] didn't record the case," said Md Sajib, her brother-in-law.

Sub-inspector Bimol Kumar brought the accused to the police station in the evening the next day, he said.

But after several hours, a local influential person took Rasel away from the police station, Sajib claimed.

SI Bimol Kumar denied the claim and said he had visited the spot and found no evidence of rape.

Masumur Rahman Biswas, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mizaganj Police Station, said during the incident he was on leave and later on learnt that they did not file the case.

There has been an ongoing conflict over a piece of land between both the families, he said, adding that Rasel has been handed over to his father.

Contacted, Md Moynul Hasan, superintendent of police, said he has already asked the OC to take necessary steps regarding the incident.

# Conman extraordinaire!

MASUK HRIDOY, from Narsingdi

Saiful Islam Rudro is a busy man. The 30-year-old is not only a member of the Detective Branch of police but also a journalist of eight different print and online media houses.

The resident of Morjal area in Narsingdi's Raipura upazila is also a "close acquaintance" of the home minister and carries the minister's "seal" with him.

Rudro has been using all of his identities and connections to deceive people and fleece them with a promise to "solve their problems".

The above came to light after the Detective Branch of police in Narsingdi arrested him at Narsingdi Sadar upazila intersection of the

town on August 20. Identification cards showing him as a journalist of eight print and online media agencies, a seal with name of the home minister and NID cards of 41 persons were also seized from his possession.

"Impersonating as a DB police or journalist or even claiming that he is close to the minister, Rudro would take money from people," Abdul Gaffar, sub-inspector of Narsingdi DB police, told The Daily Star.

"Also, he used to collect NID cards from people, assuring that he would fix the dates, spelling mistakes or help them get their passports without any hassle," the SI said.

A week ago, he took Tk 3,000 from

one Ayesha Khatun of Amirganj, assuring that he would help her recover a piece of disputed land, he added.

The 60-year-old widow arranged the money by mortgaging her daughter's ornaments.

As Rudro fled the area after taking the money, Ayesha was devastated. Later, some journalists found the poor woman crying near the Sadar upazila intersection. They took her to the office of DB police.

Hearing her story, police were able to arrest Rudro on Monday, said the SI.

He said Ayesha filed a fraud case against Rudro with Raipura Police Station. A court in Narsingdi sent him to the district jail on Tuesday.



Saiful Islam Rudro with the evidence.

# Cate Blanchett to brief UNSC on Rohingya issues

UNB, Dhaka

UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador and Oscar-winning actor Cate Blanchett will brief United Nations Security Council on August 28.

Her goal is to draw attention to the plight and resilience of Rohingyas she met in Bangladesh recently, UK office at the UN and UN Refugee Agency tweeted on Thursday.

The UN Security Council will hold an 'open briefing' on the situation in Myanmar under the UK Presidency on August 28, a senior official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told UNB.

He said UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees are scheduled to brief the Council.

During her Bangladesh visit, Blanchett urged Myanmar to create decent conditions in Rakhine state for the safe return of Rohingyas, saying the solution to Rohingya crisis lies in Myanmar.

"Ultimately, I think, the key here is to address their statelessness," she said in an interview after her Bangladesh visit, mentioning that much more needs to be done to make sure there are decent conditions for the refugees to return safely when they want to.

The UNHCR envoy, who was named a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador in May 2016, said the conditions right now in Rakhine state are clearly not conducive to the safe and voluntary return, or the dignified return of the refugees who have fled to Bangladesh.

Myanmar authorities have taken little efforts to make any tangible progress to improve conditions in Rakhine state for the safe return of Rohingyas in one year since the crisis began, although the international community, including the UN, remains actively seized with the issue, officials said.

There will be further high-level meetings and events during the General Debate and high-level segment of the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly in September 2018.



# All political parties will participate in next polls

Housing and public works minister hopes

BSS, Ctg

Housing and Public Works Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain hopes that all political parties will participate in the upcoming national election.

He called upon the aspiring Awami League (AL) candidates to start their campaigns in respective constituencies for the national polls and expected that all political parties, including BNP, would participate in the race.

The minister was exchanging views with grassroots-level leaders and workers of AL at his Nondonkanon residence in the city.

Seeking votes for the "boat" symbol in next national polls, Mosharraf said people voted them to power in 2008 and 2014 to serve the nation.

The minister said people of the country are now living in peace. He urged AL leaders and workers to remain alert, so that miscreants cannot disrupt peace.

"The next election is approaching. If voters cast votes for us again, the pace of ongoing development activities will continue," he said, adding that the government will turn the country into a developed one by 2041.

Chairman of University Grants Commission Prof Abdul Mannan; Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University Dr Iftekher Uddin Chowdhury; Chief Engineer of Power Development Board in Chittagong Probr Kumar Sen; Vice President of Chittagong North District AL Advocate Fakuruddin; AL leader ATM Pearul Islam; former general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton; Mohila AL President Delwara Yousuf, among others, attended the views-exchanging meeting.

# BNP has to join polls under present govt

Says Tofail

BSS, Bhola

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed yesterday said BNP has to join the forthcoming general election to be conducted by the Election Commission (EC) keeping the incumbent government in office as there would be no caretaker administration during the polls.

"No caretaker government would come and the election would be conducted by the EC as per constitution. BNP has to join the polls under current government," he said.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion organised by Awami League at Guli High School in Dhania Union of Bhola Sadar upazila, marking National Mourning Day.

If BNP does not join polls this time, the party will have no existence, he said. Now the party leaders are realising that they would not get any positive result by carrying out anarchy across the country, he added.

Tofail urged people to cast their vote for "boat". He said a total of Tk 590 crore would be allocated for those affected by river erosion at Dhania and Shibpur unions.

Dhania union AL President Harun-or-Rashid presided over the event while Bhola Sadar upazila Chairman Mosharef Hossain, Sadar upazila AL General Secretary Nazrul Islam Goldar and Dhania Union Chairman Emdad Hossain Kabir also spoke.

# SNAPS & snippets

## Two found dead in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Two persons were found dead in separate incidents in Faridpur's Sadar and Bhanga upazilas on Thursday.

In Sadar upazila, a man was found dead at a hotel in Goalchamot area. The deceased is Nur Mohammad Khan, 45, of Natore.

The hotel manager filed an unnatural death case with Sadar Police Station, said Sub-inspector Belal Hossain.

In Bhanga, body of Amiron Begum, 55, was found in Kumar river at Chumurdi village.

She went missing on Tuesday, said family members. Her husband filed a murder case with Bhanga Police Station.

## 'Robber' arrested with firearm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested an alleged robber with a firearm in Chittagong city's Purabi Cinema Hall area yesterday.

Abu Bakkar Siddique, 41, along with other members of a gang was preparing to commit a robbery, said Officer-in-Charge Mohammed Mohsin of Kotwali Police Station.

A light gun (LG), a cartridge and a machete were seized from his possession, said the OC, adding that other gang members managed to flee.

## Woman beaten to death 'over dowry'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A woman has been beaten to death allegedly by her husband over dowry in Siddhirganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Alo Begum, 22, from her Shantinagar house in upazila.

They detained the victim's husband Jony Mia, 28, for interrogation, said Sub-inspector Mohammad Joshim of Siddhirganj Police Station.

The body bore marks of injury, he said, adding that it was sent for autopsy.



Participants during a seminar titled "Space Law: Implication in Developing Countries" at Green University of Bangladesh on Thursday. The Department of Law of the university organised the seminar presided over by GUB Vice Chancellor Prof Golam Samdani Fakir. Prof Stephan Hobe of Institute of Air and Space Law at University of Cologne in Germany addressed the event as the key speaker.

## Anowar Akhter passes away

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Anowar Akhter, director of Bengal Electric Ltd, Multiple Equipment & Engineering Ltd, Bengal Shipyard Ltd and Gangatia Fisheries Ltd died on Thursday at Max Hospital in New Delhi, India. She was 61, says a press release.

Her husband Abdus Salam is former chairman of NCC Bank Ltd.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Baitul Aman Mosque on Dhanmondi Road No-7 after Asr prayers today.

The NCC Bank family expressed deep shock at the demise of Anowar Akhter and prayed for eternal peace of her departed soul.



# Ivy Rahman's 14th death anniversary observed

BSS, Dhaka

The 14th death anniversary of Ivy Rahman, former president of Bangladesh Mahila Awami League and wife of late President Zillur Rahman, was observed yesterday in a befitting manner.

To mark the day, different political and socio-cultural organisations, including Awami League, its associate bodies and other likeminded organisations arranged elaborate programmes.

The programmes included placing wreaths and offering feteah at her grave in Banani graveyard, arranging milad mahfil and special prayers, and holding discussions in Dhaka and elsewhere.

Central leaders of Awami League and its associate bodies paid tributes to Ivy by placing wreaths at her grave in the morning.

AL General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, Joint General Secretary Advocate Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Organising Secretary AKM Enamul Haque Shamim, Science and Technology Affairs Secretary Md Abdus Sobur were present on the occasion, among others.

A milad and doa mahfil was held at the Ivy Concord Tower at Gulshan-2 for late President Zillur Rahman, Ivy Rahman and August 21 grenade attack victims.

Apart from family members and relatives of the deceased, leaders and activists of Awami League and its associate bodies attended the event.

Besides, separate milad and Qurankhwani was held at Ivy's ancestral home and in-laws residence at Bhairab upazila in Kishoreganj. A discussion was held at Bhairab upazila Awami League office.

Ivy Rahman received grievous injuries during a grisly grenade attack on an AL rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital on August 21, 2004. She succumbed to her injuries on August 24.