

## Injured by rivals, youth dies at CMCH

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A youth died while undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday, a day after he got injured during a clash between two groups in port city's Jhautola area over collecting extortion money.

The deceased is Abdus Sukkur, 22, a resident of Jhautola Bihari Colony.

During the clash, seven others also got injured and were admitted to CMCH.

Around 11:00pm on Friday, the clash broke out in Dakkhin Khulshi area, said OC Sheikh Nasir Uddin of Khulshi Police Station.

Both the youth groups are loyal to the local ward councillor, said police.

"There was a longstanding rivalry between them over collecting extortion money from construction material-laden trucks and establishing supremacy in the area," said Sub-inspector Nur Uddin, second officer of the police station.

"On the night, the clash triggered centring collecting extortion money from a brick-laden truck," he added.

At one point, Sukkur and other members of his group were beaten up by their rivals, said the SI, adding that two members of the rival group were also injured. The body was handed over to his family after an autopsy, said the SI.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at the sixth national convention of Krishibid Institution Bangladesh at its auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

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# Avoid previous mistake, join national polls

Nasim urges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim yesterday requested BNP not to make the same mistake and participate in the upcoming national election.

"You [BNP] made a mistake before by not taking part in the election and lost many things... Participate in the election. We will accept the verdict, which will be given by the people," said Nasim, spokesperson of the 14-party alliance.

"Win or lose -- it's part of the game. It

[polls] must take place in December. Nobody will be able to resist it," he said, assuring that a neutral role would be played by the Election Commission.

The Awami League presidium member made the remarks at the sixth national convention and annual general meeting of Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB), held at its auditorium in Dhaka.

In 2014, BNP boycotted the 10th national election.

Nasim said the national polls should take place as per the country's constitution. "There's no alternative to it."

He said that Awami League lost in some previous elections, like the city corporation polls, and accepted the results. The party does not want to win in an "empty field", Nasim added.

Abdur Razzaque, chairman of parliamentary standing committee on the finance ministry; Dr J Scott Angle, president of International Fertilizer Development Center; and Prof Kamal Uddin Ahmed, vice chancellor of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, also spoke at the programme.

## Schoolgirl found dead in Ctg

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The body of a schoolgirl was recovered from Khan Mohona Railway Gate area in Patiya upazila, police said. The victim's throat had been slit.

They also found an injured youth with his throat slit beside the victim's body.

The deceased was identified as Rima Akhtar, 14, an eighth-grader of Haidgaon High School. The injured, Masud, 25, was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in a critical condition, said Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Shilbrato Barua of CMCH Police Outpost.

A knife was also recovered from the spot, said Additional Superintendent of Police Jasim Uddin Khan of Chittagong District Police.

After primary investigation police suspected that Masud might have tried to commit suicide after killing the girl, said the police official. "The girl was in school uniform, books and a school bag were recovered from the scene," said OC Mostafiz Bhuiyan of Chittagong GRP police station.

Rima did not attend school on Saturday, said Randhir Debnath, headmaster of Haidgaon High School.

"I personally spoke to her mother, who told me that Rima left home for school with her friends in the morning."

Rima told her friends that she would not go to school as "she had some personal problems", Randhir Debnath added quoting her classmates.

No case was lodged till filing of this report. The body was sent to CMC morgue for autopsy.

## All of us have

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He urged the city dwellers to follow traffic rules and generate awareness among their family members, colleagues and friends.

Enayet Ullah said four vigilance teams, consisting transport owners and workers, are working every day to prevent contractual appointment of drivers as well as unfit vehicles plying the city roads.

He assured police of full support from their organisation but also said mass awareness is a must to bring discipline in the traffic system.

Four national team cricketers were present at the programme.

One of them, Imrul Kayes, said that it is very regrettable that many are being killed on the road every day.

Members of volunteer organisations and students of different educational institutions were present at the programme.



Freshly printed books arrive at Dr Khastagir Government Girls High School in Chittagong yesterday for free distribution among students at the beginning of the next year.

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