

# Entrepreneur found dead in Ctg, suspect on the run

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman entrepreneur was found dead inside the storeroom of her café in Halishahar Housing Estate in Chattogram city late on Monday, that police are suspecting to be a murder.

The deceased was identified as Lucky Akhter, 32, residing at Block-K of the residential area, said Pranit Chakma, assistant sub-inspector at Halishahar Police Station. Her husband is a Sri Lankan expatriate.

Lucky, owner of KS Spicy Café and Large Design Boutique House in the area, was found dead at the storeroom of her café at 11:30pm, said the ASI, adding that the prime suspect, Md Khaled Noor was the manager of the café.

"Lucky was hit with a heavy object to her face. The manager of the cafe has been absconding since the incident," said Bazlur Rahman, inspector (investigation) of Halishahar Police Station.

Mamun Howlader, brother of the deceased, told The Daily Star that manager Khaled used to live at the storeroom of the café.

"My sister went to the store on Monday

night with her three-month-old baby in her arms, to talk with Khaled about some business matters. It was not out of routine, as she used to do it often. But I became anxious as she did not return by 11pm," said Mamun, a college student who used to live with Lucky.

As he reached the store, Khaled came out and told him that Lucky had headed for her home on a rickshaw few minutes ago, said Mamun. "But I did not find her at home when I returned," he added.

Mamun said at 11:30pm he received a phone call from a man telling him that his sister was murdered at the store of the café. He claimed that voice was Khaled's.

"I then rushed to the store again and with the help of locals, broke the door to find my sister's dead body. My nephew was lying beside his mother's dead body," he said, adding, Khaled might have had financial feud with his sister.

SM Obaidul Haque, OC of Halishahar Police Station, said a murder case was filed, and police were trying to arrest Khaled. The body was sent to Chattogram Medical College morgue for post-mortem.



PHOTO: STAR

Illegal structures on railway land being dismantled in Rajshahi city yesterday, over a year after Bangladesh Railway (west zone) was forced to suspend such a drive before the city corporation polls. Several hundred thatched houses, tin-roof shops and concrete structures on both sides of 2.5km railway track from Kashidanga to Bahrampur and Rajshahi University station areas were demolished. Authorities say out of 40,000 acres of railway land in the zone, some 2,000 acres have been occupied.

# Dogs poisoned at Sylhet Agricultural Univ

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 18 dogs were poisoned, allegedly at the order of a professor at Sylhet Agricultural University (SAU), on Monday night.

SAU students caught a staff member red-handed who confessed that he was ordered by a professor and had poisoned 18 dogs.

Abdus Sukur Imran, a master's student of the university, said, "Around 7pm, some students found a dog in the drain. They informed animal rights activists who rescued the dog."

"We initially thought the dog was bitten by snake, but later realised it was poisoned. After a search, we found eight more poisoned dogs on the campus. We contacted some senior teachers and tried to give the dogs medical treatment, but two died instantly."

"We caught Juwel Miah, an employee of the university, who was carrying poison and food. He admitted that a professor ordered him to kill the dogs," Imran added.

Imran also told The Daily Star that they returned to the hall around 2am but in the morning did not find any dogs on the campus.

"There are around 25 stray dogs on the

campus but in the morning, not a single one could be located. Not even the dead dogs. Someone must have removed all of them during the night," he said.

According to the section 7 of the Cruelty to Animals Act 1920, "If any person kills any animal in an unnecessarily cruel manner, he shall be punished with fine which may extend to two hundred taka, or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with both: Provided that nothing in this section shall render it an offence to kill any animal in a manner required by the religion or religious rites and usages of any race, sect, tribe or class, or for any bona fide scientific purpose or for the preparation of any medicinal drug".

Moreover, the High Court on November 26 last year ordered to take preventive steps against torturing and killing of animals and dog culling in the most sadistic manner.

Protesting the cruelty, the university students formed a human chain on the campus at 1pm yesterday, demanding justice.

Ashraful Kabir, coordinator of Bhoomishontan Bangladesh, said, "This is cruel and those involved must be punished. We will take legal steps if necessary

and will protest."

Dr Sultan Ahmed, professor and chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, apparently ordered the poisoning.

Contacted, he said, "There are around 50 dogs on the campus, who are out of control. These dogs have killed around 22 lambs in last three years. We wrote to Sylhet City Corporation to take action but they did nothing."

"On Monday, a dog killed two hybrid lambs and I intended to have that dog killed. But things got out of hand and three dogs ended up being killed," he said.

The professor further said, "I am not defending the poisoning, but what should be done to these dogs that had gone wild? We even tried euthanasia, but failed. I am an animal lover, and we had to take action."

OC Akther Hossain of Shahporon Police Station said, "We have not been informed of such incident. We will take legal action if anyone files complaint."

This correspondent could not contact SAU Vice-chancellor Dr Md Matiar Rahman Howlader. Assistant Registrar Md Atiquil Islam said the VC is on a tour.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers at 1pm today at Baridhara DOHS mosque. He will be laid to rest at the Banani Army Graveyard.

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## Belal Uddin Mahmood dies

CITY DESK

Brig Gen (retd) Belal Uddin Mahmood breathed his last yesterday night at Combined Military Hospital, after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 66 years old, says a press release.

Mahmood was a freedom fighter and fought for liberation from Sector 2.

Born in Noakhali on December 24, 1952, he belonged to the first batch of the Bangladesh Army.

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Waj Karani alias Mamun, 16, son of Abdus Samad, was a tenth grader of Azizia Rose Bird Collegiate School in Dewanganj upazila.

Meanwhile, a college student was killed as a motorbike he was riding hit a power tiller in Junail Nayapara area of Madarganj upazila on Monday night, said OC Rafiqul Islam of Madarganj Police Station.

## Two young lives cut short Mother, son die in another road accident in Sylhet

STAR REPORT

Mamun was riding to Taratia Bazar from his Sardarpura village home in Jamalpur yesterday.

On the way, the teenager lost his life in a fatal accident.

When he reached near Polyakandi Bridge around 2pm, a wheel that came off an oncoming CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit his motorbike. He lost his control over the bike and fell onto the road.

Mamun, who was not using a helmet, died on the spot, said Dewanganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ashrafuzzaman, quoting family members.

Elora Parvin, 38, and Sajid Miah, 6, died on the spot, said police, adding that they were going to Jaflong.

The injured, Mahin and Sajib, were undergoing treatment at Gowainghat Upazila Health Complex. Police seized the truck but the driver fled. [Our correspondents from Jamalpur and Sylhet contributed to the report]

Islam of Madarganj Police Station.

Nasim Ahmed, 18, son of Jaban Ali from Kukumari village in the upazila, was a twelfth-grader at Krishibishwabidyalaya College in Mymensingh. His neighbours and co-riders -- Mahidul Pramanik, 16, and Manju Pramanik, 17 -- were injured and admitted to Madarganj Upazila Health Complex, said the OC.

In Sylhet, a mother and her son were killed and two of their relatives injured in a head-on collision between a truck and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them, on Shalutikor-Gowainghat road in Sotigram area of Gowainghat upazila yesterday.

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## Amend ridesharing guidelines

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Maliha M Qadir, founder and managing director of Shohoz, said as per guideline, a vehicle owner will be allowed to provide service under one company. Drivers will be affected by this and their income will reduce, she said.

About government plan of setting highest ceiling for the number of vehicles to be enlisted with any ride-hailing company, Zulqar Quazi, country lead of Uber Bangladesh, said such quota system would not solve traffic congestion.

About the one-year registration time, he said they incorporated the section fearing that huge number of vehicles will hit the street if new vehicles are allowed.

Kazi M Aminul Islam, executive chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, said though ridesharing service was launched through difficulties, it has reached current position due to government's policy support.

27 meeting, directed BRTA to propose the highest ceiling.

Lokman Hossain Mollah, director (engineering) of BRTA, said ridesharing is a new concept in Bangladesh and they have prepared the guideline without any baseline. "So, there may be some errors."

Because, very few new vehicles are added to ridesharing services, he said, mentioning that the number of car registration fell in 2018 compared to 2017.

The ministry, following its January

"I will talk to the BRTA and ministry and hope your demands would be addressed," he said.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to a caretaker government, said "one vehicle, one app" proposal should be revised because the logic against it is quite clear. Also, the issue of one-year limitation can be considered for review.

Zillur, convener of Safe Road and Transport Alliance, said although increase of motorcycles is good, safety concerns need to be addressed.

Officials of automobile companies, vehicle owners, users, government and police officials also spoke in the programme, moderated by Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Quayum,

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## Celebrating researcher-author Ghulam Murshid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Author and researcher Ghulam Murshid is an exceptional writer in Bangla literature who has made his mark in almost all genres, National Professor Anisuzzaman said yesterday.

Murshid wrote many books on several literary figures, including Kazi Nazrul Islam and Rabindranath Tagore, on the history of Bangla literature and so on, Prof Anisuzzaman added.

"He showed us new path, and set a new standard. One could say Ghulam Murshid is a rare researcher," he said at a ceremony in the capital's Bangla Academy.

Publishing house Kothaprokash organised the event on the occasion of Murshid's 80th birthday, to be celebrated on April 8.

Murshid, a Bangladeshi author who currently resides in the UK, is known for his research-based writing, particularly the biographies of Kazi Nazrul Islam and Michael Madhusudan Dutta.

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan, former director general of Bangla Academy, said the biographies alone are enough to keep Murshid alive in public memory.

Noted fiction writer Prof Hasan Arizul Huq said the writings of Murshid are not only enjoyable read, but also educational.

In his speech, Ghulam Murshid said, "I have many more books to write. I want to work till my last breath," he added.

Bangla Academy Director General Habibullah Siraj, Dhaka University's Prof Bismadeb Chowdhury, Rajshahi University's Prof Swarochish Sarker and Kathaprokash publisher Jasim Uddin also spoke at the ceremony.

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