



Water Development Board in Khulna yesterday knocked down structures built illegally on its land in Gollamari area, as part of its ongoing drives to evict encroachers.

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DHANMONDI MURDERS  
All 5 arrestees remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed five arrestees on five-day remand each in connection with the Dhanmondi double murder case.

The arrestees are: housemaid Surovi Akhter Nahida, security guard Md Nuruzzaman, caretaker Belayet Hossain, cleaner Gausul Azam Prince and Afroza's son-in-law Kazi Monir Uddin's body guard Atikul Haque Bachchu.

Metropolitan Magistrate Morshed Al Mamun Bhuiyan passed the order, after DB Inspector Md Rabiul Alam, investigation officer of the case, produced them before the court with 10-day remand prayer for each.

Surovi admitted her guilt to police why she along with others killed the victims, the IO said in the forwarding letter.

Afroza Begum, deputy managing director of Creative Group, and her domestic help Bithi, were found dead in a flat in Dhanmondi on Friday.

N'GANJ BUILDING COLLAPSE

Body of missing boy recovered after 48hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

The body of 10-year-old Iftakar Ahmed Wazid was found yesterday afternoon, around 48 hours after a three-storey building collapsed in Narayanganj.

Fire service rescuers found his body in the balcony of the collapsed building, after breaking a wall of that part, said Abdullah Arefin, deputy assistant director of Narayanganj Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Part of the building went under water as it collapsed in the adjacent canal, making it very difficult for fire service rescuers to reach the balcony.

Death toll from the incident now stands at two. Body of Md Soyahor Hossain, cousin of Wazid, was recovered after the building collapsed on Sunday afternoon.

Both Wazid and Soyahor were students of class six at the local Sunrise School.

Wazid, son of Abdul Rubel, used to live in an adjacent building with his family and went to that building for private tuition.

Kakoli Begum, mother of Wazid, told journalists that every day she took her son to Sonia Akhter, an Arabic teacher living on the ground floor of the building, for private lessons.

"He completed his lessons on that day and we left the building. He mistakenly left his Quran in the building, went back in to get it but could not come out," said Kakoli

Begum.

Wazid's parents remain inconsolable.

Fire service officials earlier said the building might have collapsed due to faulty underground piling as it was built occupying a part of the canal.

"It was constructed on canal, violating building code," said fire service official Abdullah Arefin.

Speaking to The Daily Star, some locals said the three-storey building was constructed around 10 years ago. Construction of the fourth floor was going on.

Meanwhile, the victims' maternal uncle Md Rony yesterday filed a case against five owners of the building. All of the accused went into hiding after the incident, said Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Fatullah Police Station.

Local administration has provided financial assistance of Tk 20,000 to each victim's family. Furthermore, the administration has taken all responsibilities to complete the burial of Wazid, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Nahida Barik.

She also informed that two other adjacent buildings have been sealed as those seem vulnerable.

The district administration has formed a seven-member probe body headed by

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Murder accused dies in road crash

STAR REPORT

A murder accused was killed after an unidentified vehicle hit him in Pardiakul area in Katiadi upazila of Kishoreganj around 2:30am yesterday.

The deceased is Md Al Amin, 35. He was the prime suspect in the murder of his cousin Habibur Rahman, 35, a fruit seller, on October 23.

A case was lodged with Katiadi Police Station in this connection the same day, accusing Al Amin. He had been absconding since then, said police.

He was critically injured after the accident. On information, police rushed to the spot and took him to Kishoreganj General Hospital where doctors declared him dead, said Md Arifur Rahman, in-charge of Gachihata Police Investigation Centre.

The body was sent to the hospital's morgue for autopsy.

Al Amin was accused in at least 12 cases -- including murder, robbery and theft -- filed with Katiadi, Bajitpur and Karimganj police stations in Kishoreganj, the officer informed.

Meanwhile, in Dinajpur, a man was killed on the spot after a tractor overturned at Bijul village in Birampur upazila around 8am yesterday, said police, quoting witnesses.

The deceased is Pushi Mia, 20. He was travelling in the tractor.

The accident occurred after the driver lost control over the vehicle. On information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body.

SUDIPTO MURDER  
Another accused held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chattogram court yesterday placed Md Shamim, an accused in the murder case of Chhatra League leader Sudipto Biswas on two-day remand.

Detective Branch of police arrested him from port city's Lalkhan Bazar on Monday, and handed him over to Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI), the investigating authority of the case, said Inspector Santosh Barua of PBI, adding that Chattogram Metropolitan Magistrate Sarwar Jahan granted the remand prayer.

Sudipto (28), the assistant general secretary of BCL's Chattogram city unit, was beaten dead in South Nalapara on October 6, 2017. His father filed the murder case accusing unidentified persons.

Police suspected intra-party feud behind the murder, while friends of Sudipto also blamed followers of Chattogram Awami League leader Didarul Alam Masum.

Masum was held in early August based on statements of other suspects, police said.

Dengue claims one more life in Khulna

STAR REPORT

A dengue patient died at Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sabita Rani (40), wife of Haradhan, of Altapol village under Keshobpur upazila of Jashore district.

Sailendranath Biswas, residential physician of Khulna Medical College Hospital, told The Daily Star that Sabita died of dengue shock syndrome. She had been suffering from dengue fever for some days. She was admitted at the dengue ward of the hospital on November 3.

Her heart disease was diagnosed during treatment at KMCH, he said, adding that she breathed her last yesterday morning, he said.

Atiar Rahman Sheikh, assistant civil surgeon of Khulna, told The Daily Star that 25 people have died of dengue fever in Khulna this year.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), a total of 112 patients died of dengue this year after verifying 179 suspected cases.

However, the unofficial death toll would be higher than that.

According to the DGHS, a total of 189 dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals across the country in 24 hours till 8am yesterday, of whom 114 were outside Dhaka.

A total of 97,009 dengue patients were admitted to hospitals across the country this year, of whom 49,875 were in Dhaka, according to the DGHS.

A total of 814 dengue patients are now undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country of whom 477 are outside Dhaka.

The number of dengue patients never exceeded 11,000 in the last 18 years, since its outbreak in 2000.

It was 10,148 last year while it crossed the 6,000 mark twice in the last 18 years: 6,232 in 2002 and 6,060 in 2016, according to a DGHS report.

Be an efficient, ideal force

President urges air force members

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged members of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) to acquire world-class skills so that they can become more efficient and uphold image of the country and the force.

"Attaining professional skills is very important. These skills boost self-confidence as well as enhance the force's goodwill and dignity. So you have to prepare yourselves as skilled and ideal air force members," he said.

The president came up with the remarks while addressing a ceremony to award National Standard to squadrons 1, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 71 of BAF Bangabandhu Base at Kurmitola.

"You need advanced training and hard work to gain skills. You have to remember that unwavering dedication and relentless efforts are needed to achieve any goal... and to take the achievements of Air Force to a new height," he said.

Considering the country's geographical location, scope of economic development and prospects, the government is very sincere to make the air force a modern, powerful and professional force, the president said.

"The government continued its efforts to integrate sophisticated aircraft and machinery and restructuring the Air Force's organisational framework under Forces Goal 2030," the president said.

In this regard, the president said Bangabandhu Aeronautical Centre has been built at the Bangabandhu Base, aiming to provide safe and affordable maintenance of all types of aircraft, radars and other equipment.

He also hoped that overhauling of foreign force's aircraft and helicopters will also be possible at the centre in future.



President Abdul Hamid awards National Standard to air force members at BAF Bangabandhu Base in Kurmitola yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

Hamid stressed the need for proper maintenance of all air force equipment, including warplanes.

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100 YEARS OF TAGORE'S VISIT TO SYLHET  
Commemorating with joy and festivity



Former finance minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhit and SCC Mayor Ariful Haque Choudhury take part in a procession yesterday, marking the hundred-year anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Sylhet.

PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Celebrations marking the hundred-year anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Sylhet kicked off yesterday in the city.

Tagore arrived on November 5, 1919, attended many programmes in the next three days and left on November 8.

Marking the Nobel Laureate's stay, several programmes were held by different organisations at the places which Tagore visited and a formal committee was formed to organise the "Sylhet-e Rabindranath: Shatabarsh Smaran Utshab" from

November 5-8.

The day began with a tribute at the historic Chandni Ghat of Surma river at 7am, where Tagore arrived in 1919.

Srihatta Brahma Samaj organised a dance and musical tribute followed by a procession and a musical event "Shabde Chhande Rabindra Smaran" at the Brahma Mandir in the city.

Later at 11am, Sylhet City Corporation brought out a grand procession from the Nagar Bhaban which walked some important routes of the city.

The festival committee unveiled a mural of Tagore at Chandni

Ghat area in the afternoon and the festival was officially inaugurated by former finance minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith. A cultural event was organised there afterwards.

In the evening, Srihatta Brahma Samaj organised a discussion and cultural event at Kabi Nazrul Auditorium.

Sylhet City Mayor Ariful Haque Choudhury, member secretary of the organising committee, said, "This is an auspicious moment and we are very lucky to celebrate it."

"We hope that people from all walks will join the celebration," the mayor added.

Body found in luggage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

The body of an unidentified young woman was found stuffed in a luggage yesterday at Khadghor in Debidwar, by Dhaka-Chattogram highway.

Informed by locals, a team of patrol police rushed to the spot and found the woman's body in a luggage case.

After preliminary inquest, Jahirul Anwar, officer-in-charge of Debidwar Police Station, said, "There are injury marks on the body of the deceased. She might be around 20 years old."

The body has been sent to Cumilla Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Govt, EC showed over halt of birth reg in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government and the Election Commission (EC) to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to resume birth registration of people at four municipalities and 71 unions in Cox's Bazar.

In the rule, the court asked respondents to show cause why their inaction to resume birth registration at Cox's Bazar, Chakoria, Maheshkhali and Teknaf municipalities and 71 unions of the district

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