Sylhet gets fresh AL

committee after 14yrs

#### MIRPUR MURDERS Two accused

confess to court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two accused youths yesterday confessed to a court of killing a woman and a teenager, following altercation over money.

On Tuesday, Rahima (65) and Sumi (15) were found dead in a flat in Dhaka's Mirpur-2.

Two transport workers -- Moazzem (22) and Yousuf (23), who were arrested on Wednesday in connection with the double murder -- gave confessional statements at the office of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sarafuzzaman.

After recording of the statements, the duo was to jail, sources said.

On Tuesday, Moazzem and Yousuf went to the flat, used for prostitution, and



Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader and party leaders inaugurated council of the party's Sylhet district and city units at Alia Madrasa field in Chowhatta area yesterday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

After 14 years, the council of Sylhet district and city units of Awami League were held yesterday.

Our Correspondent, Sylhet

In the district unit, acting president Lutfur Rahman was selected president while former joint secretary Nasir Uddin Khan was named general secretary.

For the city unit, district unit joint secretary Mashuk Uddin Ahmed was selected president while city unit joint secretary Jakir Hossain general secretary.

The event was organised at Alia Madrasa field in Chowhatta area of the city.

Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader declared names of the prospective committee members as the units could not decide those on their own.

The last council of the units were held in 2005. Party sources say subsequent councils were delayed due to political changeover and delay in forming upazila and ward committees, among other reasons.

In his speech as chief guest, Quader said Awami League has many leaders but the party demands more dedicated activists. Leaders must be elected through diligence and dedication, not through displaying

posters or banners or shouting slogans. Awami League does not discard its leaders but changes their duties, he said. "We like to blend in new faces with the old

ones and nurture new leadership. At the council, AL joint general secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif presented the keynote speech. AL presidium member Nurul Islam Nahid, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmed, AL joint general secretary Abdur Rahman, AL organising secretary Misbah Uddin Siraj and AL advisory board member Inam Ahmed Chowdhury, among others, spoke at the event.

The council was presided over by Lutfur Rahman while district unit former general secretary Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury and city unit former general secretary Asad Uddin Ahmed presented their respective units' report books to the party top brass.

## 5 killed in road crashes

The last two days have seen road accidents claim another five lives across the country, reports our correspondents and a news agency.

A woman and her daughter were killed when a pickup hit them at Nabogram in Shibalaya upazila of Manikganj on Wednesday night. Police have not identified the deceased yet, reports UNB.

The accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound pickup crashed into the mother, aged around 35, and her daughter, 8, around 8:30pm, killing both on the spot, said Barangail highway police.

Police seized the vehicle but its driver and helper managed to flee. In Madaripur, a man was killed and another was injured when a three-

wheeler hit their motorbike in Saheb Bazar area under Shibchar upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Iqbal Hossain (32). Local rushed the injured to Shibchar Upazila Health Complex where

the on-duty doctor declared Iqbal dead, Abul Kalam Azad, officer-incharge of Shibchar Police Station told our Faridpur correspondent. In Benapole, a man was killed when a truck hit a trolley on Amtola-

Gatipara road in Sharsha upazila on Wednesday night. The deceased was identified as trolley-driver Asadul (30), reports UNB. The accident occurred when the two vehicles collided head-on, leaving Asadul dead on the spot, said Mamun Khan, officer-in-charge of Sharsha Police Station. The truck driver has been arrested.

In Chandpur, an auto-rickshaw driver was killed and four were injured in a road accident on Chandpur-Cumilla road at Mahamaya Bazar in Sadar upazila on Wednesday. The deceased is Foysal Gazi (18), reports UNB. The accident took place around 2pm when an auto-rickshaw, carrying five people, skidded off the road after hitting a road-side tree, said SI Lokman Hossain of Chandpur Model Police Station. The injured were taken to the local hospital where duty doctors declared Foysal dead.

DEATH IN CAPITAL

## Girl identified as daughter of police official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are yet find the cause of death of the young woman whose body was found in Dhaka's Siddheshwari-Malibagh area on Wednesday night.

Law enforcers last night identified the victim as Rubaiya Sharmin (21), a student of Stamford University. She used to live nearby in Shantibagh with her mother and brother, said Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station.

Rubaiya was missing since Wednesday evening, he quoted family as saying.

Rubaiya's father Rokon Uddin is a police official posted in Habiganj, he said.

Dr Sohel Mahmud, head of Dhaka Medical College's forensic medicine department, told reporters that her hands,

legs, waist and spinal cord were fractured.

Locals suspect the woman died after falling from a building, as they heard a sound before finding the body on the street, OC Monirul added

# 5 brick kilns demolished in Savar

The Department of Environment (DoE), in a drive yesterday, demolished five brick kilns and fined the owners Tk 23 lakh for causing severe environmental pollution in Savar's Namagenda area, not far from Dhaka.

The brick kilns are TBC, MSB, Chand Mia, Modhumoti and KSB, said Executive Magistrate Maksudul Islam who led the drive.

Four brick kilns -- TBC, MSB, Modhumoti and KSB -- were fined Tk 5 lakh each as they did not have necessary documents and Chand Mia Bricks was fined Tk 3 lakh as the brick kiln had some legal papers but not all the clearance, said Maksudul Islam.

The drive against illegal brick kilns started following an order from higher authorities of DoE, said the executive magistrate, adding that the drive will

As per law, there should be no brick kiln within 1.5km of residential areas, educational institutions and hospitals. These establishments had been operating illegally. To make



An illegal brick kiln being knocked down in Savar yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

matters worse, the brick kilns were using topsoil from arable lands and polluting the environment, he added. We are conducting drive against

illegal brick kilns which are posing threat to human health, the magistrate also said.

There are over 200 illegal brick kilns operating in Dhamrai and Savar -- contributing to the deteriorating air quality in the country, experts say.

The High Court on November 26 ordered the government to conduct mobile court drives to shut down illegal brick kilns in five districts Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Munshiganj, and Manikganj -- within

In response to a writ petition, the

# Focus on battling climate change

President urges graduates at Cuet convocation

BSS, Ctg

President Abdul Hamid yesterday expressed concern over people's dishonesty in business, and urged newly graduated students to keep their integrity intact when working for the welfare of the nation.

He was speaking at the fourth convocation of Chattogram University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) on its campus in Rangunia of Raozan He expressed concern that a section

of people have the tendency of hiking prices of essentials, including rice and onion, by creating fake crisis, spreading rumours and using harmful chemicals.

"It's a strange country...," the president said, adding, "On one hand, farmers are harvesting paddy, and on the other, price of rice is on the rise. This is really very saddening.

The head of the state advised the quarters concerned to shun these evil

The president suggested graduates



PHOTO: PID

to acquire world-standard knowledge and expertise to compete in the global

He said engineers must have farsightedness and creativity in formulation of development plans for the country.

The president, also the chancellor of

Cuet, urged all to focus on initiatives that can offset the adverse impacts of

climate change. "Bear in mind that we have to be economically self-reliant to uphold our dignity," he added.

Underscoring the need for proper SEE PAGE 4 COL 1 CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN RURAL AREAS

# State the ultimate actor for peace: speakers

Involvement of local government resolves a significant amount of conflict through dialogue while the success rate of doing so by the police is low, says a study on dynamics of micro-conflicts and in rural areas of the

Analysing some 251 cases of conflicts in four southern districts --Dinajpur, Rangpur, Thakuragon and Nilphamari, researchers said the inertia of state organisations [like police] is a reason why conflicts remains

The study, which analysed four types of conflicts -- familial dispute, land dispute, sexual harassment and fraudulence, was disseminated at a seminar at Cirdap auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Researchers found that most victims are female while perpetrators are male. Police are the dominant public authorities for land disputes, while local government is for family disputes, they said.

The study shows that citizen-run village arbitration processes effectively SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

STUDENT FORCED OUT OF EXAM

## Review committee submits report to Jagannath univ VC

JNU CORRESPONDENT

A review committee -- for further investigating an allegation against a student of Jagannath University (JnU) for causing untoward situation i year -- submitted the probe report to the authorities yesterday.

"I gave the probe report to the university authorities yesterday," said JnU history department Prof Mohammad Salim, the sole member of the committee who was assigned on November 26 to investigate the allegation against Mahmudul Hasan Mishu,

a student of film and television department. He said, "The university authorities sent another letter on Wednesday, seeking an

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#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director

Construction of Dual Gauge Double Line Between Joydebpur-Ishurdi Section of Bangladesh Railway Project



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Bangladesh Railway, Railbhaban 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

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Dated: 04.12.2019 Corrigendum No. 1

The following Corrigendum No. 1 to the request for Expression of Interest (EOI) Ref. No: 54.01.0000.688.07.016.19-135; Dated: 26th November 2019 under GOB fund for Selection of Consulting Firm for Construction Supervision Consultancy Services for Construction of Dual Gauge Double Line Between Joydebpur-Ishurdi Section of

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Corrigendum No. 1 shall become a part of the request for Expression of Interest (EOI).

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#### Shakil's 3rd death anniversary today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the third death anniversary of Mahbubul Hoque Shakil, former special assistant to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Apart from the family, different organisations in the capital and his home district Mymensingh have chalked out various programmes including doa, milad mahfil and discussions to mark the anniversary.

Shakil died of cardiac arrest on December 6, 2016. He was 47.

A popular face among vouths and in student politics, Shakil was a forefront leader of antiautocracy student

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literacy will be preferred. Candidates are requested to send the applications to the following address with complete CV, copies of attested relevant certificates, photocopy of national ID Card and 03 copies of recent passport size coloured photograph on or before 19 December, 2019.

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