

Enhancing professional skills of female police members stressed

BSS, Rangpur

High-ranking police officials at an orientation meeting-workshop stressed on enhancing professional skills of female police members to meet field-level challenges.

They put special importance on imparting training on information and communication technology (ICT) for women police members, increasing awareness in using social media and maintaining order for professional excellence at home and UN missions abroad.

They expressed this view at Rangpur regional orientation meeting-workshop of Bangladesh Police Women's Network (BPWN) at Police Lines School and College auditorium in the city on Tuesday, said a press release.

Women members of Rangpur Metropolitan Police (RpMP), Rangpur,

Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari and Dinajpur District Police and Range Reserve Force (RRF) of Rangpur participated in the day-long event.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) for Rangpur Range Police Devdas Bhattacharya attended the event as the chief guest.

Rangpur Metropolitan Police Commissioner Abdul Alim Mahmud and Superintendent of Police, Rangpur Biplab Kumar Sarkar spoke as special guests.

Additional Police Commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police and President of BPWN Amena Begum presided over the event.

Additional Inspector General (AIG), Police Headquarters and Joint General Secretary of BPWN Shehela Parvin, Additional Deputy Police Commissioner of RpMP Shamima Pervin, among other senior women police officials, addressed the workshop.



Artistes from Chanda Nrittaloy perform at the Nabanna Utsab held at Sylhet's Police Lines High School field yesterday. The daylong programme was organised by Sylhet Women's Chamber of Commerce.

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BNP engaged

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spreads "distorted information" over her illness.

Hasan Mahmud said "Bangabandhu's daughter, Sheikh Hasina, has given me the

responsibility of the party's joint secretary. I have taken this as a challenge. I will do my best to preserve the dignity of the post and will work to uphold the confidence she has confided in me."

4th death anniversary of Dr Syed Yousuf Hassan

CITY DESK

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Dr Syed Yousuf Hassan, an active participant in the Language Movement of 1952.

He was one of the founding members of National Awami Party (NAP-Muzaffar) and was active in the progressive movements of the country during that time.

The Pakistani government had confiscated his passport and had his citizenship cancelled while he was abroad.

He visited China in 1952 to attend the Asia Pacific Peace Conference with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Ataur Rahman among other prominent individuals.

He was honoured by Bangla Academy, Shilpakala Academy and many other organisations for his contributions to the Language Movement, says a press release.



Makeshift shops selling warm clothes on footpaths are doing brisk sales as temperature has seen a dip.

Warm clothes' market

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Ariful Islam, a trader from New Market, said business is brisk because of unusually cold weather.

"Our sales have been good over the last few days. We hope to sell warm clothes for another two months," he added.

Jatrabari resident Hasan Mia said he bought clothes for himself and his children from the market.

"We needed warm clothes after the temperature saw a dip. We don't know when the weather will improve," he added.

The demand for seasonal cosmetic items such as petroleum jelly, moisturiser cream, lotion, lip balm and glycerin has also gone up.

Jasim Uddin, general secretary of Polwel Super Market (an imported apparel business hub in Dhaka), said they were selling only imported high-end clothes.

"The sales increase if there's severe cold. Our sales have been great in the last several days because of the cold wave. It'll increase further if the cold persists," he added.

Illegal market

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will be cleaned up soon."

Six surveyors of DSCC, who were involved in the leasing process, were suspended after ACC filed the case, he said.

ACC tasked one of its deputy directors, Hafizul Islam, to prepare charge sheet of the case. The charge sheet, however, was yet to be submitted.

Contacted, Hafizul declined to make any comment over the delay in filing the charge sheet.

"I've heard the market has been demolished," he added. DSCC councillor Sarwar Hasan Alo could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

On August 23, 2015, The Daily Star ran a report titled "Road given to AL men" which highlighted allocation of the road for kitchen market in clear violation of law.

On December 14, 2015 a High Court bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo questioned legality of construction of the kitchen market and asked the authorities concerned of the government to explain why the construction should not be declared illegal.

Elderly man

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Shanti Niketon area with two others named Hassan and Saiful. Yesterday morning, one of them opened the door following a doorbell. Two masked men then entered the flat and stabbed Tobarak, the police officer said. Hassan has gone into hiding after the murder.

On information, police rushed there and took Tobarak to a nearby hospital where doctors declared him dead.

The body was sent to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy.

There are several injury marks on the body, police and morgue sources said.

The wardrobe of Tobarak's room was found damaged. Police are suspecting that the killers made away with money and valuables from the flat.

Police picked up Saiful and some others for interrogation.

Ex-lawmaker Sultana Rezwan passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Sultana Rezwan, a former lawmaker and wife of former minister



late Rezwanul Haque Chowdhury, passed away at Dinajpur's Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital yesterday morning due to old age complications. She was 77.

She was the daughter of Hajee Mohammad Danesh, a renowned leader of the historic Tebhaga movement.

Her first namaz-e-janaza will be held on Balubari Shatadal Club premises in Dinajpur at 10am today.

She will then be taken to Thakurgaon and her second namaz-e-janaza is scheduled to be held after Zohr prayers the same day.

She will be buried at her family graveyard at Balia Sonapatila village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila following the third namaz-e-janaza after Asr prayers.



The stairways of this footbridge at Babu Bazar is so worn out that people have a tough time keeping balance. Add the surrounding hawkers and garbage to the mix, and it becomes a nightmare for pedestrians. This photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Lost in investigation

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Inspector Md Nasir Uddin of PBI, who was handed the investigation of the case following the HC order, submitted the charge-sheet of the case on December 24, 2018, charging Alamgir and his third wife Israt Jahan Mukta with abetment to suicide.

Complainant Farhad filed an objection to the charge-sheet with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court on February 13 this year. After hearing on it, Metropolitan Magistrate Debabrata Biswas observed that the investigation was not carried out properly, and rejected the PBI charge-sheet. He also ordered that the case be handed over to CID.

Ejaz Uddin Ahmed, inspector of CID's Mirpur Unit (Dhaka Metro West), who is currently investigating the case, told The Daily Star last week, "I was only given the case a few months ago. Important witnesses are being called, but not all of them have reported to us. Investigation is underway, and we will know more after interrogation."

ALAMGIR'S INVOLVEMENT

According to the charge-sheet by PBI, Shammi was Alamgir's second wife. He had married Shammi, hiding his first marriage. In 2013, he married Israt Jahan, unbeknownst to Shammi, by providing a false name and address, and would often visit Israt's house -- which he paid for, neglecting his familial duties to Shammi and their two children. At one point, Shammi found out about the secret marriage, and it caused conflicts in their marriage, the charge-sheet says, adding that Alamgir often beat up Shammi. On the evening of June 7, 2017,

Alamgir and Shammi locked into an argument and Shammi was tortured that day.

In his statement, Alamgir's son had also mentioned that his father had married again, and used to abuse his mother. He also mentioned that Alamgir beat up Shammi on the evening of the incident, and injured her nails with a sharp blade. The injury to the nails of the feet are also mentioned in the post-mortem report.

Alamgir, who was arrested after filing of the case, secured bail on June 26 this year, according to a lengthy letter written by Farhad to the chief justice. In the letter, Farhad also alleged that Alamgir's family have been bribing to influence the investigation into the case -- raising apprehension about why Dr Sohel, who conducted the autopsy, was kept in the review committee along with a subordinate.

He also provided documents to support his claim that the original inquest report was tampered with.

THREATS TO VICTIM'S FAMILY

Farhad filed a general diary (GD) with Kotwali Police Station in the capital on October 27, saying he has been receiving threats from Alamgir and other accused in the case. They have been threatening him over phone to withdraw the case and hand over the children of Shammi -- who are in Farhad's custody in his village home in Mymensingh -- to them, he claimed. Farhad reported that on October 27, Alamgir saw him at the Court House street and charged at him in a threatening manner, and has continued to issue threats.

Contacted, Alamgir denied the allegation, and said he did not issue any threats to Farhad.



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Adolescents at Barishal's Steamer Ghat start their day with a game of marbles. To win, they have to shoot marbles into small holes dug on plain ground. Even in the digital age, the popularity of some traditional games like 'Marble Khela' still endure.

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