

Rickshaw-van driver found killed in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Unidentified criminals killed a battery-run rickshaw-van driver and allegedly took away his vehicle and phone in Ashulia of Savar yesterday.

The deceased -- Mofazzal Hossen (40), hailed from Anagar in Damurhat upazila of Naogaon.

Osman Goni, one of his cousins, said Mofazzal went out of his house in Ashulia with his vehicle around 4am and did not return.

"Criminals killed my cousin to snatch his vehicle and belongings; those remain missing," he said.

Locals noticed his bloodstained body lying next to a UP member's house at Kaichabari in Ashulia in the morning.

On information from them, police recovered the body around 9am and sent it to Shaheed Shurawardy Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Jashim Uddin, a sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station, who visited the spot and prepared a primary inquest report, told The Daily Star that injury marks were found on the victim's head and nose.

Criminals might have killed him before snatching his vehicle and phone, said the SI. Filing of a case was underway, he added.

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He has been working as chief of staff for Domestic and Economic Team of the Biden-Harris Transition Team. He was also a member of Vice President-elect Harris's prep team for the 2020 vice-presidential debate.

Previously, Siddique was deputy policy director for Beto O'Rourke's presidential campaign and a senior policy adviser to his senate campaign.

He also served as a law clerk to Justice Elena Kagan of the US Supreme Court, Judge David Tatel of the US Court of Appeals for DC Circuit, and Judge Dean Pregerson of the US District Court for Central District of California.

In between his clerkships, Siddique practised law as an associate at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP.

Biden has said that he will have one of the most diverse administrations in American history.

"I'm going to keep my commitment that the administration, both in the White House and outside in the Cabinet, is going to look like the country," he said recently.

"To tackle the challenges facing our country and restore faith in government, we must build an administration with experienced, principled, and dedicated appointees. These individuals are part of a White House staff that is ready to make a difference in the lives of working families," Biden said.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris said these dedicated public servants reflected the very best of the nation.

"They have the knowledge and expertise to help us meet the unprecedented challenges facing the American people. And President-elect Biden and I look forward to working with them to contain this pandemic, provide more relief for families and businesses, and rebuild our country in a way that lifts up all Americans," she said.

RCC demolishes 150 illegal structures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi City Corporation yesterday demolished some 150 illegal structures on footpaths of different city streets.

Some 37 persons were fined Tk 1,03,000 for building those, said RCC public relations officer Mostafiz Mishu.

The city corporation's executive magistrate Samar Kumar Paul led the drive while police and the corporation employees assisted him.

The drive was conducted at City Bhaban to Laxmipur, Laxmipur to Medical Gate, C&B intersection, and Zero Point to New Market streets.

During the drive, the mobile court of the executive magistrate also shut down three shops that grabbed the space of a passengers' shed at Laxmipur intersection.

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she further said. Anisul Islam Mahmud, chairman of the parliamentary committee on Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, said Bangladesh needs to raise and discuss the issue of legal protection of its migrant workers during the upcoming GFMD.

Addressing the thematic topic "Discussing Approaches to Address Irregular Migration-What Works?", RMMRU Founding Chair Prof Tasneem Siddiqui said irregular migration prevails since it "helps" certain quarter of different destination and sending countries.

MFA Regional Coordinator William Gois said sending and receiving countries were never been challenged like what the pandemic made them facing. He said host countries like Singapore, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia faced bigger challenges during the pandemic.

Addressing the consultation, Foreign Minister Masud Bin Momen said Bangladesh has been a frontrunner for safe, regular and orderly migration and that the country always welcomed the processes that lead to welfare of migrants.

"As we consider migration as an integral component of our development framework, we also pioneered the process of global compact for migration," he added.

BCSM Chair and RMMRU Executive Director Prof CR Abrar moderated the consultation.

Besides, partnership with civil societies in the destination countries is also important,

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Huq; Travelettes of Bangladesh Founder Dr Sakia Haque; SheDecides Regional Movement Builder, Asia Syeda Samara Mortada; Meye Network Founder, Project Designer and Coordinator Trishia Nashtaran; Kotha Director and Founder Umama Zillur; Creative Conservation Alliance CEO Shahriar Rahman; Romoni Services Limited CEO and Founder Armin Zaman; Sylhet Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Shamalata Roy; Women in Digital Managing Director and Founder Achia Khaleda; Drinkwell Senior Operations Coordinator Saddam Hossain Rony; ME SOLShare Principal of Product & Business Eshrat Waris; and Wreutu Founder Umme Sharmin Kabir.

The Acumen Fellowship cultivates leadership capabilities of individuals willing to step up, take risks, and invest in the collective future to build a world based on dignity.

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Rokia Afzal Rahman, the chairperson of Mediaworld Limited, and directors -- Shahnaz Rahman, Shamsur Rahman, and Simeen Rahman -- spoke on the occasion, praising the newspaper's journalists for their dedication and hard work during the Covid-19 pandemic and assured of all-out support.

Mahfuz Anam, the editor and publisher of The Daily Star, shared anecdotes of his 30-year-long journey with the newspaper and vowed to continue journalism without fear or favour in the coming days.

Congratulating the newspaper's staff for their hard work during the pandemic, he urged them for harder work in order to make 2021 a meaningful, significant and great year for The Daily Star.

Elita Karim, the editor of Arts and Entertainment and Star Youth, hosted the programme where Executive Editor Syed Ashfaqul Haque gave directional speech while several other staffers shared their pleasant memories.

Seventeen journalists and officials of the newspaper received "Pandemic Hero Award-2020" for their outstanding performances during the pandemic time last year.

They are: Tuhin Shubhra Adhikary (Reporting), Gazi Md Etrat Shahrar and Shahtab Siddique Anik (News Desk), Anisur Rahman (Photography), Chinmaya Devorsi (Graphics), Dwoha Chowdhury and Mohammed Mostafa Yousuf (District Reporter), Farhat Chowdhury (Business Development-Sales), Shahir Hasan Khan (Business Development-Digital), Mohammad Shamim Chowdhury (Production), Jahurul Islam (Finance and Accounts), Towhedul Islam and Imam Hossain Chowdhury (IT), ABM Shamsud Doza (Business Dev-special), Naurin Jahan and Mohammad Anowar Hossain (Business Dev) and Ranjan Kumer Ghosh (Circulation).

A special recognition was given to Shyamal Biswas, former assistant officer (store) of this newspaper, who died from Covid-19 last year, for his contributions.

All staff members from Dhaka and the rest of the country joined the virtual event, and several of them spoke on the occasion.

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According to the solar calendar, on the last day of the Bengali month - 'Poush', the sun moves towards its southward (Dakshinayana) journey at the Tropic of Capricorn and starts moving towards the Tropic of Cancer.

The day is known as 'Poush Sangkranti', also 'Makar Sangkranti' all over the world. The day is celebrated by the Hindu community in India, Nepal and Bangladesh in many cultural forms, with a variety of names like Maghe sangkranti (Nepal), Saakrat (Delhi and Haryana), Uttarayan (Gujarat), Maghi (Punjab) and many more.

Different kinds of rice cakes, desserts and confections are made for the occasion.

"We have taken Tk 1,000 from every flat owner to arrange the programme including kite flying, singing and dancing, fireworks and dinner," said Mohammad Ripon, caretaker of a house in Shorafotganj.

Mohammad Sohel, a resident of Gendaria said all of their family members took part in the festival and it is a longstanding family tradition.

He said they will fly kites in the morning. In the evening they will hold cultural programmes and fireworks.

"It is a tradition in old Dhaka and we love to stay involved in the festival," said Sohel.

Meanwhile, with the slogan -- "Let's Fly Kites and Foster Tradition," the festival was celebrated in all 75 wards of DSCC.

DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh inaugurated the Shakrain festival from the rooftop of ward-43 councillor Arif Hossain Chhoton's Patla Khan Lane residence.

"This festival brings some relief to people in the middle of a pandemic. We will surely overcome the coronavirus and move forward in the future," said Mayor Taposh.

DSCC provided all 100 councillors under its jurisdiction with 100 kites each. The councillors distributed the kites to people in their area.

Petition seeks HC directive to recognise rape of men as offence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday, seeking its order on the government to amend the relevant law treating the violation of males as rape.

Dr Soumen Bhowmick, a social worker, Supreme Court lawyer Tasnia Nuhaiya Ahmed and Dr Masum Billah, director of human rights organisation Empowerment through Law of the Common People, submitted the petition as a public interest litigation to the HC.

In the petition, they requested the HC to order the government to amend Section 375 of the Penal Code incorporating the word "person" in place "woman".

They also urged the HC to ask the law ministry to form a committee consisting lawyers and civil society members to submit a report on the progress of amending Section 375 to the court every month.

Citing the petition, Tapas Kanti Baul, lawyer for the petitioners, told The Daily Star that under Section 375, only a woman sexually assaulted by a man is treated as rape.

Female victims can seek justice for the offence under this provision of the penal code.

But, there is no provision in the section for treating the violation of males as an offence and therefore, male victims have no scope for getting justice and remedy under the provision, he said.

Lawyer Tapas said incidents of violations of men are happening in the country, but they are not getting remedy due to shortcoming of the law.

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S.N.	Name of the Posts	No. of Posts	Consolidated Monthly Salary
1	Programme Officer (Environment and Climate Change)	01	BDT 90,000/-
2	Programme Officer (Monitoring and Evaluation)	01	BDT 90,000/-

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1.	535997	Construction of 06 (six) Nos. docking and back pulling pile (Dry portion Four Nos. and West portion Two Nos.)	12.01.2021	27.01.2021	27.01.2021	27.01.2021	OTM

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