

## Youth handed death penalty for murdering man in court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A Cumilla court has sentenced a youth to death for killing a man inside the courtroom on July 15, 2019.

District and sessions judge Atabullah passed the verdict yesterday noon in presence of the accused, Court Inspector Salauddin Al Mahmud confirmed. The convict is Hasan (30).

According to court records, on July 15, 2019, Hasan murdered one Faruk, accused in the murder case of Hazi Abdul Karim alongside Hasan.

The murder occurred while judge Fatema Ferdous was holding a hearing. Hasan and Faruk, both on bail at the time, were appearing before court.

Hasan brought a knife and chased Faruk when he was entering the courtroom.

He stabbed Faruk several times inside the courtroom.

Court staff, lawyers, police and people present there apprehended Hasan right after.

## Miles to go

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Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Choudhury said she is at her position not because she is a woman, but because she is the best. Globally, Bangladesh has become a role model for women empowerment. People, however, put a disproportionate burden on women by reinforcing pre-existing inequalities and deepening gender-based violence, she said.

Several events were arranged by different organisations yesterday to observe the day.

Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) arranged a programme, where its executive director Golam Monoar Kamal stressed the issue of unpaid care work by women.

"Men should change their mindset regarding gender equality, because women are now working simultaneously at home and in workplaces, while men are not holding up their part," he said.

ASK Senior Deputy Manager Nina Goswami said it has been observed in recent times that participation of women in higher education is much less than that in early stages of education, and they are also discouraged to choose many sectors.

Debate for Democracy organised a debate competition, where Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, joined as chief guest. She said, "A recent survey shows that in 25 rape cases filed in the country from 2012 to 2016, all the accused have been granted bail within 24 hours to 15 days of their arrest, and most of them have been trying to influence the cases in various ways, although bail is not applicable for a punishable offence under Women and Children Repression Act 2000," she said.

Samajik Protirodh Committee -- a platform of 67 women, and human rights and development organisations -- organised a webinar, where Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Dr Fauzia Moslem presided over the programme and said violence against women must be eradicated not only through women's movement but also from political, economic and humanitarian points of view.

All must carry out a new movement with new people to address the increasing number of violence, the burden of unpaid care work with no recognition, and cybercrimes, she said.

The Office of Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, UN Women, World Food Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization and Brac jointly organised an event, where speakers stressed on ensuring safety for Rohingya women.

Musfiqul Alam Halim, senior assistant secretary at the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and in-charge of Camp-5 in Kutupalong, called on all concerned to inform the camp office if any incident of violence against women takes place at the Rohingya camp.

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association and Gulshan Ladies Club also celebrated the day with a programme, where BNWLA President Advocate Salma Ali said although women have come a long way on their own, the attitude of men towards women has not changed.

"Although we are in our 50 years of independence, our mentality has not progressed as much as it should have," she said.

## Team Group honours 300 women workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To mark International Women's Day 2021, Team Group recently organised a programme on postpartum care.

New and pregnant mothers were recognised for their courage. The programme also featured an award ceremony where around 300 mothers working at Team Group's six clothing manufacturing factories were awarded, with their husbands handing the awards over to them.

Speakers -- including Team Group deputy managing director Abdullah Hil Nakib, Sommito Garments Sramik Federation president Najma Akhter, Upazila Women Affairs Officer Khaleda Akhter Jahan, and more, discussed about women's place in the family and the workplace.

In his speech, Abdullah Hil Rakib said, "Women's contributions to society and the country are undoubtedly worthy of great praise."

## Covid-19 cases

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Dr Md Ehteshamul Huq Choudhury, secretary general, Bangladesh Medical Association; Professor Dr Mohammad Shahidullah of Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council and Health Minister Zahid Maleque were also present at the seminar.

"In the previous year, we had seen that the infection and death rates were highest in June, July and August. However, capacity of our health system has improved a lot in the last one year," said Professor Dr Nasima Sultana in her speech.

"We have recruited and trained thousands of new doctors. We have isolation centres equipped with more than 3,000 beds. We have sufficient number of Covid-19 ICU and high flow nasal cannula. We have started first phase of our vaccination program and gradually 80 percent of our population will get the vaccine. So, we hope the situation will be very much under control in the future," added Dr Nasima.

Experts have emphasised on research on Covid-19 and in-house vaccine development during the seminar. The doctors also demanded incentive for the physicians and frontline health workers.

Professor Dr Kanak Kanti Barua, vice-chancellor of BSMMRU said, "We should do more research on Covid-19 infection trends in Bangladesh. If funds can be allocated, what Professor Dr Nazrul and IEDCR is predicting can be furnished into an amazing scientific paper. Their findings can also contribute to the global response against the disease."

Professor Dr Mohammad Shahidullah said, "We should also conduct research on developing vaccines in our own country."

We have globally renowned pharmaceutical companies who have the capacity to develop vaccines in their own plants."

Dr. Md Ehteshamul Huq Choudhury, secretary general, Bangladesh Medical Association said, "126 doctors, five dentists and 12 other types of health workers have died of Covid-19 infection. However, none of these health workers except one got any compensation from the government."

"Since the pandemic is still here and its effects may increase in the future, the government should allocate incentives for the health workers so that they feel more motivated to do their job," he added.

Health minister Zahid Maleque assured that the government is ready to allocate more funds for Covid-19 research and projects are underway to develop Covid-19 vaccines in Bangladesh.

"We need certification from World Health Organization to develop Covid-19 vaccines in Bangladesh. We are in the process of getting this certification for our laboratory run by the directorate general of drug administration. We shall also work with private pharmaceutical companies in this regard," said minister Zahid Maleque.

"Prime Minister has asserted that there will be no fund shortage for procuring vaccines and to conduct research on Covid-19," added Maleque.

He also requested people to maintain social distance, wear masks and maintain all necessary safety measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

"We must remember that Covid-19 is still here and unless and until the whole world is free from Covid-19, we are not safe," said the health minister.

## Sumi's

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Sourav Dutta, secretary of Anwara Karim Samaj Kallayan Sangstha, said their main target is to support people with disabilities and help them get government allowance.

Quoting a recent case, Dutta said they supported an 11-year-old orphan and thalassemia patient, Farzana Akter, with bags of blood for her operation at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

"After getting information that Farzana's operation was being delayed due to blood unavailability, we contacted her family and managed five bags of blood immediately, although the operation needed only four," he added.

The volunteers also managed Farzana's return to her village home at Purakandulia in the remote Dhobaura upazila of Mymensingh.

For his cordial support for Farzana's treatment and other activities of the organisations, Dutta mentioned Ali Yusuf, also an adviser of Divisional Blood Society.

Sumi has achieved so much more. She is also the founder principal of Mymensingh Divisional School and College and president of Mymensingh Divisional Sahitya Parishad. For her contributions in social service, different organisations have honoured Sumi throughout her journey.

## Speech-impaired woman pushed off bus in Keraniganj

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A woman with a speech impairment was pushed off of a running bus at Ruhitpur Bazar in Dhaka's Keraniganj on Sunday morning, after she supposedly failed to pay bus fare.

A video of the incident that gained traction on social media shows a woman in a burkha getting pushed off of an 'N Mallik' bus. She was seen groaning in pain, lying on the ground.

Locals helped her get up. Officer-in-charge of Keraniganj Model Police Station Kazi Moinal Islam told The Daily Star that the incident happened around 9:30am, adding that they have already identified the bus and its driver and his helper.

"I visited the spot and heard the news from locals. We did not find the woman and are still looking for her to get further information," he said.

Law enforcers confirmed that the woman was speech-impaired. The assistant of the bus driver, Hasan (22), pushed her off. The driver is Suruj Miah (40), according to Prothom Alo.

When the locals asked the woman about why she was shoved off the bus, she wrote on tiles that she got into the bus from Konakhola. She also wrote she did not have the fare on her, and the same bus service didn't take fare from her previously.

But on that day, they pushed her off because she couldn't pay the fare, locals quoted her as writing.

## Kuril

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Ward-17 Councillor Ishaq Mia's area includes Kuril.

"Many times, I hear about mugging incidents, as there's no proper lighting in the area. Our mayor has asked Rajuk to hand over the responsibility of maintaining the flyover several times. But it was to no avail."

Julker Nayen, DNCC zone-1 zonal executive, echoed him. "In the last two months, we got 40 complaints of untoward incidents in the area. But we are unable to do anything," he said, adding, the condition of the lights has been like this for several years.

"We asked Rajuk to hand over the flyover to DNCC if they cannot properly maintain it. But they didn't. Now I hear it's going to be handed over to Road Transport and Highways Division," he said.

Asked, Atik Zawad, sub-assistant engineer (civil) of RTHD, said, "We try to maintain the street lights. We have a project upcoming in this regard, where we will be able to set up more lights."

"Although we set up lights, bulbs get stolen and connection lines get damaged. We have informed the local police stations, but it keeps on happening," he claimed.

Contacted this week, Ujjal Mallick, chief engineer (implementation) of Rajuk, said they handed over the responsibility of Kuril flyover to RTHD two weeks ago.

When asked why they didn't maintain the flyover, he said in the beginning, Rajuk took a plan to maintain it through a third-party operator, which would do so in exchange of the money they would have made from renting out billboards set up there.

"The then DNCC Mayor Anisul Huq wanted to see the plan, and the third-party wasn't interested in it afterwards. Later, Rajuk was supposed to take care of the flyover, but as there was no budget to maintain it, that did not happen," he said.

Rajuk asked DNCC to take over the maintenance two years ago. But they did not respond, then in December last year a meeting took place among Rajuk, LGD and RTHD, where it was decided that RTHD would maintain the flyover, he added.

## Bangabandhu

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State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, Bangladesh Ambassador to the US M Shahidul Islam, Prof Dr Syed Anwar Husain and Ambassador Tariq A Karim also spoke at the event moderated by Bangladesh embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Ferdousi Shahriar.

At another discussion, Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Rabab Fatima said Bangabandhu's March 7 speech was a clear instruction for the Liberation War through which the nation achieved independence.

Unesco included the speech in the Memory of the World International Register, a list of world's important documentary heritage, in 2017.

"The bold speech of the Father of the Nation should be transmitted to the younger generations so they can be inspired," Rabab Fatima said, calling upon all the expatriate Bangladeshis to contribute to the development journey of Bangladesh.

At a discussion organised by Bangladesh High Commission in Delhi, High Commissioner Muhammad Imran said the historic speech of Bangabandhu delivered extempore before a sea of crowd at then-Race Course in Dhaka will remain ever inspiring for the people of Bangladesh.

Other speakers including diplomats, journalists and academics expressed their high appreciation on the progress of Bangladesh, while paying tributes to the memory of Bangabandhu.

The event included a documentary screening on the historic speech of the Father of the Nation and a cultural show at Maitree Hall of Bangladesh High Commission.

Bangladesh missions in China, Canada, Austria, UK, Brunei and Italy also organised various programmes marking the day.



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## Leadership

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and demand through social safety programmes and services; and building awareness about gender discrimination and women empowerment are necessary interventions," said, Tapati Saha, Programme Analyst of Women's Economic Empowerment at UN Women in Bangladesh.

Speakers said that tea workers belong to an extremely marginalised community who are deprived of proper healthcare, education, labour safety, standard working environment and social protection services.

By empowering female tea garden workers into leadership, social barriers can be removed in sectors such as maternal healthcare, children's education, adolescent women's health and nutrition and involvement in decision-making process, speakers further said at the discussion hosted by UNFPA Technical Officer Dr Animesh Biswas.

In the discussion, Kazi Dil Afroza Islam, Sylhet divisional chief of Unicef; Mahmuda Akhter, an adolescent club member from a tea garden in Moulvibazar; Limon Lohar, an adolescent club member from a tea garden in Sylhet; Jesmin Akhter, vice-president of Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union; Srimati Bauri, vice-president (Juri Valley) of Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union and Raju Gowala, president (Sylhet Valley) of Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union spoke.

Among others, Al Azad, president of Sylhet District Press Club and Iqbal Siddique, president of Sylhet Press Club spoke while Alexius Chicham, national programme coordinator of UN SDG programme for tea sector of ILO give a review speech.

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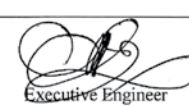
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