

Woman

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around 10:30am. Everyone got shocked following the sudden incident. Neighbors said the couple rented the flat two and half years ago.

Sohel's sister Lipi Akhter who rushed to the spot in the morning told journalists that there was no conjugal feud in Sumita's family. "Altercation over different family issue is a very common thing. But I don't why she did it," she said.

After the incident, Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) and Criminal Investigation Department (CID) collected circumstantial evidence from the flat and sent the bodies to Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) for autopsy.

We are investigating whether it was a murder or suicide, said the ADC.

British MP

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Armed police swooped in on the church and said a man had been arrested. Police said they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the incident.

Emergency services fought to save his life inside the church, but in vain. "He was treated by emergency services but, sadly, died at the scene," police said.

"A 25-year-old man was quickly arrested after officers arrived at the scene on suspicion of murder and a knife was recovered."

Colleagues from across parliament expressed their shock and paid tribute to Amess, who held regular meetings with voters on the first and third Friday of the month, saying he was diligent in his duties to his local area.

Amess, married with five children, was first elected to parliament to represent Basildon in 1983, and then stood for election in Southend West in 1997.

"He was stabbed several times," John Lamb, a local councillor at the scene, told Reuters.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps called Amess "a dedicated, thoughtful man and a true Parliamentarian, who lost his life while serving the constituents who he worked relentlessly for throughout his career". Amess is the latest British MPs to have been attacked at his weekly constituency "surgery" with voters, which are typically held on Fridays when parliament is not sitting.

Pro-EU lawmaker Labour MP Jo Cox was murdered by a far-right extremist in 2016 in the run-up to the Brexit referendum.

Another Labour MP, Stephen Timms, was stabbed multiple times during an event in 2010, but recovered from "potentially life-threatening injuries" and is still an MP.

Timms said he was "appalled" at the latest attack.

In January 2000, Liberal Democrat MP Nigel Jones was injured and his assistant killed by a man wielding a ceremonial sword at a constituency surgery in Cheltenham, western England.

There was no immediate comment from Johnson, who was leading an away-day for senior ministers in the west of England.

David Cameron, one of his Tory predecessors in Downing Street, said: "Very alarming and worrying news reports coming from Leigh-on-Sea."

"My thoughts and prayers are with Sir David Amess and his family."

Opposition Labour leader Keir Starmer called the news "horrific and deeply shocking".

Four

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The four deceased are Sabur Mollah, 60, his brother Kabir Mollah, 55, of Dakshin Jagdal village and cousins Rahman Mollah and Imran Mollah.

Sabur, Kabir and Rahman are supporters of Ali, while Imran is a follower of Nazrul, said Rafiqul Islam, chairman of Jagdal Union Parishad.

He told The Daily Star that both Nazrul and Ali are involved in local AL politics. A long-standing conflict has been going on between them over establishing dominance in the area, he added.

Merina Molla, wife of deceased Sabur, alleged that Nazrul and his supporters hacked her husband to death in broad daylight over the UP election. "I want punishment of all the culprits."

This correspondent could not contact Nazrul and Ali for comments as their mobile phones were found switched off.

No case was filed till filing of this report around 9:00pm.

Violence threatens Colombian peace accords, UN warns

AFP, United Nations

The deteriorating security situation in Colombia represents a "considerable challenge" to the country's 2016 peace accords, the United Nations said Thursday at a Security Council meeting.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) signed a peace deal with the government in 2016 to end more than a half century of armed conflict.



Demonstrators place white flags symbolising people who died from the coronavirus disease in front of the National Congress in Brasilia, Brazil yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

No date fixed

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students and 16,000 teachers, according to the latest University Grants Commission (UGC) annual report. The 10 other universities, recently approved by the UGC, are yet to start academic activities.

Public universities have already reopened halls and libraries and will soon resume in-person classes.

On September 23, the UGC in a directive to all private universities said they can carry out on-campus educational activities if both teachers and students have gotten at least one dose of Covid-19 vaccine or are registered to get the vaccines.

But senior officials of some universities this correspondent talked to have proposed that the government set up inoculation centres on campuses to scale up vaccination.

North South University (NSU) Vice-chancellor Atiqul Islam said about 30 percent of the university's 24,000 students have gotten both doses of the vaccine so far.

"We started activities for the fall semester online. We can also start taking in-person classes but it depends on vaccination of students," he said.

He said the university authorities requested the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) to set up a vaccination centre at NSU as the university has doctors, a medical centre, and pathological labs on campus.

New protein could help

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University found that the presence of the "shank" protein acts as a support for receptors that determine how strong the connection is between various neurons and, as a result, may determine whether memories can be modified using the beta-blocker propranolol.

If the protein is degraded, the

campus. He said undergraduate students are likely to get priority after resumption of in-person classes, but it depends on the decision of the syndicate and academic council.

The authorities of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) are holding discussions about resuming in-person classes and may resume anytime soon.

"Our plans are underway and we are taking all measures needed to safely reopen. We will announce it soon," said IUB VC Prof Tanweer Hasan.

He, however, declined to comment on how many of the 11,000 students of his university got the vaccine so far.

IUB also proposed setting up a vaccination centre on campus.

Brac University Registrar and Controller of Examinations (acting) David Dowland said they are carefully observing the Covid situation and taking the safety measures required to run in-person classes at a later date.

"In the meantime, we continue to support students and staff to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The safety of our students and staff are among our prime concerns," he said.

The fall semester of Brac University is starting online. Prof MM Shahidul Hassan, vice-chancellor of East West University, said students' registration for jobs is

going on and about 2,000 out of their 9,000 students have received their first dose.

"Without [students] getting the first dose, we will not resume in-person class," he added.

All deans, chairs and senior professors are in discussions about resuming classes from spring semester, set to start from January 2022.

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology will resume classes in phases.

VC Prof Muhammad Fazli Ilahi said of around 7,000 students, an estimated 45 percent have gotten the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

He said students who are fully vaccinated can attend lab classes in person and meet their supervisors. Fourth-year students will get preference, he added.

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh's acting VC Prof Shamsad Mortuza said they are consulting with students through a survey and monitoring other universities' approaches to determine whether they can resume in-person classes.

United International University VC Prof Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman said they are still uncertain about reopening the campus.

Of around 5,000 of their students, 70 percent have registered for vaccines and 30 percent received both doses, he said.

memories become modifiable – although scientists are not yet clear whether it is directly involved in the memory breaking down, or if it's a product of a deeper reaction.

In 2004, scientists in New York were able to treat animals with propranolol to help them forget a learned trauma, but the results have been difficult to replicate.

over the cold-blooded murders which targeted 12- and 13-year-old children, when officers noticed during the morning roll call that he had disappeared.

But a mob caught up with him yesterday after he was identified by schoolgoing children at his rural home in Bungoma, more than 400 kilometres (250 miles) from the police station he had escaped from.

"He comes from this area and so the children saw him and knew it was him and that is when information spread around and locals started pursuing him," area administrator Bonface Ndiema said.

"In the end he ran into a neighbour's house but he was flushed out and lynched."

US to reopen borders to vaccinated travellers Nov 8

AFP, Washington

The United States will reopen its land and air borders on November 8 to foreign visitors fully vaccinated against Covid-19 – ending a more than 18-month ban on travel from much of the globe that separated families, hobbled tourism and strained diplomatic ties.

The decision to ease restrictions was "guided by public health, stringent and consistent," said White House assistant press secretary Kevin Munoz in a tweet announcing the new policy.

He said the "announcement and

date applies to both international air travel and land travel."

The new policy was quickly hailed by the European Union's ambassador in the US, Stavros Lambrinidis, who called it "important and very welcome news" and said in a Twitter post that more details were expected to follow.

In an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, US borders were closed after March 2020 to travellers from large parts of the world, including the European Union, Britain and China, India and Brazil. Overland visitors from Mexico and Canada were also banned.

Yahya-Podgorny meeting

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The newspaper commented that private consultations showed Soviet backing for India and American leanings towards Pakistan, and the Security Council, therefore, refused even to endorse the UN Secretary General U Thant's expression of concern regarding the situation in East Pakistan.

'INDIA FULLY PREPARED'
The Union Defence Minister of India Jagjivan Ram said India was fully prepared to deal firmly with any possible military adventure by Pakistan on the border. He gave this assurance at the meeting of Congress Central Parliamentary Board where the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her senior colleagues attended. The meeting reviewed the developing border situation in view of massive troop movements and war-like posture by Pakistan against India.

ON THE WAR FRONT
In the Rangpur-Dinajpur-Rajshahi sector, Mukti Bahini today raided Pakistani troops at Bhurungamari. In this action three enemy soldiers

were killed and 18 wounded. Another group of Mukti Bahini launched a mortar attack on Pakistani soldiers near Bhowalganj and inflicted 17 casualties on the enemy. On the same day, Mukti Bahini exchanged fire with Pakistani soldiers near Karia and killed 10 enemy troops. Mukti Bahini also blew up the railway line between Hili and Panchbibi. In another operation, Mukti Bahini ambushed a mixed Pakistani patrol near Muradpur. Five Pakistani soldiers including a captain were killed in this action.

In the Dhaka-Cumilla-Chattogram sector, Mukti Bahini today launched a mortar attack on the occupation troops in Saldhar area. In this action eight enemy soldiers were killed and two bunkers of the enemy were destroyed.

In the Kushtia-Jashore-Khulna sector, Mukti Bahini today killed 3 enemy soldiers and 7 Razakars in an exchange of fire with the occupation troops in Shejalu area.

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Kenyan mob lynches 'bloodthirsty vampire' child killer

AFP, Nairobi

Kenyan villagers yesterday lynched a man believed to be a "bloodthirsty vampire" child murderer, days after the self-confessed serial killer escaped from police custody, officials said.

Masten Milimo Wanjala was arrested on July 14 over the disappearance of two children, but in a chilling confession, admitted to killing at least 10 others over a five-year period, "sometimes through sucking blood from their veins before executing them", the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) said at the time.

The 20-year-old was due for a court appearance Wednesday in Nairobi

Insomnia

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rooms with uneven temperatures, jet lag, too much caffeine consumption – even uncomfortable beds – can persistently keep you awake, and have you suffer insomnia.

Medical professionals tend to fill out an entire questionnaire for you, just so the diagnosis receives the maximum amount of attention. Starting from measuring your sleep patterns to your daytime sleepiness – you might even be asked to log in every day on a "sleep diary" just to ascertain insomnia. But once you zero in, home remedies and prescription drugs are in abundance.

The primary aim for your physician will be to make you fall asleep and remain asleep. Therefore, your prescription will aim to achieve exactly that. In addition, doctors may ask you to strictly maintain a specific time for sleeping and waking up to reset your body clock. This will also mean limiting the number of daytime naps, so your body becomes fully exhausted by the time you head to bed at night.

These days, we have taken insomnia for granted – as part and parcel of modern life. But there are effective ways to fight it and win. The radical change in your mood and wellbeing is certainly worth the effort.

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