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SUST student was stabbed to death by muggers

Say police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Those who stabbed SUST student Bulbul Ahmed to death on the campus on Monday evening were all muggers, police said. Three people were arrested in this regard and produced before a Sylhet court, which sent them to jail.



The information came to light after police interrogated three suspects, one of whom was arrested. Two others were arrested afterwards, Azbahar Ali Sheikh, deputy commissioner (North) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, told a press briefing yesterday.

The three jailed are Kamrul Ahmed, 29, Md Hasan, 19, and Abul Hossain, 19, residents of Tilagaon, a village adjacent to SUST campus.

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Students walking home on a risky path from Tejgaon Girls' School and College in the capital yesterday. The roads in the area have been dug up to install underground electric lines. Locals said the work has been going on for over a week, causing distress to commuters.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

EC 'subservient to government'

Krishak Sramik Janata League says about commission's 'overzealousness' to use EVM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Janata League (BKSJL) yesterday said the Election Commission's over-enthusiasm for EVM indicates that it was "subservient to the government".

In a written statement submitted during talks with the commission, leaders of the party said such over-enthusiasm regarding use of electronic voting machine (EVM) made "people suspicious about the EC".

BKSJL President Abdulkader Siddiqui alleged that the commission "showed a step-motherly attitude" towards them as they allotted two hours for talks with the Awami League and BNP, but only an hour for other parties, including BKSJL.

"This proves the Election Commission has lost its neutrality," he said.

BKSJL General Secretary Habibur Rahman Talukdar said holding a free, fair and acceptable national election is not impossible under a political government.

At the dialogue, the party proposed relaxation of registration conditions for political parties. It alleged that laminating posters with plastic during electioneering increased election expenses

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Sri Lanka extends emergency

Two protest leaders arrested

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's parliament yesterday approved the extension of a state of emergency for a month, as police said two activists who helped lead mass demonstrations that toppled the country's president were arrested on unlawful assembly charges.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa was forced to flee when tens of thousands of protesters, incensed by the island nation's unprecedented economic crisis, stormed his residence in the capital Colombo.

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Govt may not remove interest rate caps

Hints finance minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal yesterday indicated that the government would be unwilling to remove the interest rate cap on loans and deposits, which is expected to be a condition tagged by the International Monetary Fund with its support package.

"The IMF, the World Bank can say what they want but I think they will be in agreement with me and praise us -- this was our best decision," he told media after a meeting of the cabinet committee on purchase.

Earlier in 2020, the Bangladesh Bank capped the interest rate on loans at 9 percent and on deposits at 6 percent, rendering the market mechanism for money supply ineffective.

"Because of the interest rate cap, the economy is in a good state. If the cap

was not there, the interest rate for loans would have been 20-22 percent then and all the industries and businesses -- be it small, medium or large -- would have disappeared during the pandemic and there would have been rampant unemployment then."

Furthermore, the banking sector, particularly the private banks, which were in the red before, are now in the green. Everything is fine," Kamal added.

However, the IMF staff mission, which recently wrapped up its nine-day tour of Bangladesh, called for withdrawing the interest rate ceilings, which would help control inflation and also ease the pressure on foreign exchange reserves.

This is tipped to be one of the conditions for the financial assistance

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AHM Mustafa Kamal

IMF loan out of precaution

PM's principal secy says Dhaka seeking it not for bail-out

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Ahmad Kaikaus has said the country's current foreign exchange reserve can meet all types of import expenditures for more than five months.

"We have import expenditure for more than five months in our reserve whereas it is said that having more than three months' import expenditure is the symbol of a strong economy. There is no risk to us," he said.

Kaikaus was briefing reporters at his office yesterday on some "misleading news" in newspapers and other media.

The principal secretary mentioned that as per the predictions from various organisations like IMF, World Bank, ADB and others, the world is likely to see an

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Buzz Aldrin's Apollo 11 jacket sold for \$2.7m

AFP, New York



The jacket worn by US astronaut Buzz Aldrin during his 1969 flight to the Moon aboard Apollo 11 was sold at auction for \$2.7 million in New York Tuesday, Sotheby's announced.

The white jacket, adorned with an American flag, Nasa's initials, a patch for the Apollo 11 mission and the name "E. ALDRIN," is part of a personal collection of items the 92-year-old astronaut decided to put up for sale.

"The exceptionally rare garment was chased by multiple bidders for almost ten minutes before

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রেমিট্যান্স অ্যাওয়ার্ড-২০২১

এর মনোনয়নের জন্য বিদেশে অবস্থিত বাংলাদেশি মালিকানাধীন অনিবাসী এন্ড চেন্স হাউজ/রেমিটার প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে আবেদন আহ্বান

বাংলাদেশের অর্থনীতিতে অনিবাসী বাংলাদেশি ও বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা শ্রেণিকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের অবদানের স্বীকৃতি প্রদান এবং বৈধ উপায়ে বিদেশ থেকে অর্থশ্রেণিককে উদ্বুদ্ধ করতে ব্যক্তিসহ বিভিন্ন এন্ড চেন্স হাউজ/রেমিটার প্রতিষ্ঠানকে 'বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক রেমিট্যান্স অ্যাওয়ার্ড-২০২১' প্রদান করা হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে বিদেশে অবস্থিত বাংলাদেশি মালিকানাধীন অনিবাসী এন্ড চেন্স হাউজ/রেমিটার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। অনিবাসী বাংলাদেশি নাগরিকগণের ৫০% এর অধিক মালিকানা রয়েছে এমন এন্ড চেন্স হাউজ/রেমিটার প্রতিষ্ঠান আবেদন করতে পারবে।

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে (<https://www.bb.org.bd>) আবেদন ও তথ্য প্রদানের জন্য নির্দিষ্ট দু'টি ফর্ম (https://www.bb.org.bd/nrb/others/form1_2021.pdf) ও (https://www.bb.org.bd/nrb/others/form2_2021.pdf) আপলোড করা হয়েছে। বিদেশে অবস্থিত অগ্রহী বাংলাদেশি মালিকানাধীন অনিবাসী এন্ড চেন্স হাউজ/রেমিটার প্রতিষ্ঠানকে নির্ধারিত ফর্ম যথাযথভাবে পূরণপূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রাদি (স্ক্যান কপি) আগামী ১৪/০৮/২০২২ তারিখের মধ্যে pinaki.ranjan@bb.org.bd ইমেইলে শ্রেণিকের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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(জয়শ্রী বাগচী)
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Najma Dowla
(04 October 1946 – 28 July 2021)

Today marks the First Death Anniversary of Mrs. Najma Dowla, Director of the Board of ACI Limited and its Subsidiaries since 1996.

On the day, the family members, relatives, and friends will recall fond memories they hold of late Mrs. Najma Dowla and pray for the salvation of her departed soul.

Mrs. Najma Dowla breathed her last on 28 July 2021 at the age of 75. She lived a fulfilling life as a daughter, a wife, a mother, and a friend. She was a tremendously strong woman being diligent, kind and tenacious.

Mrs. Najma Dowla was the wife of Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla, Chairman, ACI Group.

She was also the mother of Ms. Shusmita Anis, Managing Director of ACI Formulations Limited and Vice-President of Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF) and Dr. Arif Dowla, Managing Director of ACI Limited.

Najma Dowla was the daughter of late Mrs. Rawshan Khan and Mr. Nurul Islam Khan, retired as Commissioner of WAQF Administration.

May Allah grant her eternal peace in heaven.

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