

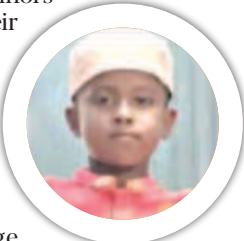
9-yr-old madrasa student killed for 'stealing' Tk 110

Minor arrestees confess to police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A nine-year-old madrasa student was killed by three of his seniors on suspicion of stealing only Tk 110 from one of their lockers in an orphanage in Habiganj's Baniachong upazila.

The three minors confessed to their involvement and revealed their motive during primary interrogation, said Ajay Chandra Dev, officer-in-charge of Baniachong Police Station.



On November 16, police recovered the body of nine-year-old Akram Khan from a reservoir adjacent to Makrampur Hafizia Orphanage Madrasa, where he and the three arrestees were resident students.

Quoting the confession, the OC said every student of the madrasa had

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6 launch staffers held over Duronto Biplob's murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested the master, driver and four other crew members of a launch that according to police rammed into a dinghy, causing Awami League leader Duronto Biplob to drown early this month.

Hafez Saidur Rahman, 38, Alamin, 35, Masud Rana, 38, Emon Hossain, 23, Ibrahim Khalil, 29, and Ibrahim Khalil were arrested by the Detective Branch of Police in the capital's Keraniganj on Saturday.

They were in the crew of the MV Morning Sun-5 that rammed the dinghy near the capital's Sowari Ghat, causing it to sink with Biplob, four other commuters, and a boatman, said Mashur Rahman, deputy commissioner (DB Lalbagh).

Biplob, 51, was a member of a sub-committee of central Awami League and the former general secretary of Chhatra League at Jahangirnagar University.

His body was found floating in the Buriganga river in Fatullah, Narayanganj, on November 12, five days after he went missing.

After watching CCTV footage and tracking Biplob's phone, officers found evidence suggesting that he drowned in the river after the launch hit the dinghy in the evening of November 7, Mashur said.

Shamsu Mia, who was rowing the dinghy, told officers that the launch

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Woman killed as hijras, police clash in Ctg

Two criminals were freed at the time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman was killed in a clash that broke out after miscreants attacked a police outpost in Chattogram city in an attempt to free two people who had just been arrested.

The incident took place at Kalurghat Police Outpost under Chandgaon Police Station on Saturday night.

The dead was identified as Nazma Akhtar, 30, sister of Hanif of "Hanif Bahini". Hanif was one of the two arrestees.

Locals and police said Hanif runs a drug racket that is also involved in extortion and mugging in Kalurghat.

He is notoriously known for using hijras as his associates to do his bidding.

"Police arrested Hanif and his associate Delwar with 5,000 yaba pills in the area around 8:00pm and took them to the Kalurghat Police Outpost," said Mainur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Chandgaon Police Station.

After word got out about their arrest, one of Hanif's sister, who is a hijra, led the Hanif Bahini and swooped on the outpost with local weapons and whisked Hanif and Delwar away, he added.

Witnesses said when police opened fire on the attackers to disperse them, Nazma was hit by bullets.

"Her body was found at the Chattogram Medical



Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri, heads the closing session of the COP27 climate conference, at the Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Centre in Egypt's Red Sea resort city of the same name, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

COP27 strikes deal on fund for poor nations

REUTERS, Sharm El-Sheikh

Countries adopted a hard-fought final agreement at the COP27 climate summit early yesterday that sets up a fund to help poor countries being battered by climate disasters - but does not boost efforts to tackle the emissions causing them.

After tense negotiations that ran through the night, the Egyptian COP27 presidency released the final text for a deal and simultaneously called a plenary session to quickly gavel it through.

The swift approval for creating a dedicated loss and damage fund still left many of the most controversial decisions on the fund until next year, including who should pay into it.

Negotiators made no objections as COP27 President Sameh Shoukry rattled through the final agenda items. And by the time dawn broke over the summit venue in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh yesterday, delegates adopted two main texts: a final declaration and a landmark deal on climate loss and damage.

Despite having no agreement for tougher emissions reductions, "we went with what the agreement was here because we want to stand with the most vulnerable," said Germany's climate secretary Jennifer Morgan, visibly upset.

Delegates praised the breakthrough on setting up the fund as climate justice, for its aim in helping vulnerable countries cope with storms, floods and other disasters being fuelled by rich nations' historic carbon emissions.

When asked by Reuters whether the goal

of stronger climate-fighting ambition had been compromised for the deal, Mexico's chief climate negotiator Camila Zepeda summed up the mood among exhausted negotiators.

"Probably. You take a win when you can."

The two-week summit has been seen as a test of global resolve to fight climate change - even as a war in Europe, energy market turmoil and rampant consumer inflation distract international attention.

Billed as the "African COP," the summit in

“What we have in front of us is not enough of a step forward for people and planet...It does not bring enough added efforts from major emitters to increase and accelerate their emissions cuts.”

European Commission Vice President FRANS TIMMERMANS

Egypt had promised to highlight the plight of poor countries facing the most severe consequences from global warming caused mainly by wealthy, industrialised nations.

The United States also supported the loss and damage provision, but climate envoy John Kerry did not attend the session after testing positive for Covid-19 this week.

Negotiators from the European Union and

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FINAL DECLARATION

EMISSIONS CUTS

COP27 "emphasises the urgent need for immediate, deep, rapid and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions", which contribute to global warming.

WARMING TARGETS

The final declaration "reaffirms the Paris Agreement temperature goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5C".

'LOSS AND DAMAGE'

Parties "decide to establish new funding arrangements for assisting developing countries... in responding to loss and damage, including... by providing and assisting in mobilising new and additional resources".

Oil from India through pipeline from next year: PM

Possibilities open to procure discounted Russian oil

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hoped that the import of fuel oil from India through the 130-kilometre India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) will start next year.

"Bangladesh wanted to import oil from India through the pipeline and hopefully it will start from next year," she said during a meeting with Biswajit Daimary, the speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly, at Gono Bhaban.

PM's press secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the visit.

The Tk 520 crore IBFPL project was taken up in 2018 with the view to exporting oil from the northeastern Indian state Assam's refinery in

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6-yr-old killed on road

One bus hits the boy, another runs him over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-year-old boy was killed after a bus hit him and another ran over him while he was walking with his father on the side of a road in Dhaka's Khilgaon area.

The incident took place in Khilgaon's Trimohony Imambagh area around 5:30pm.

Al Rahid, a first-grader, was declared dead when he was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 7:00pm.

He and his two siblings lived with their parents in a rented apartment in Khilgaon's Nandipara.

Akhtar Hossain, his father, said, "Rahid wanted to watch fishing. I was taking him to a nearby waterbody where people fished. When we reached Imambagh area, we saw buses being driven recklessly on the Demra-Rampura Highway.

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JCD MAN KILLING

A 'constable' shot him at close range

STAR REPORT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Rafiqul Islam Nayan was shot dead allegedly by a constable during an altercation with police personnel in Brahmanbaria's Bancharampur upazila on Saturday afternoon.

The clash occurred after police detained several BNP activists when they brought out a procession and were distributing leaflets for its Cumilla divisional rally slated for November 26, said witnesses.

BNP men demanded the release of their fellow activists, and said Nur-e-Alam, officer-in-charge of Bancharampur Police Station, was present during the incident.

Nayan, 28, vice-president of Sonarampur Union Chhatra Dal, a pro-BNP student body, fell to the ground after he was shot at close range, shows a video clip of the incident that went viral on social

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Risking life and limb, a man jumping over the central reservation just below a footbridge to cross Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, one of the busy thoroughfares in the capital. Another is standing there after having done the same. The photo was taken in Farmgate area around 12:30pm yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Armed Forces Day today

BSS, Dhaka

The Armed Forces Day will be celebrated through various programmes today amid festivity and enthusiasm, marking the establishment of the army, navy, and air force during the 1971 Liberation War.

The programme will begin with special prayers after Fajr at all mosques in all the cantonments and naval and air force bases throughout the country, seeking divine blessings for the well-being and prosperity of the nation and the progress of the armed forces, said an ISPR press release on Saturday.

On the eve of the day, President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages, greeting members of the armed forces.

To mark the day, the president and the prime minister will place wreaths at the Shikha Anirban (the Eternal Flame) at Dhaka Cantonment in the morning, paying homage to the martyred armed forces' members who laid down their lives in the Liberation War.

Later, Army Chief General SM Shaheed Ahmed, Navy Chief

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