

Man hacked to death ‘by rivals’

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A man accused in 16 cases – including some centring murder and robbery – was hacked to death allegedly by his rivals in Fatullah, Narayanganj yesterday. The deceased – Afzal Hossain, 42 – was from West Deobhog’s Banglabazar area of Kashipur union.

His brother Mozammel Hossain alleged that Afzal had a conflict with a local thug who along with his accomplices picked him up while he was going to appear before a court in a drug-related case.

Later, they hacked him to death, he said.

Locals said Afzal was the thug’s associate once. Recently, a dispute arose between them over establishing supremacy in the area.

Fatullah Police Station Officer-in-Charge Rizaul Hoque said Afzal – who was arrested several times earlier in more than a dozen of cases – was murdered by his opponents over previous conflicts.

The body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Filing of a case was underway in connection with the killing.

Bangladesh elected to UN Commission on Status of Women

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has been unanimously elected a member of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for a four-year term, 2024-2028.

The election was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York yesterday.

Along with Bangladesh, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Mali, Romania, Bolivia, Brazil, and Colombia have also been elected to this body.

“Bangladesh is a role model for gender equality and women empowerment. This election demonstrates the recognition of Bangladesh’s steadfast commitment to achieving gender equality, women’s rights and women’s empowerment,” Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith, permanent representative of Bangladesh to the UN, said after the election.

Over the past decade, under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh has made significant strides in reducing gender disparity in education, health, and political representation, and in increasing women’s access to economic opportunities.

Bangladesh is committed to further advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment, and the election to the CSW will provide a platform to showcase its achievements and share best practices.

The CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body of the United Nations exclusively dedicated to promoting gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, comprising 45 members.

Every year, during its two-week session, member states, civil society and other stakeholders gather at United Nations Headquarters to evaluate progress in gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and advancement of women worldwide.

Bangladesh was a member of this Commission from 2019 to 2023.

SC clears way for HC

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universities to get their pending writ petitions heard and disposed of by HC as early as possible.

An eight-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique passed the dismissal orders after hearing arguments on the review petitions.

Other seven judges of the bench are Justice Md Nuruzzaman; Justice Obaidul Hassan; Justice Borhanuddin; Justice M Enayetur Rahim; Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam; Justice Md Abu Zafar Siddique, and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim. Details of the SC order could not be known as its full text has not been released yet.

However, private universities’ lawyers Barrister Omar Sadat and Barrister Mohammad Sakhwat Hossain said following the SC order, their clients won’t need to pay any income tax till the HC disposes of the writ petitions.

The apex court didn’t alter its previous directive in 2021 that asked the National Board of Revenue not to demand or collect any income tax from private universities across the country until further orders, they said.

Sakhawat Hossain said around 100 writ petitions have been filed with the HC since 2008 regarding the government decision on imposing income tax

on private educational institutions, including private universities and private medical, dental and engineering colleges.

There are 98 private universities in Bangladesh, and among them, 84 of them with 4.5 lakh students are currently active, he added.

Meanwhile, Attorney General AM Amin Uddin told reporters that the private universities must pay income tax in accordance with the Finance Act.

Additional Attorney General Sk Md Morshed told this correspondent that the HC couldn’t hold hearings and dispose of the pending writ petitions due to pendency of the review petitions which were pending with the SC regarding similar issues.

Now, HC can adjudicate the writ petitions, he added.

Thieves in

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took away a laptop and two phones,” he said.

The Gulshan DC said Afsana is the gang’s ringleader. Law enforcers arrested her in front of the check-post near Gulshan police station around 9:00pm on Wednesday. Based on information provided by her, they later arrested the rest from different areas. Afsana has 14 cases and two warrants against her, filed with different police stations, including the Gulshan one.

Pay some, get so much more

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deposits in exchange for appointments in different schools or hospitals but also for appointments in his institute.

For instance, Ahsanul took Tk 5 lakh as a deposit from one Rajib Al Khandker in exchange for an appointment as the deputy managing director of “Rajshahi Digital Business Plus Limited” with a monthly salary of Tk 25,000.

With a promise of paying

double benefits, Ahsanul also took Tk 25,000 from one Golam Sakline for his institute’s projects, read the investigation’s findings.

However, Ahsanul suspended operations of all the projects taken under the institute after February 20, 2013, as his investors started demanding their money back.

Although the institute’s activities were suspended, investigators found that Ahsanul built a

three-storey building in Rajshahi’s Bilsimla area on a seven-decimal land with the embezzled money.

The couple also bought four-storey buildings on five acres of land in the same area spending Tk 2 crore, found CID’s investigation.

“Zinnat remarried as Ahsanul was in jail for a long time. Both Zinnat and Ahsnaul are currently on the run. Drives are underway to arrest the two,” said Moniruzzaman.

Glenrich Int’l School launched

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don’t know about their roots, can’t be students,” she said.

She suggested adding scholarships for students who require aid for admission at the institution.

Matt Cannell, acting British high commissioner to Bangladesh, said, “It gives me immense pleasure that this school

will follow the Cambridge curriculum.”

Ramesh Mudgal, principal of Glenrich International School, said, “The world is changing rapidly, so we need to change the way of education for our children to keep pace with that,” he added.

Speakers at the programme said students will also get a French

language course, along with robotics education.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi; Deputy Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury; Steve Plisinski, director of International Schools Services, USA; CEO of STS Group Manas Singh; and Prof Md Mashiur Rahman, vice-chancellor of National University, also spoke at the programme.

Dark days ahead for traders

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He lost Tk 4 lakh of clothing in the recent fire. Furthermore, he has given clothing items worth Tk 18 lakh to traders of Bangabazar on credit and has items worth Tk 30 lakh in his warehouse. “If there is no business in Bangabazar, who will I sell to? How will I get back my money?” he asked.

To recoup losses, traders now want to restart their

business immediately. As the concrete market that Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) plans to build there will take a lot of time, they want an alternative solution for the time being, possibly setting up shop at the open space.

In the least, they want a way to continue doing business during Ramadan, a time when the business peaks.

Abdur Rahman,

president of Mohanagar Shopping Complex at Bangabazar, told The Daily Star, “We are exerting all our efforts to re-open the market as soon as possible. We will meet the DSCC mayor so that we can run our businesses for the rest of the Ramadan days.”

At least 2,931 shops burnt to ashes in the recent fire, which required 48 units of firefighters to douse the blaze.

Janaza of Rokia Afzal

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entrepreneurs and noted individuals from all sectors are mourning the loss of the iconic businesswoman. Tributes are still pouring in from colleagues, friends, admirers, and organisations.

Nobel Laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus expressed condolences on the death of Rokia. “I am deeply saddened by the loss of my best friend and close associate Rokia Afzal Rahman. She was not only a friend, but was my frequent adviser and encourager,” he said in a condolence message.

“She enthusiastically embraced my concept of social business from the beginning and tried to convey it to the business community. Her compassion for the poverty-afflicted women in Bangladesh and... contribution to women’s empowerment is unparalleled,” read the message.

The executive board of the International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh

(ICC-B) expressed deep condolences on the demise of Rokia, who was the vice president of ICC-B.

“During her tenure as vice president, she extended her guidance and support for carrying out various activities, including organising several international conferences in Dhaka,” ICC-B said in a press release.

She also attended various seminars and workshops of the organisation both at home and abroad.

ACI Chairman M Anis Ud Dowla also expressed his condolences.

“In her death I have lost a sincere friend, the community has lost an effective leader and the society lost a benevolent person. We pray to Allah for her eternal peace,” said Anis in his message. Rokia passed away at Mt Elizabeth Novena Hospital in Singapore on Wednesday at the age of 82. She is survived by her two daughters, a son, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of well-wishers.

Rangpur journo sued

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from local and national newspapers and TV channels took part in the human chain in front of Rangpur Press Club from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

The speakers alleged that Shiplu grabbed land forging documents and he was involved in drug trading. He filed the case after Jamuna TV aired a report against him on April 1.

Contacted, Shiplu said the report was false and fabricated and it tarnished his and his party’s image.



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