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TUHIN MURDER

Charges pressed against 8 arrestees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police have pressed charges against eight people in a case filed over the murder of journalist Asaduzzaman Tuhin in Gazipur on August 7.

The eight people are already in custody, said Rabiul Hasan, deputy commissioner (crime north) of Gazipur Metropolitan Police.

The charge sheet has already been submitted to a local court, the official told a press conference yesterday afternoon.

However, two mobile phones used by journalist Tuhin are yet to be recovered as those have been switched off since the day of the murder, he added.

The victim's family
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These sculptures, made using a combination of metal, wood, and paper, depict the many tragedies and atrocities that took place during the July uprising last year. Some show the police brutality that protesters endured, while others depict victims being carried away by those around them. The installation was created by artists from the Faculty of Fine Arts at Dhaka University and was displayed recently opposite their department.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Major reshuffle in police, admin ahead of polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major reshuffle ahead of the general election, 12 deputy inspectors general of police and 14 superintendents of police (SP) ranked officers have been given new postings.

At the same time, six districts got new deputy commissioners (DC).

The Ministry of Public Administration and the Ministry of Home Affairs issued separate notifications yesterday, with the changes taking immediate effect. As part of the reshuffle in police, seven districts received new SPs.

Mohammad Al Mamun Sikder of Industrial Police has been made SP of Banguna, Md Asaduzzaman of Police Bureau of Investigation as Bagerhat SP, Menhajul Alam of Police Headquarters as Narsingdi SP, Jasim Uddin of Dhaka Metropolitan Police as Narayanganj SP, Manjur Ahmed Siddique of DMP as Meherpur SP, Rabiul Islam of Special Branch as Narail SP, and Tariqul Islam of Highway Police as Natore SP.

In the administration, Shahid Hossain Chowdhury, deputy secretary at the environment ministry, has been made DC of Patuakhali. His predecessor, Abu Hasnat Mohammad Arefin, has been transferred to Kushtia as DC.

Meherpur DC Shifat Mehnaz has been posted to Kurigram, while Mohammad Abdul Salam, deputy secretary at the home ministry, has been appointed as the new DC of Meherpur.

Mohammad Abdullah Al Mahmud Zaman, deputy secretary and zonal settlement officer at the Department of Land Record and Surveys in Dhaka, has been made DC of Netrokona.

Meanwhile, Kushtia DC Mohammad Toufiqur Rahman has been transferred to Khulna as the new DC.

PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL JOBS

It's home chores that hold women back

Finds BIDS, Sajida Foundation study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

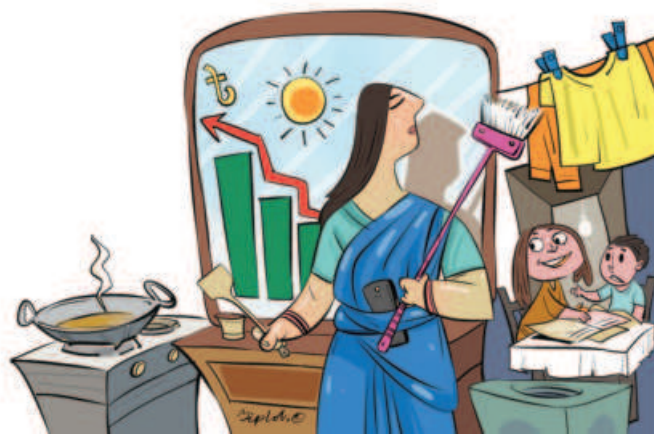
Not the lack of education; rather, care responsibilities are the main reason why Bangladeshi women, especially young women, remain outside formal employment, revealed a new study by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and Sajida Foundation.

The research found that 81 percent of women cited household duties as their biggest barrier to joining the labour force, while 48 percent of men pointed to education as the main challenge.

Young women aged 15-24 spend up to 20 hours a week on domestic chores—four times more than their male peers. Even women over 65 continue to spend double the time men do on household work.

Dr Sajida Amin, senior research advisor at Sajida Foundation, presented the findings of the study, titled "Care Responsibilities and Women's Work in Bangladesh", at a seminar organised by BIDS at its

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ISSUES

Young women spend up to 20 hours weekly on chores

Women over 65 still do double the domestic work of men

Home-based work rising, outside employment declining

Commuting challenges limit women's participation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Joint families, tertiary education

Accessible, well-located daycare centres

Home-based income opportunities

Encourage delayed marriage



Three more die of dengue, 412 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three more deaths were reported from dengue in the 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 118 this year.

During the period, 412 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, raising the number of confirmed cases to 29,044 this year, according to the DGHS.

According to the DGHS, the three fatalities have been reported in Dhaka.

A total of 1,309 patients are currently receiving treatment in hospitals across the country.

Last year, dengue claimed the lives of 575 people.

‘As a freedom fighter, I have the right to live in peace’

Fazlur Rahman voices concerns for his, family's safety

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP chairperson's adviser Fazlur Rahman has expressed concern for his and his family's safety after protesters gathered outside his Segunbagicha residence in Dhaka yesterday, demanding his expulsion from the party and arrest over "derogatory remarks" about the July uprising.

"As a freedom fighter, I have the right to live in peace," Fazlur told reporters at the Supreme Court premises.

"A mob is being created in front of my house. I did not say that a dark force was behind August 5. Please listen to my entire speech."

He added, "Show me proof. Taking two lines from YouTube is not right. If you can prove it with the full video, I will apologise."

Earlier yesterday, protesters under the banner of Biplobi Chhatra Janata staged a sit-in in front of his home. Leaders and activists of several organisations, including Bangladesh Gonotantrik Chhatra Sangshad and July Rajbandi, joined the demonstration.

The protest followed a show-cause notice issued on Monday by BNP, asking Fazlur to explain within 24

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A man arranges freshly cut sugarcane in rows, preparing it for sale. Wholesale traders collect the stalks from the fields, bundle them, and keep them ready for the market. Depending on size and quality, each hundred stalks of sugarcane sells for Tk 1,500-6,000. The photo was taken recently at Boro Bazar market in Khulna city.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

JULY UPRISING

Up to Tk five lakh reward for return of looted firearms

Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday announced rewards for information leading to the recovery of firearms looted during the July uprising, with the highest amount of Tk 5 lakh for the recovery of a light machine gun (LMG).

Anyone providing information leading to the recovery of a sub-machine gun (SMG) will get Tk 1.5 lakh, Tk 1 lakh for a Chinese rifle, Tk 50,000 for a pistol or shotgun, and Tk 500 for each bullet, he told reporters at the Secretariat. He said the identity of informants will be kept strictly confidential.

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ACC to prevent use of black money in polls

Says its chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has said it will take steps to prevent the use of black money in the upcoming national election.

The anti-graft body will also investigate whether candidates provide false information in their affidavits.

ACC Chairman Mohammad Abdul Momen announced the move while speaking to journalists at a press briefing yesterday.

In response to a question, he said the commission would work to cut off the supply chain of black money during the election. To that end, the ACC will coordinate with the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) and other relevant agencies.

Momen urged voters to reject individuals who possess black money. He also said the commission's enforcement unit will be strengthened to prevent the use of black money during the election period.

He called on citizens to raise their voices, saying, "We don't want corrupt MP candidates."



Govt to fix prices of life-saving medicines: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed that the government, not the manufacturing companies, will fix the prices of all life-saving medicines.

It is the duty of the government to determine the prices of life-saving medicines, which are necessary to protect the health of people, under article 112 of the constitution and therefore the government must do it and issue a gazette notification containing the prices of those medicines, the court

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