

One held over murders of university student, her mother in Cumilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Members of Rapid Action Battalion have arrested a man in connection with the killing of a Comilla University (CoU) student and her mother at their residence in the city on Sunday night.

Major Shadman Ibne Alam, commander of Rab-II, confirmed the development to The Daily Star yesterday afternoon. He said that the suspect, Abdur Rab, 73, was arrested after analysing call records of the victims.

Around 11:00pm, police recovered the bodies of Sumaiya Afrin, a student of the 2021-2022 academic session of CoU's public administration department, and her mother, Tahmina Begum, from their house in the Kaliajuri area. They were strangled to death, the law enforcers said on Sunday night.

A murder case was filed by Sumaiya's elder brother, Tajul Islam Faisal, yesterday afternoon, said Kotwali Model Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Mohinul Islam.

Meanwhile, CoU students formed a human chain around 1:45pm yesterday, demanding the immediate arrest and trial of those responsible for the double murder.

They also brought out a procession and staged a sit-in in front of the office of the superintendent of police.

Protesters finally withdrew their demonstration after Cumilla district SP Nazir Ahmed Khan met them around 3:00pm and assured them they were investigating the incident with urgency.



Boatmen from Narail, Khulna and Gopalganj districts are busy competing in a traditional boat race in Khulna. Thousands of spectators from nearby districts gathered on both banks of the river to watch the competition. The race started from Baraipara ferry ghat and finished at Kanchanpur.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh used as ketamine transit hub

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Investigators said the smuggling operation in Bangladesh is structured in three segments. Drugs are first transported from Delhi to Bangladesh, where a team communicates with counterparts in Delhi and receives the shipment, keeping a portion for local distribution.

The rest is sent abroad via courier companies, coordinated by a separate group responsible for communication and payment for consignments destined for Italy and Spain. Each courier shipment reportedly earns the operatives around Tk 60,000 for transport.

The syndicate allegedly takes advantage of the relative lack of detection technology in Bangladesh compared to India, where ketamine is more common and local authorities are better equipped to

identify such shipments. Investigators suspect five to six consignments have already been smuggled this way.

During the initial investigation, DNC officials arrested two members of the syndicate, Masudur Rahman Zilani, 28, and Arifur Rahman, 43. The two had been supplying ketamine to Dhaka's affluent neighbourhoods, including Gulshan and Banani. Two Android phones and a basic mobile phone used for coordinating shipments were also recovered.

Mehedi Hasan, deputy director of the DNC, said, "We are investigating the case with priority. We have the names of three to four other syndicate members and are conducting drives to arrest them."

Regarding the transnational operation, he said, "The syndicate

definitely has someone to receive the narcotics consignments. We are investigating to get the details."

According to DNC officials, traffickers rely heavily on courier services for international shipments, with packages booked and paid for in advance, while an additional group manages communication with overseas recipients.

DNC Director General Hasan Maruf highlighted the dangers of ketamine abuse. "Ketamine is a dissociative anaesthetic, historically used to induce unconsciousness in medical procedures," he said.

"It is increasingly misused recreationally, especially at parties. Short-term effects include confusion, hallucinations, and physical complications. Long-term abuse can

severely damage kidneys and the bladder, and affect mental health. Increasing tolerance often leads users to consume higher doses, which is life-threatening."

"Continuous monitoring and intelligence-led operations are crucial to intercept these consignments and prevent abuse among young people," he added.

Ketamine has been banned in Bangladesh since March 2014, but addicts in European countries use it as an alternative to heroin and cocaine.

On October 24, 2017, Rapid Action Battalion seized 34 white towels, also destined for Spain via a courier service, and arrested three people who admitted they received Tk 2 lakh for each towel once the delivery was successful.

Badrudin Umar laid

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extraordinary in many ways. He never compromised, not even with extremists in his political life. He authored numerous books, which otherwise would have remained unknown. Despite financial needs, he never accepted gifts from anyone. He believed in struggle and continued it until the very end."

Writer and columnist Farhad Mazhar said, "There is much to learn from the footprints he left behind. Many believed the Marxist and revolutionary tradition had ended, but that is not true. In Bangladesh's recent political developments, especially on August 5, we saw clear signs of its revival."

Law Adviser Prof Asif Nazrul Islam described Umar as a lifelong fighter. "He always resisted injustice. There is much to learn from his life. In particular, the way he documented the history of the Language Movement will remain exemplary forever. His evaluation of the 2024 mass uprising will also be remembered by freedom-loving people," he said.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmin S Murshid said, "With his departure, an important chapter of the nation's

history has closed. The ideals and philosophy he stood for will remain invaluable. He was principled, idealistic, and uncompromising. His writings will guide future generations."

Among those who paid tribute were Education Adviser CR Abrar, Cultural Affairs Adviser Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb, and Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince said, "He went against the tide. With small organisations, he dreamt of ensuring people's rights and spoke for them. Unlike many who only talk, he both spoke and wrote. If the youth embrace his philosophy, the society he envisioned will be realised."

BNP leader Habibun Nabi Khan said, "As an intellectual, he always stood for justice and the oppressed. We have seen many intellectuals mortgage their conscience, but he never did."

Chief Coordinator of Ganosamhati Andolon Zonayed Saki added, "By standing against greed, he became a source of inspiration. Those who dream of change embody his ideals."

Dialogue

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Prof Dr Muhammad Elius of the Department of World Religion and Culture at Dhaka University said diversity is a common phenomenon worldwide, and unity in diversity is therefore very important.

Prof Milton Kumar Dev of the Department of History at DU said all religions teach love, peace, and human brotherhood, yet the world today is stormed by conflicts, enmity, and religious hatred.

He said a lasting peaceful society is impossible unless people understand one another better and appreciate different faiths in their proper perspective.

Father Tapan D Rozario moderated the event, which was also addressed by Cardinal Patrick D Rozario, Vatican Ambassador to Bangladesh Archbishop Kevin Randall, Archbishop Bejoy D' Cruz of Dhaka, Archbishop Lawrence Subrato Howlader of Chattogram, Father Victor Edwin, Father Patrick Gomes and Dr Shantu Barua of DU.

RUCSU POLLS Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, Chhatra Federation jointly announce panel

RU CORRESPONDENT

Chhatra Odhikar Parishad and Bangladesh Chhatra Federation yesterday announced a panel jointly under the banner of "Rucusu for Radical Change" to contest the upcoming Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (Rucusu) election, scheduled for September 25.

The announcement was made at a press conference in front of the Rucusu building yesterday afternoon. Aman Ullah Aman, member secretary of Andolon Moncho, declared the panel on behalf of the alliance. Andolon Moncho is an organisation that has long been advocating for the Rucusu polls.

The top three nominations include Mehedi Hasan Maruf (2020-21 session) for vice president (VP), Afrin Jahjan (2018-19 session) for general secretary (GS), and Al Shahriar Shuvo (2021-22 session) for assistant general secretary (AGS).

Currently, Maruf serves as president of the university unit of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, while Shuvo is the general secretary of the same unit of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad and Afrin, a women's rights activist, is the former president of Utoron Pathok O Lekhok Sutikagar.

Other nominated candidates include Mehedi Hasan Masum as sports secretary, Riduanul Haque Imon as assistant sports secretary, Ratul Mahmud as cultural secretary, Mubtasin Fuad Dhruvo as assistant cultural secretary, Abida Akter Laboni as women's secretary, Gazi Farhan Labib as assistant information and research secretary, Mahmudul Hasan as assistant media and publications secretary, Juhaimy Tamim as science and technology secretary, Zubair Hasan as assistant secretary and technology secretary, Ramzanul Mobarak as debate and literature secretary, Nazmul Islam as assistant debate and literature secretary, and Akhtar Hossain as assistant environment and social services secretary.

STATUTORY NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 1427 of 2025
IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Section 81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.
AND IN THE MATTER OF: Mohammed Iftakharul Hoque Ifty, Member and Director of Francis Skytech Co. Limited having its corporate office at House No. 77 (2nd Floor), Road No. 13, sector no. 10, Uttara, Dhaka. -----Petitioner.
-VERSUS-
1. Francis Skytech Co. Limited of House no. 77(2nd Floor), Road No. 13, sector-10, Uttara, Dhaka.
2. The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC), TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), 1 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka. -----Respondents.
Notice is hereby given in the effect that, an application under Section 81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 has been moved in the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condoning the delay of holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Company name & style as "Francis Skytech Co. Limited". The Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division comprising of his Lordship Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel upon hearing the matter vide order dated 21.08.2025 was pleased to admit the said application and fixed for affidavit-in-compliance within 22nd October, 2025. Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of charges.
Abdul Malek Khan, Advocate
Hall Room No. 1, Supreme Court Bar Association, Dhaka. Mobile No. 01535-235138

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1644 OF 2025
Md. Omar Faruque Petitioner.
-VERSUS-
Sunbird Sanitation Limited and another. Respondent.
Notice is hereby given that an application under sections 81 (2) read with sections 85 (3) and 396 of the Companies Act 1994 has been filed for condonation of the delay in holding the Annual General Meetings (AGM) of Sunbird Sanitation Limited and to relieve the Directors of the Companies from the liabilities of the fine before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner and upon preliminary hearing on 01.09.2025, Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel was pleased to admit the said application. Anyone desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble court either personally or through his advocate on the date fixed. A copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.
(Feroz Uddin Ahmed), Advocate
Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Room No: 503, Annex Extension, Bar Association Building, Supreme Court.

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

(Selection of Consulting Firm: National)

A. Basic Information (Procuring Entity, Assignment, Procurement Method, Source of Fund, etc) for the Consulting Firm:	
1 Name of the Organization	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
2 Procuring Entity Name & Designation	Dr. Mohammad Jashim Uddin, Additional Managing Director
3 Expression of Interest for Selection of	A Consulting Firm for Producing 'Video Documentaries' of Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) of PKSF.
4 EOI Ref No	53.23.0000.001.03.057.25-5399
5 Package No.	PKSF/RMTP/2025-26/SD-16
6 REOI Publishing Date	09 September 2025
7 Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
8 Source of Fund	PKSF & IFAD
9 Development Partner	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
10 Project Name	Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP)
11 EOI submission closing date, time, and place	Date: 22 September 2025; Time: 2:30 PM PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
B. Key Information for the Consulting Firm:	
12 Brief description of the assignment	The detailed REOI document including Terms of Reference (TOR) are obtainable from the office of the undersigned during office hours: 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at free of cost. It will be also available at PKSF website https://pksf.org.bd/tender/ . Interested eligible Consulting Firms are requested to submit their proposals along with all necessary documents in sealed envelope to the office of the undersigned directly or by courier/mail by 2:30 PM on or before 22 September 2025
13 Experience, resource, and delivery capacity required of the Consulting Firm	
14 Other Details	
C. Procurement Entity Details:	
15 Name of the Official Inviting EOI	Dr. Mohammad Jashim Uddin
16 Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Additional Managing Director
17 Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
18 Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	Telephone: 880-0222218331-33, 02222218335-39 Fax: 880-0222218341, 02222218343 e-mail: jashim@pksf.org.bd

The Procurement Entity reserves all the rights to accept or reject all applications.

(Dr. Mohammad Jashim Uddin)
Additional Managing Director & PE

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2	Digital Lending Solution for Prime Bank PLC.	09.09.2025	24.09.2025	24.09.2025

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Head of Facility Management Division

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JAMAAT 5-10	1-15	4-45	6-25	8-15

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