

Man arrested over murder of CoU student, mother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Police yesterday arrested a man in connection with the murder of Comilla University student Sumaiya Afrin and her mother, Tahmina Begum.

The suspect, Mobarak Hossain, 29, a khadem (caretaker) of a local madrasa in Kaliarjuri, was identified from CCTV footage, according to Cumilla District Police.

Superintendent of Police Mohammad Nazir Ahmed Khan said Mobarak frequently visited the family, performing "spiritual healing". On the day of the incident, he stayed at their home for nearly two hours.

At one stage, when Tahmina went into another room, Mobarak attempted to rape Sumaiya. As her mother witnessed the attempt, Mobarak suffocated her with a pillow and killed her. He then strangled Sumaiya, police said.

After the killings, he stole four mobile phones, a laptop, and chargers, fleeing with them in a bag.

Police arrested him from the Durgapur area on the outskirts of Cumilla while he was attempting to escape by train. All the stolen items were recovered from his possession.

"The suspect has confessed to the murders. The case will be properly investigated based on the postmortem report and his confession," SP Nazir Ahmed told journalists at a briefing yesterday afternoon.



Vehicles struggle to move through waterlogged streets in Khulna city after just an hour of continuous rain left roads submerged, causing severe inconvenience to residents. The photo was taken from Royal Mor yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Chhatra Union faction declares panel for Rucsu election

RU CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Bangladesh Chhatra Union has announced that it will contest the upcoming Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (Rucsu) election under the panel titled "Aparajeyo 71, Oprotiroddho 24".

The announcement came yesterday noon at the Transport Market premises on the campus, where the panel was declared by Masud Kibriya, president of the faction.

Out of the 23 central posts, the panel is contesting in eight.

Masud Kibriya, a student of the Department of Theatre (2018-19 session), has been nominated for the post of vice president (VP); Parama Parmita from the Department of Fine Arts (2018-19 session) for the general secretary (GS) position; and Sanjid, from the Department of Fine Arts (2019-20 session) for assistant general secretary (AGS).

Kibriya currently serves as president of the RU unit of the Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Parama as the unit's general secretary, and Sanjid as a general student representative.

77 percent pregnant, postpartum women face depression, anxiety

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nationwide, mostly based in urban areas, making access to care difficult in rural regions, they noted.

The study also evaluated Wellbeing Centres providing tele-mental health counselling. Women who received online sessions reported the service as safe, helpful, and effective, though follow-up attendance remains low.

Additional research

presented at the event showed that 4-5 percent of reproductive-aged women nationwide suffer from moderate to severe anxiety or depression, with higher rates in disaster-prone regions.

The study also highlighted the impact of cyberbullying on adolescent girls, which significantly increases the risk of depression.

Among those affected, 31 percent had severe

depression, nearly four times higher than girls who were not bullied.

Experts called for the expansion of Wellbeing Centres, increased government investment, and wider implementation of tele-mental health services to ensure all women in Bangladesh have access to care.

Professor Dr Saeba Akhter said, "Mental health is not given the

same importance as physical health. For women, this problem is even more severe. To progress as a nation and an economy, we must collectively focus on mental health."

Kazi Delwar Hossain, additional secretary of the health ministry, outlined government priorities, stressing proper implementation of the Mental Health Act and Policy.

Candidates make final push ahead

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women's empowerment and a gender-friendly campus during their campaigns.

On the last day of campaigning, candidates actively spent a busy day reaching out to voters at TSC, the central library, Murad Chattar, Bot Tola, and other busy spots.

In the evening, they visited residential halls to meet students.

At Bot Tola, Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal-backed VP candidate Sheikh Sadi Hasan said, "We are getting huge support. We are confident of a historic victory on September 11."

Independent VP candidate Abdur Rashid Jitu, campaigning at Murad Chattar, said, "I'm hopeful. I will win by a large margin."

JCD-backed general secretary candidate Tanzila Hossain Boishakhi, campaigning at the

campus Shaheed Minar, said she would work to eliminate gender discrimination. "I am the only female candidate for this post and expect strong support from female halls," she added.

Touhid Siam, GS candidate from the Shikharthi Oikya Forum panel backed by Bangladesh Ganatantrik Chhatra Sangsad, campaigned in the male dormitory areas in the afternoon to mark the end of electioneering.

"I want to keep Jucusu active, if elected," he said. There were also allegations of violations of the election code of conduct on the last day of campaigning.

Left-leaning partial panel Sangshaptak Parishad, backed by Chhatra Union and Chhatra Front, alleged cash distribution during the campaign.

Female joint secretary candidate Sohagi Samia said, "Cash is being widely distributed, but the commission has remained silent despite violations of the code of conduct."

On the election day, the university administration will deploy 1,200 police, including plainclothes officers.

Proctor and Election Commission member secretary Prof Rashidul Alam said the army has also been requested as a striking force.

Meanwhile, the university authorities conducted mandatory dope tests for all Jucusu candidates at the medical centre yesterday."

Several candidates criticised the timing, saying it disrupted campaigning. GS candidate Touhid Siam said, "The results will take time, and there is no scope for appeal. Why contest this on the last day?"

Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof Sohel Ahmed, however, said the arrangement followed a request from the Election Commission and candidates participated

willingly. ANANNYA WITHDRAWS, AMARTYA RAY LOSES CANDIDATURE

Independent GS candidate Syeda Anannya Fariya withdrew her candidature yesterday.

At a press briefing held at the university Shaheed Minar, she said, "I stand for equality and cultural unity. For greater unity among those who believe in the spirit of the Liberation War of 1971 and the 2024 mass uprising, I am stepping down."

Meanwhile, Amartya Ray, a VP candidate from the left-leaning Sampriti Oikya panel, will not contest the polls after the Supreme Court chamber judge stayed a High Court order that had directed the JU authorities to allow him to participate.

Justice Md Rezaul Haque, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, passed the order following a petition filed by JU's vice chancellor challenging the High Court decision.

JU's lawyer Shishir Manir told The Daily Star that the SC chamber judge stayed the HC order because Amartya is an irregular student and therefore cannot contest the Jucusu election under the relevant law.

Earlier in the day, the HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Bishwajit Debnath had directed the JU authorities to allow Amartya to contest the polls as a vice-president candidate.

The directive came after Amartya filed a writ petition challenging the cancellation of his candidature by the JU authorities. He filed the petition yesterday.

The Jucusu election commission had originally cancelled Amartya's candidature on September 6, eight days after the publication of the final candidate list.

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70 rare parrots rescued in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

In a joint operation, the Forest Department, local administration, and police have rescued 70 rare species of parrots in Chuadanga.

The incident took place near the Dingedah Oil Pump area of the district town on Monday evening.

According to police and witnesses, around 200 parrots -- locally known as hiramon parrots -- were being smuggled in an auto-rickshaw.

Acting on a tip-off, environment officials intercepted the vehicle. The smugglers, however, managed to flee, abandoning the auto-rickshaw.

Inside a cage, authorities found 70 parrots, which were later released in a safe area in the presence of the Forest Department, local administration, and local residents.

Sadar Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) Ashish Montaz said the birds were being smuggled to India.

Shahin Sarker, a local environmental activist, said large numbers of these parrots migrate to border areas during the month of Bhadra, making them easy targets for poachers. "Each bird is sold for Tk 3,000 to Tk 4,000," he added.

The Forest Department and local authorities have urged the public to comply with the Wildlife Conservation and Security Act, 2012.



Journalist dies while covering Ducsu election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A journalist died yesterday while covering the Dhaka University Central Students' Union election at Curzon Hall on campus.

The deceased was identified as Tarikul Islam Shibli, 40, who worked as a city reporter for Channel S Television.

He fell ill while reporting on the Ducsu polls and was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Quoting duty doctors, Inspector Md Farouk, in-charge of DMCH Police outpost, said the journalist died of a cardiac failure. His body has been kept at the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Shibli hailed from Ebarpur village under Cumilla's Burichang upazila. He was residing in Uttara, along with his wife and two daughters, reports BSS.

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2	EED-NAR-SHED-7016-ALGNKHS-02/2025-26	Construction of Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building (1st and 2nd Floor) Including Sanitary, Water Supply and Electrification Works of Akanagar Lieutenant General Nuruddin Khan High School at Monohardi Upazila, Narsingdi District.	1149052 (OTM)	24-Sep-2025 16:00	25-Sep-2025 13:00

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