

Rab official's wife killed in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

The wife of a Rab official was found murdered at their residence in Sarishabari upazila of Jamalpur early yesterday.

The incident occurred around 3:30am at Simlabazar. The victim, Lipi Akter, 35, was the wife of ASI Mohor Uddin of Rab-2 in Dhaka's Mohammadpur.

Quoting the couple's daughter, Sarishabari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Bachchu Mia said a group of thieves broke the grille of the veranda and entered the house in the middle of the night. When Lipi saw them, they allegedly strangled her with a scarf.

Their daughter, fifth-grader Mithi Akter, then called her maternal uncle, who rushed to the house with other family members. They took Lipi to the Sarishabari Health Complex, where doctors declared her dead.



Women brave the early winter chill, collect tokens, and wait in long queues to buy rice and flour at fair prices. With the cost of essentials rising, low-income families depend on OMS (open market sale) dealers for subsidised staples. The photo was taken on Sher-e-Bangla Road in Khulna recently.

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Bridge lies collapsed for 7yrs

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Seven years after a 40-foot bridge collapsed before its inauguration, more than 5,000 residents of seven villages in Kurigram's Phulbari upazila continue to endure daily suffering due to the absence of a functional crossing.

The bridge in Purbo Dhaniram village under Borovita union, built under the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, collapsed on August 22, 2018, during light flood currents. Its broken concrete structure still lies abandoned in the canal.

"Both the foundation and the materials were weak, which is why it collapsed before it was even inaugurated," said Mobarak Ali, 65, a farmer from Purbo Dhaniram.

Another villager, farmer Momtazul Islam, 45, alleged that locals who protested the irregularities during construction were threatened with false cases by the then project implementation officer (PIO). "Officials came after the collapse and made

promises, but nothing happened. No report, no action," he said.

According to records from the Phulbari Upazila PIO office, the bridge was constructed between February and June 2018 at a cost of Tk



30,77,656. The contractor withdrew the full payment upon completion. Before it could be inaugurated, it was washed away.

Current PIO Siraj Uddoula said he had no information regarding the previous investigation. "There is no file

in the office about the report. Only a note stating that the bridge collapsed due to strong flood currents," he said.

"I am writing to higher authorities, requesting construction of a new bridge," he added.

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An attack on dignity

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Muslim women. Attempting to demean Rokeya on her birth anniversary does nothing to diminish her contributions, they added.

Instead, they said, it exposes extreme narrow-mindedness. They also noted the irony that while the state honours Rokeya, a university teacher is spreading hatred against her.

The statement warned that such remarks fuel religious intolerance and encourage violence against women, both online and offline.

Labelling someone as an "atheist" or "murtad" in a way that makes them "killable" cannot be considered freedom of expression, it said, but must be recognised as hate speech.

The Facebook post, shared last Tuesday by Associate Professor Hasan, read, "Today is 'Murtad'- 'Kafir' Rokeya's birthday."

Commuters suffer

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As students continued the protest until 1:00pm, large tailbacks could be seen stretching to Shahbagh and Mohakhali.

Mohammad Ashik, an employee of a private firm in Farmgate, said it took him nearly one hour by bike to reach his office from Karwan Bazar.

Rafi Ibne Monir, another office-goer, had to walk to his office in Farmgate from Ramna due to the gridlock.

According to Morshed Alam Torun, convener of the Tejgaon College unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, a scuffle broke out on

December 6 when Rana and other residential students protested as several outsiders were taking drugs inside the dormitory.

The outsiders initially left but returned about half an hour later and attacked the students, including Rana, he said, claiming no JCD activists were involved in the attack.

Rana's classmate Abu Bakar, however, said he was attacked for protesting the abuse of drugs.

Abu Bakar claimed that members of both groups involved in the clash were associated with Chhatra Dal leaders.

High migration

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workers from labour-sending countries rush to migrate. The resulting surge in labour supply eventually pushes down average wages abroad, making remittance flows volatile and leaving long-term migrants particularly vulnerable.

At the same time, rising oil prices negatively affect domestic economies like Bangladesh. Costlier fuel imports raise production expenses, reduce consumption, depress incomes, and increase

unemployment. Although remittances rise initially, they are insufficient to offset the overall economic strain caused by higher oil prices, the study observed.

Researchers at the seminar emphasised that regulated and well-planned migration could better protect workers' earnings and ensure more stable remittance flows. Unrestricted migration, they warned, risks saturating foreign labour markets and undermining wage stability for migrant workers.

HC upholds RPO

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saying that candidates must now contest the national election using their own parties' symbols, following the judgment.

On November 27, Momtazul Islam, secretary general of the National Democratic Movement, filed the petition seeking a directive to overturn the amended provision, arguing that it restricts political freedoms and disrupts long-established electoral practices, particularly those involving alliances.

The government amended the RPO through

an ordinance on November 3, making it mandatory for all registered political parties to contest elections using their own symbols regardless of alliance arrangements.

Previously, alliance members were allowed to contest using the election symbol of any partner party within the coalition, a provision that facilitated joint electoral strategies, especially for smaller parties with limited organisational strength.

Following the petition, the HC on December 1 issued the rule.

Silence no longer an option

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the struggles of those who are "held back" instead of labelling them as "left behind".

Presenting the keynote paper, Banasree Mitra Neogi, director of Rights and Governance Programmes at MJF, said human rights are not distant legal concepts but are rooted in dignity, safety, and equality in everyday life.

She said development and digital progress cannot be sustainable without justice and equal rights. "Human rights are universal, regardless of birth, religion, gender, or social identity."

She emphasised

speaking against injustice and amplifying marginalised voices, especially amid global crises, rising inequality, and climate-related vulnerabilities.

Freedom fighter and rights activist Sultana Kamal said ensuring freedom of expression does not require new policies but requires the state to fulfil its responsibilities.

She called for a future government that prioritises protecting civil liberties over retaining power. She added that people's rights to be heard, understood, and informed are being gravely violated.

Sultana Kamal stressed the need to

protect freedom of thought. "What I believe is my personal choice, and others may believe differently - that is tolerance. Our society fails to teach this, leaving children at risk," she said.

Speaking as the chief guest, Md Daud Miah, director general of the NGO Affairs Bureau under the Chief Adviser's Office, said, "Sympathy alone is not enough. We must develop empathy."

He urged development organisations to work closely with communities "as members, not just beneficiaries," adding that empowering people to make their own decisions is key to sustainable progress.

Representatives from youth groups, development partners, civil society, journalists, and marginalised communities - including persons with disabilities, indigenous groups, Dalits, and the Hijra community - called on the state to ensure proper application of the law, guarantee justice, and establish accountability.

The event also included a musical performance by the country's first all-female indigenous band, F Minor.



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11.	ccc/elect/xen/2025-26/96/25	Supply & fitting fixing for LED light, bracket, cable & other accessories at Nazir Para Model Society under ward no 7.	1179046	24.12.2025 12.00	24.12.2025 14.00
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