

## Rab official's wife killed in Jamalpur

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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.

Police recovered the body around 11:30am and said it would be sent for autopsy.



Women brave the 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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## Silence no longer

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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.

They also called for renewed efforts to foster a culture of respect, empathy, and equality within families, communities, and society as a whole.

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

## HC upholds RPO clause on party

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

On November 27, Momintul 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

## EC officials made

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Former EC joint secretary Asaduzzaman Arzu and election expert Abdul Alim confirmed that this is the first time EC officials have been appointed as ROs. Both welcomed the decision.

"It is positive and could have been expanded further," Alim said.

He said the constitution clearly states that all other departments must assist with the election. If that assistance fails, then the Election Commission can take action against them.

"Capacity, competence, and leadership matter in conducting elections, so this is crucial for their success," he said.

Faysal Kader said they are prepared for the challenge and will make every effort to conduct the election in a free and fair manner.

Arzu noted that EC officials previously served as ROs in by-elections and city corporation polls in Dhaka and Chattogram, where their leadership was widely praised.

Under the Representation of the

People Order, 1972, the EC can appoint anyone as a returning officer. The law states that the commission must appoint an RO for every parliamentary constituency and that one person can serve as RO for more than one seat.

Typically, field-level EC officials handle tasks such as distributing election materials before polling day, monitoring voting, resolving logistical issues, and helping prepare and send result sheets to the EC.

BNP and several other parties had proposed during pre-election dialogues that EC officials be appointed as returning officers.

Meanwhile, the commission yesterday sent demi-official letters to the Cabinet Division, seeking its assistance in conducting the election and referendum.

It also requested that field-level government officers not be transferred without prior consultation with the EC from the date of the schedule announcement until 15 days after the results are published.

## Students led by Ducusu

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Prof Azmal Hossain Bhuiyan of botany department was also harassed, added Prof Jamal.

Prof Zeenat Huda, general secretary of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association, who was harassed at the teachers' lounge of the Faculty of Social Sciences building, expressed shock over the incident.

"How could such an incident involving teachers happen in broad daylight on a campus like Dhaka University?"

Talking to this correspondent, Zubair said he and Ducusu members, along with the proctorial team, went to hand the teachers over to police.

He alleged that Prof Jamal commented that "the self-proclaimed sons of

Razakars should be killed" during the student-led July mass uprising. Zubair also accused "Neel Dal" teachers of siding with ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina at that time.

He alleged that Prof Jamal and Prof Zeenat had met with Hasina at the Gono Bhaban during the uprising.

SI Mainul Islam of Shahbagh Police Station said no complaint was filed over the incident.

Despite repeated attempts, DU Proctor Saifuddin Ahmed could not be reached for comments.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers' Association condemned the incident and demanded the formation of an impartial investigation committee to ensure punishment for those involved.

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someone else will spread lies among the people. The only way to stop these false confusions is when you appear on the ground. When you appear, no one can spread confusion anymore."

Tarique also touched upon electioneering taking place in mosques by some parties.

"If they can say something, why can't you? If they can speak, then everyone should have the same right to speak. You should handle it properly in your area. If there are rules that prevent this, then they should apply to everyone. It cannot apply to only a select few."

In his virtual address, he told his party workers that if they keep thinking about who will be in power and how to round someone up politically, the country cannot move forward.

"If BNP forms the government, it will not be a party government, but the government of the people. It will be a government for those who voted for us and for those who didn't. Everyone must work

together and we will not work for any one specific individual. This is the main goal and objective."

Unlike the other political parties, the BNP has already made clear and practical plans for the country's development.

"We are not giving false promises. We are making plans, and we want to implement them. The other parties haven't provided any plans yet. But in a few days, they will come up with something and say, 'We have plans too!'"

The BNP's plans are based on reality and have been in the works for long.

"Many will speak unrealistic things for cheap popularity," he said, adding that the party is only proposing what it can deliver.

Criticising the past government, he said: "The autocratic government has destroyed the economy, education system and everything in the country for the past 15 years. They have left the country in a war-torn state, and we must work hard to fix all of this."

## An attack on dignity

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ASK further said such comments fuel division, misogyny, and hate speech in society, violating human rights standards, state laws, and academic ethics.

It emphasised that Begum Rokeya is not just a historical figure, but the foundation of the Bangalee women's liberation movement, and demeaning her is an attack on collective progress.

In a separate statement, the University Teachers' Network said it was shocked that an associate professor would label Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain — a pioneer of women's awakening and rights — as a "murtad kafir".

"It is unbelievable that a teacher could make such an irresponsible remark," the statement said.

They said such comments make life more unsafe for women, especially Bangalee


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."



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