



The man ‘behind’ Savar murders

Police say accused Sabuj Sheikh pretended to be mentally ill

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police have disclosed the “real identity” of the man arrested in connection with six murders in Savar over the past seven months.

Savar Model Police Station's Inspector (Operations) Helal Uddin told The Daily Star yesterday that the suspected “serial killer” is Sabuj Sheikh.

Locals believed that he was mentally unwell, but police said he feigned the condition and used multiple aliases, including Mashiur Rahman Samrat and Tiger Samrat.

During a preliminary interrogation, Sabuj claimed that he killed the victims to prevent other people, whom he described as “mentally unwell”, from staying in the area. “But we are not convinced by this claim,” said Inspector Helal.

Sabuj also confessed to his involvement in the six



Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus inspected the progress of works of the July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum, accompanied by Jamaat Ameer Shafiqur Rahman, BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed and NCP Convener Nahid Islam yesterday. During the visit, Shafiqur was seen listening to recordings of Sheikh Hasina’s orders on enforced disappearances and killings played on red phones on display.

2 UAP teachers terminated amid student protests

Controversy stems from Facebook post; academics slam lack of due process

ARAFAT RAHAMAN

The University of Asia Pacific (UAP), which announced an indefinite closure on Monday, remained shut yesterday amid ongoing student protests over a controversial Facebook post, the subsequent termination of two faculty members, and demands for the vice-chancellor’s removal.

On Sunday, the university administration issued a notice terminating Assistant Professor Layeqa Bashir and Associate Professor ASM Mohsin of the Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities, citing the “prevailing situation resulting from student protests”.

The notice did not cite any allegations, findings or inquiry conclusions.

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UTTARA ABDUCTION

Army man among 3 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have arrested three people, including an army personnel, in connection with the abduction of Hasan Sikder Mehedi and assaulting his gunman, Mahbub Alam, who later died at Combined Military Hospital (CMH).

The incident occurred on Friday evening in front of a house on Road-12 of Sector-14 in the capital’s Uttara.

Kazi Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Uttara West Police Station, yesterday disclosed the development of arresting three people.

Mehedi has not been rescued yet, the

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MANIFESTO EXPECTATIONS

With the national election less than a month away, political parties are finalising their manifestos. The Daily Star spoke to migration experts to identify the pressing issues that should top the agenda for parties.

Make long-term plan for those bringing in billions

MD ABBAS

As political parties prepare to unveil their election manifestos, migration experts have urged them to include clear and strong commitments to reform Bangladesh’s labour migration sector.

They stressed that migration is a major economic driver, contributing billions of dollars to

the country, yet it remains poorly governed and underfunded.

Experts called upon political parties to focus on long-term planning, skill development, good governance, and worker protection in their election pledges.

They outlined several key measures political parties should include in their manifestos.

These include increasing the

budget for migrant worker welfare, creating a long-term national migration vision, reopening old labour markets while exploring new overseas destinations, ensuring proper skill training from school to university, reducing the role of middlemen in recruitment, promoting digital registration for migrants, and improving

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India to recall diplomats’ families from Bangladesh

AGENCIES

India has decided to withdraw all family members and dependents of diplomats and other officials from the High Commission of India and other missions in Bangladesh, PTI reported yesterday, citing official sources.

The move comes ahead of the February 12 elections.

“Given the security

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AR Rahman’s ‘communal’ claim sparks debate

A&E DESK

Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman has found himself in the centre of controversy after a recent BBC interview in which he suggested he may have lost work in Bollywood due to communal bias.

The 59-year-old, often referred to as the “Mozart of Madras”, said, “People who are not creative have the power now to decide things, and this might have

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