



Rasul Nizam passes away

ORA Rasul Nizam, managing director of National Brokers Limited, Chittagong, passed away due to a massive heart attack in Dhaka yesterday afternoon at the age of 69, says a press release.

Rasul Nizam, son of late OR Nizam of Chittagong, was a leading name in the tea industry. He had been the honorary consul of France in Chittagong for 35 years and received the Legion d'Honneur from the government of France.

Rasul Nizam also served the Chittagong Stock Exchange and Bhatiary Golf & Country Club as its vice-president and the Rotary Club of Chittagong as president and had a host of other affiliations.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held on the Jamiatul Falah Mosque premises in Chittagong after Asr prayers today (January 8, 2006).

Rasul Nizam, an amiable personality, left behind his wife Sultana (Dolly) Nizam, daughter Rawaiya (Chinky) Seraj, son Rafay Nizam, son-in-law Ramzul Seraj, four grandchildren, four brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives, well-wishers, admirers and friends to mourn his death.

DU admission test under 'Ka' unit Feb 17

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The admission test under 'Ka' unit of the Dhaka University (DU) will be held on February 17 instead of February 3.

It was decided at a Deans' Committee meeting yesterday, said an administrative source of the university.

The decision of shifting the date of admission test under 'Ka' unit was taken due to 'Swaraswati Puja' due in February.

Enforce laws properly to ensure human rights

Speakers tell workshop

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The law enforcement agencies should enforce the existing laws properly to ensure human rights, speakers at a workshop said yesterday.

There is no need to enact more laws in this regard, they said, adding that the law enforcers should enforce sections 54, 164 and 167 of the criminal procedure code (CrPC) carefully.

Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) organised the workshop on 'Sharing experiences on SGGHR project of BSEHR' at the Cirdap auditorium in the city.

Speaking as the chief guest, Justice Md Fazlul Karim called on the rights groups and NGOs to raise awareness among the people about the basic rights enshrined in the constitution in order to establish the rule of law and human rights.

The citizens should be aware of their rights and at the same time they should respect the rights of others, he added.

Justice Karim urged the journalists to be more conscious while writing the court news so that it does not create a negative impact on the ongoing trial.

The level of human rights violations remains high in the country as women, children and the disadvantaged people are being deprived of justice, he said.

The government alone cannot ensure human rights for all citizens, Justice Karim said, adding that the NGOs and human rights organisations should come forward to establish human rights.

Presenting a keynote paper, Advocate Elina Khan, executive director of BSEHR, said the SGGHR project is being implemented in 30 thanas under six districts. The main goal of the project is to create supportive environment and ensure access to justice for the destitute.

She also placed a 24-point suggestion, including proper record of any case and quick submission of investigation report and protection of the victims and witnesses.

She also urged all related to the case to ensure justice for the victims.

Advocate Sigma Huda, secretary general of BSEHR, said lack of protection of the witnesses is an obstacle to proper trial.

She called for setting up safe shelters for the witnesses in every police station.

Forensic specialist Dr Habibuzzaman Chowdhury stressed the need for training on forensic examination for medical professionals so that they can submit accurate post-mortem report.

He also suggested appointing forensic experts in every thana health complexes to ensure justice.

BSEHR national committee member Prof MA Momen, SGGHR Project Director Albert Prasad Basu, lawyers, doctors, police officials, NGO representatives took part in the workshop, moderated by BSEHR Treasurer Shireen Sheikh Moimuddin.



Angikar Bangladesh, a non-government organisation, stages a demonstration titled 'Hong Kong Ka Laddu' at Doyel Chatter in the city yesterday condemning the government's failure to protect the country's interest in WTO ministerial in Hong Kong.