

Condolence motion for Mannan passed at JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Parliament yesterday unanimously adopted a condolence motion, expressing deep shock at the death of ruling Awami League lawmaker Abdul Mannan from Bogura-1.

Abdul Mannan died of cardiac arrest at a Dhaka hospital on Saturday, aged 67.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury moved the condolence motion in the House.

Participating in the motion, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said she made Abdul Mannan Chhatra League president in 1982.

“He also helped organise Chhatra League at that time,” said Hasina, also leader of the House.

The premier said a few days before his death, Abdul Mannan met with her and spoke about various issues.

“It seemed to me that Mannan was not happy as he did not get any post in the Awami League central committee after the just concluded council,” Hasina said.

“I told him that I did not leave him. He is in Awami League. While talking, I noticed that his physical condition was not so good and I advised him to go for a thorough check-up,” Hasina further said.

Later, prayers seeking his eternal peace was offered in the House.



Khelaghar Barishal District Committee yesterday organised a protest programme and human chain, marking its observance of anti-drugs day. The organisation observes the day in memory of Zakaria Hossain Sujan Mollah, a Khelaghar organiser who was shot dead by criminals 21 years ago while speaking against drugs. The photo was taken at the city's Sadar Road.

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Invest in

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will require a break with the dominant currents of IR.

“Let us work hard... so that 100 years from now another person could come... and say Bangladesh has made a difference from its yesteryears of borrowed knowledge, anti-intellectualism, and frailty,” he said.

Issues over changing dynamics in foreign policy and diplomacy, discourses in peace and conflict, connectivity, and futures of international relations will be discussed on the second day today.

Ex-DIG Mizan

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as bribe. Both of them are now in jail.

Mizan was handed over to police after he surrendered before a Dhaka court in another graft case. He was withdrawn on January 9, 2018 following allegations of threatening a female news presenter of a private television channel. A team of ACC officials arrested Basir on July 22, 2019 on bribery charges.

PRIME BANK FOUNDATION

Stipends provided to underprivileged students



CITY DESK

Prime Bank Foundation organised a programme on Saturday at LGED Bhaban in the capital's Agargaon to hand over stipends to underprivileged meritorious students who want to continue their education but cannot due to financial constraints.

The stipends were provided under the foundation's "Education Support Programme", says a press release.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Fazle Kabir was the chief guest, and Prime Bank Chairperson Azam Chowdhury presided over the ceremony.

Mafiz Ahmed Bhuiyan, the foundation's chairperson, delivered the welcome address, and Rahel Ahmed, managing director and CEO of Prime Bank, made the closing remarks.

This year, 263 students of the country will receive stipends of Tk 2,600 per month, which will continue to be provided till the end of their studies. Students from all 64 districts who are pursuing graduation level studies are getting the stipends.

Man dies

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marriage and then posted some intimate photos on social media.

“After arresting Babu on Saturday night, we kept him inside the lockup. After midnight, we found him hanged with his shirt tied to the iron bars of the lockup. We immediately took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 4am,” the OC said.

He also claimed that they have a CCTV footage of the incident.

GM Saif, Babu's colleague at BFDC, said they worked together on Saturday. At night, police informed their senior officials about Babu's case. Saif suspected that Babu was tortured in custody.

Babu's wife said they have been living separately for the last six months. “I heard Babu got arrested in a case filed by the woman he was having a relationship with,” she added.

Babu's body was kept at the DMC morgue, as an autopsy would be conducted today.

More greenery

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productivity. It is also a good source of food, fruit, flower and recreation in the building area, he added.

Thermal comfort is the condition of mind that expresses satisfaction with the thermal environment.

Mahfuz Kabir, research director at BISS, said large urban parks that include waterbodies help mitigate the urban heat island (UHI) effect.

UHI is an urban or metropolitan area that is significantly warmer than its surrounding rural areas due to human activities.

Parks also facilitate recreation and provide space for water storage and balance, contributing to the quality of urban life, and maintain ecological values.

Ecological value is defined as the level of benefits that the space, water, minerals, biota, and all other factors that make up natural ecosystems to

support native life forms.

The research also suggested that buildings should be constructed in such a way that they provide enough interior and exterior space. In addition, ground premises should be utilised for tree plantation.

Corporate tax and cash incentives should be provided to architectural firms that design green buildings only, he said. “Construction companies and private builders should also get tax rebates if they construct such buildings and space.”

Green building (also known as green construction or sustainable building) refers to both a structure and the application of processes that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's life-cycle.

Kabir suggested that tax rebate should also depend on the ratio of green space to the total space of the

apartment. Rebate can be introduced for renters, subject to greening the facade, rooftop, wall, balcony, lawn and interiors.

Shamsul Alam, member of general economics division of Planning Commission, suggested harvesting rainwater for watering rooftop gardens.

He said there is a scope to improve the study and make it understandable for all. Also, there is no need to use scientific terminology, he noted.

M Fazlul Karim, chairman of BISS, said, “Dhaka has the highest density of population in the world while its air is contaminated with heavy metals that are harmful to the human body.”

Nazrul Islam, chairman of Centre for Urban Studies, moderated the seminar where Prof Ruhul Salim of school of economics, finance and property of Curtin University, also spoke.

Govt now avoiding

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at the programme, he said, “You may insult, dislike and avoid the Nirmul Committee, but there is no chance that you can neglect it.”

Shahriar Kabir said he felt disheartened that the authorities does not feel comfortable with them nowadays, although the situation was the opposite before.

Vice President of the organisation Shyamili Nasrin Chowdhury, lawmaker Aroma Dutta, Shirin Akhter and Fazle Hossain Badsha also spoke at the programme.

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AL candidates to fund

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Ishraque Hossain said he will take Tk 25 lakh loan from his mother to bear election expenses.

The expenses include printing of 3.5 lakh posters for Tk 6.50 lakh. He will spend Tk 3.50 lakh to run 20 election camps, Tk 3.30 lakh for digital banners, and Tk 3.35 lakh for 250 street meetings.

Among others, Jatiya Party candidate Saifuddin Ahmed Milon said he will spend Tk 10 lakh from his own pocket while Islami Andolan Bangladesh candidate Abdur Rahman said he will spent Tk 30 lakh, one-third of which will be loans.

There are 23.67 lakh voters in 75 wards and 1,124 polling centres in DSCC area.

In DNCC, AL candidate Atiqul Islam said he would spend Tk 3 lakh to print 3 lakh posters, Tk 3 lakh for loadspeakers, Tk 3.20 lakh for running 26 camps and Tk 1.75 lakh for holding 70 street meetings.

Meanwhile, his BNP counterpart Tabith Awal said he would take Tk 5 lakh loan from his wife to bear the election expenses, while his mother will give him Tk 5 lakh as grant.

His budget includes Tk 8 lakh to print 5 lakh posters, Tk 3.50 lakh to run 27 election camps, and Tk 3.35 lakh to hold 200 street meetings.

There are 30.35 lakh voters in 54 wards and 1,349 polling centres in DSCC area.

Among others, Communist Party of Bangladesh candidate Sajudel Huq will spend Tk 12 lakh, which he will get from family and friends as well as from the party fund. Islami Andolan Bangladesh candidate Sheikh Fazle Bari Masud said will spend Tk 4 lakh, of which Tk 80,000 will be from his pocket.

Man, missing

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centre in Rangpur. On his information, they arrested Rabiul's brother-in-law Saiful Islam and another man named Bipul Mia, said OC Abdur Rashid.

Following interrogation, they came to know that the three were involved in the killing, said Shahidullah Kawsar, additional deputy commissioner of Rangpur Metropolitan Police.


ADC Kawsar, investigation officer of the case, said there was a dispute between Tosharaf and Rabiul as the former was not repaying some money he owed to him.

Rabiul picked him up from Kamarpara and strangled him in Shyampur, said Kawsar, adding that he drugged Tosharaf before the murder.

The body was sent to Rangpur Medical College morgue. Further details about the murder can be ascertained after autopsy and the arrestees' remand, police said.

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এছাড়া আধুনিক ফিটিংসসহ মোজাইক/টাইলস্ সঞ্চলিত টয়লেট, জানালায় উপরে ও নিচে বিল্টইন ফাইল কেবিনেট এবং উভয় ভবনের শ্রাইডিং গ্রাস সুবিধা, নিজস্ব ট্রান্সফরমারসহ অটো স্ট্যান্ডবাই জেনারেটর, আধুনিক নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা, ইন্টারনেট ও ইন্টারকম/পিএবিএক্স সুবিধা, পার্কিংসহ গাড়ি ধোয়ার সুব্যবস্থা রয়েছে। ভবনের চতুর্দিকে সবুজ গাছ-পালা বেষ্টিত এবং মাঝে একটি বড় ফুলের বাগান রয়েছে। উভয় ভবনের চতুর্দিকে পর্যাপ্ত আলো বাতাস ঢোকার জন্য খোলা জায়গা রয়েছে। অফিস ভবনসহ ক্যাম্পাস সিসি ক্যামেরা বেষ্টিত এবং নিরাপত্তার জন্য একটি সিকিউরিটি কোম্পানির প্রশিক্ষিত গার্ড দ্বারা ২৪ ঘণ্টা নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা আছে। এছাড়াও প্রশিক্ষিত পরিচ্ছন্নতা কর্মীর সুব্যবস্থা রয়েছে।

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