

Horipodo Das passes away

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Horipodo Das, a resident of Borkapon area in Moulvi-bazar, passed away at his residence on Monday.



He was 90 years old and suffering from old-age complications, says a press release.

Horipodo, father of KP Das, a former sub-editor of local daily the Kholachithi, left behind his wife, two sons, four daughters, and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn him.

Doctor jailed

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In 2018, Dr Jobayer had written on social media about an illegal abortion syndicate in the area run by a family planning inspector, as well as medical malpractices. Following that, his chamber was vandalised and he was forced to keep his practice closed for a few months, according to local media reports at the time.

Doctor beaten

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used to live in the building, when and at one point started the man started hittim him indiscriminately, he added.

The incident was recorded in a CCTV camera. The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the footage.

The doctor was admitted to Gazi Medical College Hospital around 2am. A CT scan in the morning showed that he had brain hemorrhage.

From there, he was admitted to the ICU of Abu Nasser Hospital around noon where he died around 6:20pm, said his brother Saiful.

Gazi Mizanur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Private Clinic and Diagnostic Owners' Association in Khulna, said, "Dr Rakib was a senior doctor. At a time when all the clinics were shut, he kept his centre open and helped patients. This was such a tragic incident..."

Saiful filed a case with Khulna Sadar Police Station against four persons, including the patient's husband, Abdul Ali Sheikh. Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not get in touch with him.

Police on Tuesday night arrested one Abdur Rahim over the incident. He was later shown arrested in the case.

Aslam Bahar Bulbul, officer-in-charge of the police station, said they made the arrest after scrutinising the video footage.

"The accused confessed his involvement and said names of other persons as well," the OC added.

Many locals said the accused are highly influential in the area. "We are trying our best to arrest them," said the OC.

Contacted, Dr Sheikh Baharul Alom, president of Bangladesh Medical Association in Khulna, said they have decided to close all the medical institutions except the emergency department at KMCH and ones for treating Covid-19 patients until the accused are arrested.

Meanwhile, a pall of gloom has descended in the area following the death of Dr Rakib.

His wife, two children, relatives, friends and well-wishers are saddened beyond consolation and have demanded that the authorities arrest the perpetrators immediately.

Yesterday, members of BMA protested the incident by forming a human chain in front of BMA Bhaban at Saat Rasta Mor in the city.

10-day

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Central jail authorities, however, only informed the court yesterday that Kajol was yet to be brought from Jashore. The magistrate fixed June 23 for a hearing on the petition and directed jail authorities to bring Kajol then.

The case against Kajol was filed by Saifuzzaman Shikhor, a ruling party lawmaker from Magura-1, with Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Police Station in the capital on March 9.

Another case was filed with Kamrangir Char Police Station against Kajol under the same act. Fifty-three days into his disappearance, Kajol was found by Border Guard Bangladesh in Benapole on May 3. He was then arrested -- initially on charges of trespassing, but was granted bail being produced before a Jashore court.

Later in the evening, he was shown held under section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) after police informed the court that three more cases against Kajol were now pending with different police stations in the capital.

The court then sent him to Jashore jail.

DMP summons goes

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during an investigation by police into a police crime was clearly against the country's conventional law and practice.

"There is no scope for enquiring sources of journalists under the country's law. Because protecting confidentiality of the source is recognised as part of the basic and sacred duty of a journalist," the statement said.

Moreover, the job of journalists is to break the barrier of secrecy and inform the public about true and objective information, it added.

The DUJ leaders demanded immediate withdrawal of such a "psychologically stressful" letter.

After the news appeared in the media, Md Imam Hossain, joint commissioner (logistics) of DMP, who allegedly offered bribes to DMP Commissioner Shafiqul Islam, was transferred to its Public Order Management Division on June 9.

The move came days after Shafiqul in a letter to the inspector general of police sought transfer of Imam, an additional deputy inspector general of police, on charges of offering bribes.

Terming the joint commissioner "a corrupt officer", the DMP commissioner in his letter said there were graft allegations against Imam over various purchases. Imam even offered the commissioner a percentage from procurements. And that is why he should not be working in the DMP, read the letter.

Shafiqul further requested the police chief to transfer Imam immediately and take necessary steps in this regard.

DUJ WORRIED OVER BAB'S DECISION

In another statement issued yesterday, the DUJ expressed concern over the decision of Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) that it would not publicise advertisements in newspapers, online news agencies and television channels.

The DUJ said the decision to stop advertising in the media by banks is tantamount to obstructing the expansion of the media and hindering the freedom of expression.

It said advertisement is one of the main sources of income for the media outlets. During this difficult time of the Covid-19 pandemic, it will not be sensible for any organisation to stop advertising.

The top DUJ leaders said the role of the media in shaping the country and the nation would be affected by this decision.

Stopping advertising in the media by making an announcement is tantamount to hostile treatment of the media, the statement said.

The journalist leaders called upon the BAB to withdraw the announcement.

Bangladesh gets

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MEXICO RECOGNISES BANGLADESH

Mexico today accords recognition to Bangladesh. The Mexican ambassador to India today informs the Bangladeshi Ambassador to India AR Mallik about his country's decision to formally recognise Bangladesh. So far, 79 countries have recognised the newly-born Bangladesh.

HOUSING ARRANGMENT FOR THE HOMELESS

IN DHAKA
Relief and Rehabilitation Minister AHM Qamaruzzaman today declares that the government will make housing arrangements for all the homeless people of the capital. The government has allocated Tk 10 crore to repair and rebuild houses that were damaged during the Liberation War, he adds. The housing scheme will be run by local administration and relief committee. The minister also asks people to vacate illegally occupied houses immediately.

SOURCES: June 19, 1972 issue of Purbodesh.

Coastal areas

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Coastal areas to divisions during the next 24 hours since 10:00am yesterday.

There is a possibility of landslide in Chattogram division due to the heavy rainfall, he added.

The heavy rain will continue for the next two-three days, he added.

According to the forecast, all fishing boats and trawlers over the north Bay have been advised to come close to the coast and proceed with caution till further notice.

The river ports have been asked to hoist the cautionary signal number one.

Light to moderate rain/thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty winds is likely to occur at most places in Khulna, Barishal, Chattogram, and Sylhet divisions and at many places in Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, and Mymensingh divisions with heavy to very heavy rainfall at places over the country, the forecast added.

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14,000 migrant

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A small number of migrant workers returned from Bahrain and Qatar as of Tuesday, he added.

These workers returned home in specially arranged flights since regular flight operations to and from Dhaka remained suspended until tomorrow on the ground of curbing coronavirus spread.

Those who returned from Maldives were sent back by their employers and companies since almost everything remained closed in the tourism-based island nation, said Fakhru.

The Maldivian employers, however, assured the Bangladeshi workers that they would be recruited again once the situation turns normal, he added.

Registration with EC

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positions for women, they have to report to the EC about fulfilling the reservations.

"We have finalised the draft and uploaded it on the EC website, seeking opinions from political parties and citizens. Let's see what kind of recommendations we get from them," EC Senior Secretary Md Alamgir told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Parties that seek registration must comply with the conditions set in the new law," he said.

The EC prepared the draft of "Registration of Political Parties Act-2020", repealing the chapter VIA of the Representation of the People Order-1972 that now deals with the process of registration of political parties.

EC Joint Secretary SM Asaduzzaman said they decided to write the law in Bangla in place of the RPO's English to make it easy to read.

He added that they uploaded the draft law to its website -- www.ecs.gov.bd -- seeking opinions from all via email to secretary@ecs.gov.bd by July 7.

The three conditions are: a party needs to secure at least one seat with its electoral symbol in two previous parliamentary elections.

Securing of five percent of total votes cast in the constituencies in which its candidates took part in any of the aforesaid parliamentary elections.

It needs to set up a functional central office, by whatever name it may be called with a central committee, having offices at least in one-third administrative districts, and offices at least in 100 upazilas or metropolitan thanas. And the party must have a minimum 200 voters as its members in each upazila.

Parties that want to be registered with the EC must meet at least two conditions out of the three.

According to RPO-1972, a political party can get registration by securing at least one seat with its electoral symbol in any parliamentary election held since the independence of Bangladesh.

It also says all political parties should fix the goal of reserving at least 33 percent of all committee positions for women, including the central committee, and successively achieving this goal by the year 2020.

The draft law mentions that all political parties should elect members of all committees, including the central one.

The proposed law also retains some other provisions of RPO-1972.

It prohibits the formation of any organisation or body as its affiliated or associated body consisting of teachers or students of any educational institution or employees or workers of any financial, commercial or industrial institution or establishment or the members of any other profession.

A political party shall not be qualified for registration, if the objectives laid down in its organisation charter are contrary to the country's constitution.

Any discrimination regarding religion, race, caste, language or sex is apparent in its charter by name, flag, symbol or any other activity, it threatens to destroy communal harmony or lead the country to cessation.

The party will not be qualified for registration if its constitution reflects the objectives of maintaining and nourishing party-less or one-party system and others.

Registering political parties with the EC began after an amendment to the RPO-1972 in 2008.

Hummingbirds

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In a new study, researchers set up a field experiment to test how wild broad-tailed hummingbirds reacted to these colours.

"Even though biologists have long assumed that birds can discriminate a variety of diverse nonspectral colours, our results confirm that this is indeed the case for hummingbirds," said Mary Caswell Stoddard, study author and assistant professor in the Princeton University department of ecology and evolutionary biology, in an email.

Slipping into period poverty

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But her income came to a halt since the shutdown began and the living cost began rising.

"My husband, a carpenter, is struggling to manage food for the family. I can't tell him to give me Tk 150 for our pads. Although in the beginning, I would ask for the money only for my daughter. But I later realised it truly is a burden on him," she said.

Since all five members of her family live in the same room, it is difficult for them to wash and then dry the rags inside the room, especially on rainy days, as sunlight fails to reach the area she lives in.

Using damp rags has also created additional troubles for her daughter.

"Since my daughter never used rags before, she is not comfortable with them. Sometimes she complains about itching and irritation. But what can I do? We have no other option," said Jhumur.

For 18-year-old Eti of Bauniabadh slums of Mirpur, the situation is similar.

Eti, who gave up studying due to her family's financial constraints, started doing handicrafts to maintain her own expenses. Since the last week of March, she hasn't received any orders.

"I have no money in hand as I had to spend my small amount of savings on food and rent. Earlier, my father, a rickshaw-puller, would bring home at least Tk 500 every day. Now most days, he sits idle at home. I can't ask for money for sanitary napkins when we are having to skip meals," she said.

Eti's mother used to work as a part-time domestic help, but she has lost most of her jobs, as people were not allowing her to work inside their homes after learning that she is a slum-dweller.

The WaterAid study titled "Effects of lockdown on women's menstrual health

Double blow

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through," said SM Nazer Hossain, central vice president of Consumers Association of Bangladesh.

AMM Minhajur Rahman, Chattogram divisional organising secretary of Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad, held Dr Shahriar responsible for this situation.

"We told the divisional health director two months ago to take initiative so that ESRD patients with Covid-19 symptoms can maintain dialysis process," he added.

Five machines have been supplied by the government to CMCH for Covid-19 patients recently but those are yet to be ready due to a technical glitch, he said, urging the CMCH authorities to address it immediately.

Contacted, Dr Hasan said he tried to initiate dialysis services for Covid-19 patients in private hospitals in the port city but could not, due to reluctance of owners.

In government hospitals, initiatives have been taken that will materialise soon, he said. "Besides, I'm also trying to introduce it at Chattogram General Hospital."

Dr Liakat Ali, general secretary of Private Hospitals Owners' Association, Chattogram, said if they allow dialysis for Covid-19 patients in machines used for general patients, the latter would get infected. "We don't have the proper arrangement," he said.

Contacted, CMCH Director Brig Gen SM Humayun Kabir said installation of machines have been completed but those cannot be run as a water treatment plant is yet to be installed. "It cannot be installed overnight... it takes time," he said.

"I have asked the private organisation which is operating the dialysis service in our hospital based on MoU with the government to look into the issue and come up with a solution soon. I have also informed the health ministry and expect to get results soon," he said.

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	e) Endpoint protection for Server for next 3 years.	3	Next 50
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