

# Sheikh Razia laid to rest in capital

Bss, Dhaka

Sheikh Razia Naser, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's aunt and mother of lawmakers Sheikh Helal and Sheikh Jewel, was laid to eternal rest at the Banani graveyard in Dhaka following her namaz-e-janaza after Zohr prayers yesterday.



Razia, wife of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's younger brother Sheikh Abu Naser, breathed her last at Evercare Hospital in the city's Bashundhara residential area on Monday night, aged 83. She had been undergoing treatment for old age complications there since November 3.

Razia left behind her five sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death. Elder son of Razia, Sheikh Helal is a lawmaker from Bagerhat-1 constituency while another son Sheikh Jewel from Khulna-2. Her grandson and son of Helal, Sheikh Sharhan Naser Tammoj is also an MP from Bagerhat-2.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed profound shock and sorrow on Monday night at the death. In a condolence message, the premier prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.



Non-government staffers of government colleges started a hunger strike in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club on Monday, urging authorities to regularise their work and pay them according to government scale till then.

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# Registrar

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hospital, for murdering his son. According to family members, Anisul had been admitted to the hospital on November 9.

## 2 MORE 'CONFESS'

Yesterday, two more employees of Mind Aid hospital confessed before a magistrate to their involvement in the death of Anisul, reports our court correspondent.

The employees are: pharmacist Md Tanvir Hasan and ward boy Tanif Mollah.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Debrata Biswas recorded their confessional statements after Md Faruk Mollah, inspector of Adabar Police Station and also the case's investigation officer, produced them.

In their statements, they told the magistrate that they, along with other employees, beat the victim, according to court sources.

Further details of the confessional statements could not be known immediately. After recording their statements, the magistrate sent them to Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj.

Earlier, four arrestees -- marketing manager Mahmud Joy, hospital cook Masud Khan, ward boys Asim Chandra Pal and Sajib Chowdhury -- confessed to their involvement.

Hospital director Dr Md Niaz Morshed was arrested on November 10 from the capital's National Institute of Neurosciences and Hospital, where he was undergoing treatment for paralysis. Another director Fatema Khatun Moyna (41) is now on a four-day remand in the case.

The other directors -- Sakhawat Hossain and Sazzad Amin -- are on the run.

Six other arrestees are now on seven-day remand each in the case.

# Drowning

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director of CIPRB, adding that awareness is necessary at all levels.

Talking about government measures, he said the government can formulate a policy and arrange for swimming and first-aid training, or install day-care centres in unions, with help from NGOs and government bodies, to look after children when parents stay busy.

Citing the latest World Health Organization report on drowning, GHAI Country Lead Md Ruhul Quddus said more than three lakh people die by drowning annually worldwide, and Bangladesh has a significant rate of child drowning cases.

While conducting the session, SoMASHTe Director Masrur Zaman said, "The media along with other stakeholders needs to play a strong role in raising awareness about child-safety."

# Another piece

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house of Pogose is situated in Wise Ghat," he claimed.

Contacted, Barrister Mohammad Osman Chowdhury, who first brought up the issue to the HC, said the current owners had no right to demolish the building as the court had given an injunction order in this regard.

"But they still demolished it, which is a contempt of court and a punishable offence as they violated the court's order directly," he added.

Refuting the current owner's claim, Taimur Islam, founder of Urban Study Group, an organisation that campaigns for the conservation of architectural and urban heritage of old Dhaka, said the house belonged to Nicholas Pogose.

## ON THE LACK OF RESEARCH ON DHAKA'S HISTORY

Taimur said one of the major problems regarding Dhaka's heritage is the poor level of research on its history.

Although over the last decade many books have been published, most are based on secondary sources. "Often, they

are based on a few well-known books from the early to mid-20th century," he added.

"A number of them were written by non-historians. Evidently, they lack the thoroughness expected from professional work. It's very difficult to get detailed information on any particular issue or period. We only get partial information from those..." he continued.

"In the case of Armenians it's even worse. Now we know that as a trading community, albeit a small one, they had practically dominated the economic, social as well as political landscape of the city especially back in 18th and 19th century. But due to lack of adequate primary research very little information can be found on them," he said.

Given the state of historical research, it is not possible to get a clear picture on the history of Pogose School from any particular source. Still enough information is available in the writings of some of the most prominent historians, he said.

Noted historian Syed

Mohammad Taifoor made it amply clear who founded the school, when and where.

In his book "Glimpses of Old Dhaka", he writes:

"Dhaka Pogose School is equally a very old school. One Mr Nekie Pogose, an Armenian zaminder in Dhaka, established it in 1848 and maintained the school. Mr Pogose resided on the first floor of the building and its ground floor was occupied by the school itself. The building still stands in Armenian street and is now perhaps the property of the Dhaka Ayurvedic Pharmacy." (Taifoor, 1956)

Taimur said Nicholas Pogose's residence on Armenian street was known as "Nekie Shahib ki Kothi", which was mentioned in the book too.

## POGOSE SCHOOL

"We get further confirmation of the information in the Bangladesh District Gazetteers, Dacca (published in 1969)," Taimur continued.

"The Pogose School was founded in 1848 at Armenian Tola (now Armanitola), Dacca,

well as books was scrapped and within a year those 99 students were expelled from the school.

Many students were not able to pay tuition fees. Eventually, the government decided to expel those who failed to pay the fees.

Then the Armenian philanthropist stepped up and set up the school. The school was then called "Pogose Anglo Vernacular School at Dhaka".

Around 1850, the revenue of the school was Rs 50 whilst the expenditure was Rs 90. This deficit was compensated by Pogose, according to historians.

Pogose School's alumni boast many notable figures, including poet Shamsur Rahman, former Prime Minister of Bangladesh Ataur Rahman Khan and the first translator of the Holy Quran in Bengali Girish Chandra Sen.

NICHOLAS POGOSE The Armenians of Dhaka were a rich and swanky lot. The church that they built in 1781 (Church of the Holy Resurrection) and the area where it stands (Armanitola, named after Armenians) both reflect the influence of this

community.

They were affluent merchants and landlords, ruling over markets of jute, leather, salt, etc. Marcar David, for example, was known as the "Merchant Prince of Bengal".

Another such figure was Joakim G Nicolas Pogose, better known as Nicky Pogose. He not only founded the Pogose School in 1848, the first private school in Dhaka, but also served as the first headmaster of the school. He served there till 1855.

He also served as one of the nine commissioners of Dacca Municipality during 1874-75. He was a partner of the Dhaka Bank (the first bank in the present Bangladesh territory). Pogose was also known for his philanthropic works.

He passed away in 1876. Today, he lies buried in an exquisite tombstone in Narinda Christian Cemetery. His epitaph reads -- "Till the day breaks and shadows flee away" -- taken from Song of Solomon 2:17.

Shadows do flee away, but it is up to all of us to make sure that a legacy such as Pogose's lives on.

# PBI takes

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at the time. Anwara said PBI has visited her husband's office and spoken with him and their son on November 15.

She also told The Daily Star, "The murder [case] of my daughter is clear as day."

"The Investigation has been

manipulated by influential persons. I hope one day we will get justice and criminals will be punished," Anwara expressed hopes.

Mizanur Rahman, additional superintendent of PBI Cumilla unit, said, "PBI Dhaka unit may be investigating the Tonu murder. PBI Cumilla unit has not been appointed for the investigation."

# Musings in

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of the vast universe to the tiny flowers on earth. Mingling my meditative thoughts with the stunning magnificence of the universe, I have depicted several paintings for the exhibition."

Bangladesh, being a riverine country, inspires these artists to stroke the curves of boats, the sampan seemingly getting the greatest attention, with its crescent shape and enormity. In addition, many artists embrace the charm of the rickshaw and the distinguished artworks that accompany it.

"I observe the nature and its elements and compose mindscape paintings from my imagination, while sitting in my studio. I call it 'monochhobi' and have been doing it for the past decade," said artist Azmeer Hossain.

"I follow the non-traditional way of watercolour art and compose artworks with many washes...Jolokabbo 3 is exhibiting artworks of many young artists this time, which is great."

In the exhibition, realism and romanticism prevail in most of the artworks. However, a good number of abstract pieces stand out as well, where both urban and rural life are majestically upheld through rich hues.

The exhibition will continue every day from 10am to 8pm.

# Shawkat

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of Shawkat was flown to Naria by a helicopter of the Armed Forces from CMH mortuary, he added.

The body was first taken to Shariatpur district stadium, then to his residence -- Shadinata Bhaban -- around 11am.

Later the body was taken to Naria Shaheed Minar premises where people from all walks of life paid respect to the valiant freedom fighter and six times MP from Shariatpur-2 constituency.

Different political and socio-cultural organisations also paid their tributes by placing wreaths at his coffin.

His second namaj-e-janaja was held at Naria BL High School ground, attended by hundreds of people.

Shawkat was admitted to CMH on October 29 with pneumonia. He was put on life support on November 5, his grandson said. Shawkat left behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers.

In the Agartala Conspiracy Case before the country's independence, he was in jail for 13 months as an accused. On February 23, 2011, he told parliament the charges brought against them in the case were true.

The case, which had set a new course in the history of the country's independence struggle, was filed in early 1968 implicating Bangabandhu as the prime accused and 34 other Bangalee civil servants, army, navy and air force officers and politicians over "hatching a plot".

The case ultimately resulted in the fall of Gen Ayub Khan in 1969 and subsequently led the nation towards the 1971 Liberation War.

Shawkat was reinstated into the army after the formation of the Bangladesh Forces in 1971 to fight the Liberation War.

He was elected unanimously the deputy speaker of the ninth parliament on 25 January 2009, following a landslide victory of Awami League.

He was also a lawyer registered with the Supreme Court. Shawkat had completed his LLB from University of Dhaka in 1958 before he joined the Pakistan Army as a commissioned officer the following year.

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