



Devotees take out a big Tajia procession in the city on the occasion of Holy Ashura on Tuesday. The picture was taken from Azimpur area.

Holy Ashura observed

BSS, Dhaka

The country observed the holy Ashura on Tuesday commemorating the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), the youngest grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SM), with his followers in the Battle of Karbala 1326 years ago.

Different religious organisations and groups observed the day with due respect.

The day was a public holiday.

In Hosseini Dalan in the city, a 10-day programme commemorating the last 10 days of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) ended on Tuesday.

A big Tajia procession with 'Marsia' paraded different city streets in the afternoon.

President Iajuddin Ahmed, Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina issued statements on the occasion.

TRADER MURDER

3 to die, one gets life

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A tribunal of Dhaka yesterday sentenced three people to death and one to life in jail for killing a businessman at Sutrapur in the city in 2005.

The convicts with death are Enamul Karim Rimon, Mohammad Billah and Mohammad Swapan alias Kala Swapan while Abul Hossain alias Bhogla Babu was given life in jail.

Judge Shahed Noor Uddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 gave death sentence to Rimon, Billah and Kala Swapan and Bhogla Babu to life in jail for killing Mohammad Soheli, a motor parts trader of Gandaria at Sutrapur in the city on August 5, 2005.

The court acquitted Mohammad Shahin, Mohamamd Sumon and

Maria Begum as the charges brought against them were not proved.

EXPAT KILLING

One gets death

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced one person to death for killing an expatriate at Kapasia in Gazipur district in 2004.

Judge AR Masud of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 gave death sentence to Zakaria Kabiraj for killing Japan expatriate Zia Haider Khan Tipu on August 24, 2004.

The court acquitted Sanullah, Sirajul Islam, Morsalin and Mostafa as the charges brought against them were not proved.

DETENTION OF DASTAGIR

HC rule on govt

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain within two weeks why the detention of Dastagir Chowdhury, former deputy mayor of Chittagong City Corporation and BNP leader, should not be declared illegal and void.

The bench comprising Justice Abdul Wahab Miah and Justice Emdadul Haq passed the order following a writ petition filed by Dastagir's cousin Kazi Rafiqul Islam challenging the legality of the arrest, says a press release.

Law enforcement agencies arrested Dastagir from his Chittagong residence on January 16. Later, he was given a one-month detention on January 22 under the Special Powers Act 1974.

Barrister Ruhul Quddus Kajal and advocates Towfiq Inam Tipu and Gazi Mahmuda Akhter Luky moved the petition on behalf of the petitioner.

RAID ON FACTORIES

38 sacks of polybags, raw materials seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court seized a huge quantity of polythene bags, raw materials, and machinery from two polythene bag factories in old part of the city yesterday.

Some 38 sacks of polybags, 16 sacks of raw materials, and four machines were seized from Nandan-Anondo Polythene Factory at 3 Umesh Dutta lane in Lalbagh.

The mobile court sealed off the factory on Monday and raided the factory building yesterday to seize the bags and materials.

Factory owner AKM Sadek Hossain Naim along with his family lives in the same building, but the mobile court yesterday found them missing. Their room was locked from outside.

The court also found that the factory owner had cut the grille of the factory and tried to take away the sacks of polybags.

Magistrate Rokon Ud Doula issued an arrest warrant against Naim, who is operating the factory illegally for the last eight years.

Later, the court raided

another polythene bag factory, Unique Trading Industries, at 1 Umesh Dutta lane and seized polybags and raw materials.

A case was also filed against factory owner Wasim Iqbal and manager Wasiqullah. They were also fined Tk one lakh.

Officials of the Department of Environment were present during the raid.

Defamation case against Jugantor

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered a judicial inquiry into a defamation case against Jugantor proprietor, editor and publisher filed by Mohammad Noor Ali, managing director of Unique Eastern (Pvt) Ltd.

Metropolitan Magistrate Selina Akhter passed the order after Noor Ali filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court against Jugantor Proprietor Nurul Islam Babul, Editor Golam Sarwar and Publisher Advocate Salma Islam.

In his complaint, Noor Ali mentioned that the newspaper published 18 stories on him in as many issues casting aspersions on his character.

He also said the news items are false, fabricated and concocted and were published to tarnish his image in society.