



(From left) Writer Kamal Hossain, former chief adviser Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, Dr Kamal Hossain, Liberation War Museum Trustee Mofidul Haque and Ankur Prokashoni Director Mesbahuddin Ahmed at the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Tajuddin Ahmed: Birth of Bangladesh and Afterwards' at Liberation War Museum at Segun Bagicha in the city yesterday.

BOOK ON TAJUDDIN LAUNCHED Post-'71 instability still prevails

Says Justice Habibur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The state of instability which ensued in the aftermath of the Liberation War in 1971 is still prevailing in the country, Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman said at the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Tajuddin Ahmed: Birth of Bangladesh and Afterwards' yesterday.

This book, written by Kamal Hossain, an assistant professor of Government Rajshahi College, will help the readers understand the volatile situation after 1971, said Justice Habibur Rahman, a former chief adviser of the caretaker government.

Speaking as the chief guest, he said the nation is still undecided on the state affairs. "We are still busy with dialogue on the very basic state issues."

He said the newly published book will help understand the

period after 1971, but was unsure whether it could demonstrate any orientation for future.

In response to a comment by Prof Dr Syed Anwar Hossain at the ceremony that the book does not have a concluding part, Justice Habibur Rahman said, "It is a simple issue that there will be no concluding part in the book as we cannot draw a 'national conclusion'."

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain, who presided over the ceremony, said Tajuddin Ahmed, the first prime minister of the country, was one of the top leaders who envisioned an independent and truly democratic and secular Bangladesh.

"I spent my best time as a political activist under the leadership of Tajuddin Ahmed," he said, adding that the book, which is actually a research work, is a unique work that provides details of the life and

work of Tajuddin Ahmed. Lauding the writer's efforts, Dr Kamal said democratic and secular values demonstrated by the leaders like Tajuddin tremendously helped the constitution committee frame the constitution of 1972.

He also urged the youths to stick to the values demonstrated by the leaders like Tajuddin in order to bring about changes in society.

Prof Dr Syed Anwar Hossain said, "Bangabandhu was the architect of Bangladesh and Tajuddin Ahmed was the builder of the nation. But it is unfortunate that the nation has lost both of them."

"Tajuddin's contribution to the liberation war is larger than his life," he said. Liberation War Museum Trustee Mofidul Haque, Ankur Prokashoni Director Mesbahuddin Ahmed and writer Kamal Hossain also spoke at the programme held on the museum premises.

Multinational co executive seeks security of life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Itrat Husain, a resident of Gulshan area in the city, said he and his family members are passing days in fear due to frequent threats by the A&W Restaurant authorities, who have allegedly occupied his property.

Husain, also a senior executive of a multinational company, urged the law enforcement agencies to ensure security of him and his family members and evict the alleged occupiers of his property at SEB-2, Gulsan Avenue in the city.

At a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium on Wednesday, he also said the property was leased to the Global Suppliers Ltd on July 1, 2003 for the period of three years in an agreement signed by Husain and Global Suppliers Managing Director Shahrear Ali which has already been expired on June 30, 2006.

He also alleged that A&W Restaurant authorities filed a false case against him when he issued a notice to evacuate the spot, accusing him of vandalising properties of the restaurant.

"But the case was dismissed by a Dhaka court on September 3, 2007 as the allegations against me were not proved after a investigation by the police", said Husain.

He demanded proper justice to him and urged the authorities to take steps in order to get him back the property.

Talking to The Daily Star, A&W Restaurant General Manager Shameem Ahmed said the contact between the restaurant authorities and the owners was signed for seven years period, which will end on June 30, 2010.

"It is true that owners of the property have asked us to evacuate the restaurant but it is not possible to leave the spot right now as we have already invested several crores of taka in the business", Ahmed said while talking over the phone.

DU expels 7 students

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University (DU) authorities have expelled seven students for different tenures from their examinations for adopting unfair means in the exam halls.

The decision was taken on May 26 by the syndicate, the highest decision making body of the university, following recommendation of the disciplinary body.

Of them, two students of Ziaur Rahman Hall were fined Tk 3,000 each as punishment fees. The syndicate also gave decision not to publish their results until they submit new research monographs of their courses.

A bond was taken from a 4th year student of Shahidullah Hall after issuing a cautionary notice while a master's student of Jagannath Hall was expelled from three examinations including the one in which he adopted illegal means.

A second year student of Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall was expelled from her two exams, while a third year student of Dhaka University Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and a fourth year student of Surya Sen Hall were expelled from their two exams.

Appeal for help

A young boy, aged 10 years, is suffering from leukemia, a form of blood cancer, says a press release.

Ridoy is now undergoing treatment at the Apollo Hospitals in the capital.

An amount of Tk 25 lakh is needed for his complete treatment. But it is not possible for his poor father Jasim Uddin, who is a driver, to arrange such a big amount.

So he has appealed to generous people of the society for financial assistance to save the life of his son.

Contributions can be sent to Md Jasim Uddin, Account No 01234056932, Bank Asia, Banani Branch, Dhaka.

His cell phone number is 01191284331.

Hafez Chan Saudegar

A blind hafez (Quran memoriser) has appealed to well-to-do people of the society for financial assistance to purchase a braill machine to become self-reliant, says a press release.

Chan Saudegar, an orphan, lost his eyesight at the age of four. Chan needs a braill perkings machine to maintain his family by making 'tafsir' of the Quran and Hadith.

But it is not possible for him to purchase the machine at a cost of Tk 30,000. So he has requested the affluent section of the society to help him in purchasing the machine.

Contributions can be sent to Hafez Chan Saudegar, C/o Shirina Begum, Village and Post Office: Katharbil, Upazila: Dewanganj, District: Jamalpur, Mobile Phone No 01732036997, Savings Account No 6949, Islami Bank Limited, Jamalpur Branch.

Haj and Umrah Fair Begins

Haj agencies warned against mismanagement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law and Religious Affairs Adviser AF Hassan Arif yesterday warned the Haj agencies against mismanagement in handling the haj pilgrims this year.

"You (haj agencies) should handle

them properly so that no haji returns with tears from Makkah," said Arif while inaugurating the Haj and Umrah Fair at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital.

The three-day fair has been organised by Extreme Exhibition and Event Solution Ltd (E3 solutions) in association with the Haj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (Haab).

About 45 haj agencies and related companies are taking part in the fair, first of its kind in the country.

The adviser said the government

will help the haj agencies so that they can discharge their responsibilities properly.

"You (haj agencies) will have to ensure that no haji suffers while performing haj due to your negligence," he added.

Muhammad Faruque, president of Haab, said this exhibition will help create bridge between the haj pilgrims and haj agencies.

Yaqub Sharafati, secretary general of Haab, also spoke on the occasion.

The fair will remain open from 10:00am to 8:00pm for everybody.

Security guard murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of unidentified miscreants stabbed a private security supervisor to death at Shewrapara of Mirpur in the city early hours of yesterday night.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Motaleb, 40, of Orient Security Service. He died on the spot at West Shewrapara at around 2:30am.

The victim's brother Mohammad Selim, a security guard working at Shletech King Cottage at West Shewrapara, told The Daily Star that he ran outside hearing someone screaming. Reaching the spot, he saw his brother was shouting in wounds.

"He could only tell that three to four miscreants, stabbed him when he came to the place," Selim said.

Selim suspected that his brother could be killed in connection with internal clashes of the security company.

Miscreants throw acid on 4 of a Sathkhira family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira

Four members of a family including the housewife and two children suffered severe burn injuries when miscreants threw acid on them at a village in Sadar upazila last night.

The victims were identified as Eman Ali, 35, his wife Asma Khatun, 24, his son Alamgir, 6, and his daughter Khadija, 2, of village Dhulihar.

Local people rushed the victims to Sathkhira sadar hospital in critical condition.

They suffered severe burn injuries on their head, face, throats, chests and hands, hospital sources said.

Quoting the victims, police said they were sleeping when the miscreants broke open the window and threw acid on them.

Family sources said Eman had an enmity with neighbours Abul Kalam, Shahidul and Budha Sana over a disputed land for long.

They made the attack to take revenge, said Eman.

A case has been filed with Sadar Police Station accusing Kalam, Shahidul, Budho and Shankar, but none was arrested till filing of this report. Officer-in-charge Abdul Kader Beg said they are trying to nab the culprits.

Denial of people's right to bail

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Karzon jointly filed the petition as public interest litigation.

The petitioners prayed to the HC for issuing a rule upon the government to explain why those provisions and rules should not be declared ultra vires and legally ineffective. They also urged the court to stay operation of these rules.

An HC division bench headed by Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana may hear the petition next week.

The president promulgated the Emergency Powers Ordinance 2007 on January 12, 2007 aiming at ensuring security of the state and its people, protecting law and order and keeping economic activities unhindered.

In light of the ordinance, the caretaker government issued the EPR on January 13.

The writ petition challenged the legality of sections 3(3)(Kha) and 3(4) of the EPO and rules 11(3), 19(Gha), 19(Uma) of the EPR.

Secretaries to the law ministry and home ministry were made respondents in the writ petition.

The EPO sections provide death penalty and life-term imprisonment with fine for violating these provisions and also any other rules with retrospective effect.

As per rule 11(3) of the EPR, if any court convicts a person for committing corruption, no other court can grant bail to the convict or stay the conviction order until the appeal filed by the convict against the order is disposed of.

The two other EPR rules provide that an accused cannot pray for bail or any kind of redress with the court or tribunal during the period

of investigation or enquiry of the offence committed by the accused.

The petitioners said these provisions are against the fundamental structure of the country's constitution.

The petition said all these provisions of the EPO and the EPR suffer from "unreasonableness and bad faith".

"Since the primary object of the Emergency Powers Ordinance, 2007 is to secure public safety and interest, the government must not take away the right to bail which forms part and parcel of public interest and state security and the impugned rules by way of taking away rights to bail, revision, review and appeal have been contributing against the public interest and security for which the rules should be declared void," the petition said.

Mass transit in Dhaka mulled

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Mojibur Rahman and Jubaer-binsides of the old airport joining in front of the Chief Adviser's Office and Agargaon area passing inside the peripheral side of the old airport.

The link road project, involving around Tk 25 crore is expected to be completed this October, two months ahead of the targeted time.

The road is being constructed by the corps of engineers of Bangladesh Army with Dhaka City Corporation as implementation organisation and the Local Government Division of LGRD and cooperatives ministry as initiator.

The objective of the project is to establish connection between east and west parts of Tejgaon old airport and reduce traffic congestion on roads adjacent to the old airport.

Advisers, special assistants to the chief adviser, chiefs of the three services and civil and military officials were present at the function.

BUET teacher Shamsul Huq briefed about 10 projects on road and bridge communications in the capital, including Airport-Rokeya Sarani, of which some are ongoing and some are under process.

Two other BUET teachers--

Adviser M Anwarul Iqbal described the ongoing projects of road-and-bridge communications in the capital, some of which will be completed within this year, some by 2009 and some by 2010.

He mentioned the projects like construction of road from Bijoy Sarani to Tejgaon commercial area, development of Hatirjheel area, including Begunbari canal, construction of link road from Zia Colony to Mirpur Cantonment, link-bridge between Banani and Gulshan lakes, construction of road from Mirpur Grameen Bank to Agargaon.

"East-west and north-south transport movement will be easy after completion of these projects," he told the function.

He also mentioned that the project for construction of Jatrabari-Gulistan flyover is being prepared anew as the project was canceled due to anomalies.

Emphasising the need for improving and expanding roads, the LGRD adviser said about 1.21 lakh new motorised vehicles adds up to the country's transport pool every year, of which 37 thousand new registrations are taking place in Dhaka city alone.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque in the city after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

Sabih Uddin passed away at Maryland in the USA on May 30 at the age of 71.

He left behind his wife, one son and two daughters to mourn his death.

He was buried at George Washington Mount Lebanon graveyard.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Ziauddin Ahmed, a retired Desa official and life member of Dhaka-based Monohordi Upazila Welfare Samity, will be held at his residence at Mirpur-12 in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and Quankhwani will be held at his residence. A milad will also be held at his village home at Monohordi, Narsingdi.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the chehlum.

Ziauddin, father of photojournalist Aminul Islam Shaheen, died of liver cancer at Gasto Liver Hospital in the city on May 4.

IOJ demands trial of war criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chairman of a faction of Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ) Misbahur Rahman Chowdhury yesterday demanded trial of war criminals in a special tribunal.

"War crime is the most heinous crime in the light of Islam. Therefore, trial of war criminals is a must to ensure justice in the society," IOJ chairman said while exchanging views with party leaders and activists at its central office at Motijheel in the city.

IOJ chairman demanded the government to set up "an enquiry commission led by a Supreme Court judge to investigate crimes of identified war criminals and try them."

He also demanded release of two detained former prime ministers Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia so that they can participate in the formal dialogue.

The IOJ chairman called for holding elections in line with the electoral roadmap and to hand over power to an elected government.

Implementation of 7th wage board demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sangbadik-Sramik-Karmochari Oikya Parishad (SSKOP), a united platform of journalists, workers and employees, yesterday hailed the government for announcing the seventh wage board and demanded its immediate implementation.

At a meeting of the SSKOP at the National Press Club in the city, the speakers however said the wage board could not fully reflect their aspirations as the pay increase was not enough to meet the price hike essentials.

They also demanded separate wage board for private television and radios.

The speakers called for forming a tripartite committee to monitor the implementation of the wage board.

The meeting demanded re-enforcement of the Newspaper Employees (Condition and Services) Act 1974.

Presided over by Co-convenor Mojammel Haque, the meeting was attended by Co-convenor Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, member secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi, joint member secretaries Abdull Jalil Bhuiyan and Matiar Rahman Talukder, Shah Alamgir, Abdus Shahid, Omar Faruque, Baker Hossain, Abul Hashem and Khairul Islam.

DHAKA TODAY

Meeting 07:00pm.
An annual meeting of Swami Swarupananda Foundation of the Department of World Religions at Dhaka University will be held. Venue: TSC auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

Mango festival
A month-long non-toxic and chemical-free mango festival will be inaugurated. Venue: Family World premises, Asad Gate. Time: 05:00pm.

Painting contest
Stamford University Bangladesh organises a painting competition for children on the occasion of World Environment Day. Venue: Anam Rangs Plaza. Time: 9:30am.

Musical soiree
Paribesh Bachao Andolon (Save The Environment Movement) organises a musical soiree and discussion. Venue: Paba auditorium. Time: 06:00pm.

Reception
Unilever Bangladesh Ltd organises a reception programme for the elderly people. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 06:00pm.

Nat-e-Rasul
Phulkurin Ashar organises a Nat-e-Rasul (SM) evening. Venue: Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium. Time: 06:00pm.

Exhibition
Alliance Francaise hosts the 1st solo photography exhibition of artist Srabon Reza. Venue: La Galerie. Time: 06:30pm.

Human chain
Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) will form a human chain. Venue: Babubazar. Time: 10:30am.

Inauguration
Bangladesh ABA Centre for Autism will be inaugurated. Venue: Bashundhara. Time: 10:00am.

Press briefing
Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA) UK holds a press briefing on 'Sidr helping project'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11:00am.

WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over all the six divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at one or two places over southern parts of the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Southwest monsoon has swept over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions. It is likely to sweep over rest of the country during the next 36 hours, said Met Office.

It said that day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Highest temperature 33.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chandpur and lowest 21.6 degrees Celsius at Rangpur and Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:44pm today and rises at 5:10am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|-------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
| | Max | Min | Morning | Evening |
| Dhaka | 30.5 | 23.0 | 77 | 70 |
| Chittagong | 28.2 | 25.4 | 96 | 83 |
| Rajshahi | 30.4 | 22.6 | 94 | 77 |
| Khulna | 28.5 | 23.3 | 87 | 78 |
| Barisal | 28.0 | 23.8 | 90 | 92 |
| Sylhet | 30.8 | 22.4 | 97 | 70 |
| Cox's Bazar | 29.8 | 26.5 | 90 | 92 |