

WAR CRIMES

Probe agency starts receiving info

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency to investigate the war crimes of 1971 started receiving information and proof about war crimes from individuals.

One Timir Dutta submitted some documents and evidences of war crimes in 1971 in Barisal district to investigation commissioner Abdul Matin.

Another member of the investigation agency Abdur Rahim were also present at that time.

Timir Dutta told reporters at the office of the investigation agency at Old High Court building that the documents and evidences would help prove the offences of war crimes in 1971 at Barisal.

He said his father, uncle and elder brothers were killed by Al-Badr and Razakar bands and girls of his village were also raped.

Timir said, "We took shelter at our village home on April 5 in 1971 as the situation got worse, several other people also took shelter along with us. On May 25, war criminal Sekandar Malik along with his men attacked our house. They set fire to our house, looted our valuables and raped girls."

Timir's eldest brother filed two cases - one with the Nalchhiti Police Station and the other with Barisal Kotwali Police Station - in 1973.

Abdul Matin said they are receiving information and evidences of war crimes from individuals and they have received information from seven to eight persons.

Police set up billboards not for commercial purpose

DMP tells HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque informed the High Court (HC) yesterday that the police have not set up any billboard in the capital for commercial purpose.

The police set up some billboards containing awareness messages about traffic rules to raise awareness among the people, he said in a report submitted to the court through the attorney general's office.

Meanwhile, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Shahbagh Police Station Rezaul Karim appeared before the High Court (HC) yesterday and made unconditional apology for not cooperating with the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) in dismantling unauthorised billboards last month.

He told the court through his lawyer that a group of students had created obstacles to demolition of unauthorised billboards by DCC on March 18 and the police tackled the situation.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Md Delwar Hossain exempted the OC of charges.

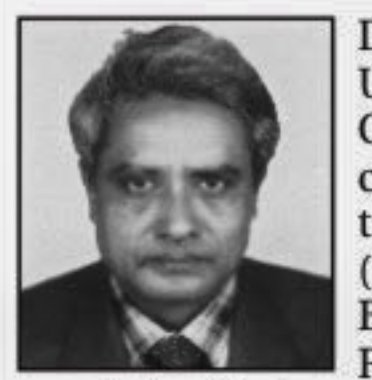


State Minister for Environment and Forest Dr Hasan Mahmood calls on Chief Minister of West Bengal Buddhadeb Bhattacharya at the latter's office in Writers' Building, Kolkata yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Obituary

METRO DESK



Dr Md Ullah Chowdhury, chief scientific officer (CSO) of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, passed away due to cancer at Mirpur Delta Medical College & Hospital on April 3 at the age of 57, says a press release.

He left behind his wife and one daughter to mourn his death.

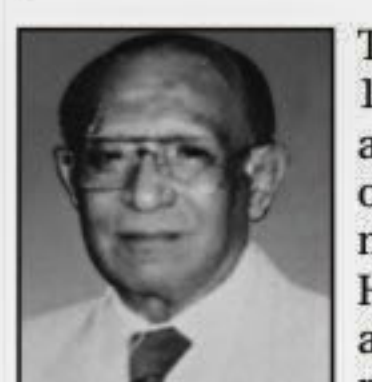
He was buried at his village home at Ruhitar in Motlab upazila under Chandpur district after namaj-e-janaza at his working place BRRI in Gazipur and at his village home.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and doa will be held at BRRI Jame Mosque in Gazipur after Asr prayers today.

Relatives and friends are requested to attend the mahfil.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 14th death anniversary of former minister MA Haque, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence at B-22, Century Estate, 119 Bara Moghbazar in the city after Asr prayers.

Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the doa and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

MA Haque Foundation will organise memorial meeting and milad on the occasion.

Gulshan Akhter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 2nd death anniversary of Gulshan Akhter, eminent journalist, writer, poet and former assistant editor of the Daily Jugantor, says a press release.

Gulshan, treasurer of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), vice president of Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad and Bangladesh Women Journalists' Forum and senior vice president of Bangladesh Music Journalists' Association, passed away due to cancer on this day in 2008.

Relatives and admirers are requested to pray for salvation of her departed soul.

CONSUL GENERAL MEETS SAUDI PRINCE

Role of Bangladeshis in Saudi economy lauded

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Consul General at Bangladesh Consulate in Jeddah Golam Sarwar called on Prince Mishaal bin Abdullah bin Turki Al-Saud, the second son of Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz and governor of Najran, on Sunday.

In the meeting, the consul general discussed bilateral and international issues with the Saudi prince.



PHOTO: FOREIGN MINISTRY

Consul General at Bangladesh Consulate in Jeddah Golam Sarwar calls on Prince Mishaal bin Abdullah bin Turki Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia.

He also mentioned of the immense contribution of expatriate Bangladeshis to the economic development of Saudi Arabia, according to a press release received in Dhaka yesterday.

The consul general drew the attention of the Saudi prince to the problems Bangladeshi workers are facing in changing their Ikamas.

Reminding the Saudi King's assurance in solving the matter during his discussion with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in April last year, the consul general sought assistance and personal initiative of Prince Mishaal in this regard.

In reply, Prince Mishaal pledged his all-out cooperation in changing Ikamas of Bangladeshi workers.

Prince Mishaal also mentioned of a plan to establish an international school at Najran for the welfare of the foreign nationals of all levels, including Bangladeshi workers.

Consul General Golam Sarwar conveyed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Dipu Moni's greetings to the prince.

In reply, the prince invited the Bangladeshi premier and the foreign minister to visit Najran.

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Court asks 5 Robi officials to appear on April 15

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked five officials of the private mobile phone operator company Axiata Bangladesh (formerly Aktel) to appear before it on April 15 in connection with two separate cases filed for breaching the Copyright Act.

Axiata goes under the brand name 'Robi' in Bangladesh.

The defendants in the cases are chief executive officer Michael Kuehner, Chief Marketing Officer Bidyut Kumar Basu, head of Regulatory Alloisius Mohan Romaiah, head of Corporate Affairs Segufta Yesmin Samad and head of value Added Services Novera Nur.

Judge ANM Bashir Ullah of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after two cases were filed against them.

Hamin Ahmed and Mannan Ahmed, members of the band Miles, said in their complaints that Robi is illegally using two of their famous songs -- 'Neela' and 'Firiye Dao' -- as their ring and welcome tones without seeking any prior permission from the band.

Mahfuz Alam James filed a similar complaint in relation to his song 'Dukhini Dukkho Korona'.

The court also ordered James to present his documents to the court in support of his allegation on the same day.

Barrister Arifur Rahman appeared for the complainants.

PREM KRISHNA MURDER Biddyut confesses to crime

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shahidul Islam alias Biddyut, who was shown arrested in sensational goldsmith Prem Krishna Roy killing case, confessed to his involvement in the slaying before a magistrate yesterday.

Inspector Mohammad Sadik Mujibur Rahman, the investigation officer of the case, told The Daily Star that Biddyut made his confessional statement before Magistrate Zulfikar Hayat's Court under section 164.

Inspector Sadik said in the confessional statement Biddyut admitted that Dakat Shahid from India asked Nantu to issue a threat on Prem Krishna and his brother Amal Krishna Roy, demanding Tk 10 lakh as toll.

As Nantu failed to realise the amount, Dakat Shaid from India asked Biddyut to gun down Prem Krishna with the help of Kawsar, another accomplice of Dakat Shahid, said the inspector.

Biddyut stated that he rang Kawsar asking him to come on the spot when Prem Krishna was coming back home from a school in the morning on March 4, the inspector said adding, when Prem Krishna reached near the Victoria Park in Old Dhaka, Kawsar gunned him down.

Following the incident, a case was filed with Sutrapur Police Station and then shifted to the Detective Branch of police.

Qulkhwani

METRO DESK



Qulkhwani of Dr Syed Ishtiaq Ali Jinnah, director of Water Aid Bangladesh, will be held at his residence at Road # 4/A, House # 45, Dhanmondi R/A in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

He passed away on April 3.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the qulkhwani.

'Appoint qualified judges to SC'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Khandaker Mahbub Hossain yesterday said the government has to appoint judges to the Supreme Court on the basis of their quality and efficiency for restoring its lost image.

If the government makes any nepotism in appointing judges, the SCBA along with the lawyers of the country will protest the government move, he said.

He said this at a press conference at the south hall of SCBA.

SCBA Secretary Badruddoza Badal and other office bearers elected in the March 25 election from Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum, a platform of pro-BNP lawyers, were also present at the press conference.

The association organised the press conference following handover of its charge to the newly elected committee.



Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Sylhet division and the regions of Tangail, Mymensingh and Comilla in next

12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Mild to moderate heat wave sweeping over the regions of Rajshahi, Ishwardi, Dinajpur, Jessore and Chudanga may continue.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:17pm today and rises at 5:45am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 40.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 21.0 degrees Celsius at Sylhet.

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	34.4	26.7	78	63
Chittagong	31.5	25.6	84	76
Rajshahi	40.4	26.9	78	32
Khulna	35.0	26.6	78	70
Barisal	34.4	26.1	80	74
Sylhet	31.5	21.0	86	74
Cox's Bazar	33.3	25.6	71	79

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