



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Surja Begum, a liberation war heroine, breaks into tear embracing a photograph of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman after artist Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu distributed Tk 1 lakh, acquired from his Ekhushey Padak award, among war heroines at Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Oath-taking of two new judges still uncertain

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The responsibility of swearing-in of the two new additional judges of the High Court will go to the shoulder of the next chief justice if any step is not taken to resolve the crisis within this month.

Chief Justice Mohammad Fazlul Karim will retire on September 30 this year. If Fazlul Karim does not administer oath to the two judges within his tenure, the responsibility will lie on the new chief justice.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam recently told The Daily Star that if the present chief justice does not administer oath to two High Court judges--Ruhul Quddus Babu and M Khasruzzaman, the next chief justice might administer them oath.

He, however, said he does not know whether there was any initiative from the government or the chief justice to resolve the crisis.

Meanwhile, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed has not yet met the president to solve this crisis as per advice of the parliamentary standing committee on the law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry.

Advocate Am Amin Uddin, a former secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), recently told The Daily Star that Chief Justice Mohammad Fazlul Karim had assured them of solving the problem regarding oath of the two judges, but they did not get any information about any step of the chief justice.

He hoped that the present chief justice would administer oath to Ruhul Quddus and Khasruzzaman within his tenure.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed has not yet met President Zillur Rahman although the parliamentary standing committee on law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry at a meeting on May 24 this year, asked

the law minister to meet the president within three days to resolve the matter.

The law minister recently told this correspondent that he did not feel necessary to meet the president in this regard, as their appointments are still valid.

President of the SCBA Khandker Mahbub Hossain in July told this correspondent that the government should cancel the two judges' appointment for the sake of the judiciary.

Lawyers of the country would not accept it if the chief justice administer oath to these two "controversial" persons, he said.

Justice Fazlul Karim swore in 15 of the 17 newly appointed HC additional judges on April 18, leaving out the two considering "unavoidable circumstances."

The crisis over swearing-in of the two judges has not been resolved since their appointment on April 11 by the president.



Noman Khan receives Ramon Magsaysay Award 2010

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AHM Noman Khan, founder and Executive Director of Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), on Tuesday received the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2010 for significant contribution towards development of people with disabilities.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino gave away the award to Noman Khan as well as six others at a grand function at the Philippine's main cultural centre, said a CDD press release.

Noman Khan is the ninth Bangladeshi to win the award, considered as Asia's Nobel Prize.

Asked how he felt, Noman said, "This is a recognition for participating in the movement to ensure rights of people with disabilities. This is the result of a long-time movement of challenged people and the people who work for them."

Now a total of 350 development organisations are working in the country for the development of people with disabilities, the release added.

The award was introduced in 1957 to commemorate the Philippine's third president Ramon Magsaysay, who died in a plane crash.

20 valiant women honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty valiant women, who suffered repression of the Pakistan occupation forces during the Liberation War, were honoured yesterday.

Eminent drama personality Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu donated the war heroines from Sirajganj the prize money of Tk 1 lakh he received for this year's Ekushey award.

"You are the mothers of the country. The state must honour you as national heroines," he said referring to the war heroines at a programme at Liberation War Museum in the capital.

Sommilito Sangskritik Jote organised the programme for handing the money to the war heroines who have not been recognised by the country.

"We get recognition after 40 years. This is a priceless reward for us. We will keep it forever," said Surya Begum, a war heroine.

She said many war heroines in Sirajganj do not identify themselves because of social stigma.

More than 2.5 lakh war heroines are in the

country, according to researchers.

"It would be better if we were martyred," Bachchu said quoting a war heroine, who went through a terrifying ordeal of social stigma after the Liberation War.

Bachchu has been working for recognition of the war heroines since 2006.

Speakers at the programme said the war heroines should be engaged in war crimes probe and could act as witnesses in the trial of war criminals.

Imam Bari, freedom fighter and the then Navy commander; Hasan Arif, general secretary of Sommilito Sangskritik Jote; and Safina Lohani, who looks after the 20 war heroines in Sirajganj, spoke at the programme.

The 20 war heroines are Surya Begum, Ayesha Begum, Asia Begum, Nurjahan Begum, Raju Bala, Mahela Bagum, Rahela Begum, Bahatan Begum, Rahima Bewa, Kamola Begum, Samina Begum, Aymona Begum, Asia Begum, Josna Banu, Joygun Begum, Karimona Begum, Hajera Begum, Suraiya Begum, Hasina Begum and Hamida Begum.

Appeal for help



Md Zahid Hussain Sani, 16, has been suffering from Pott's disease known as spinal tuberculosis, a kind of tuberculous arthritis of intervertebral joints.

His physicians said the disease has affected his backbone structure. Sani needs to undergo surgery involving Tk 2 lakh but it is not possible for his widow mother to afford the treatment cost.

Sani, a student of class ten at Mirpur Jannat Academy High School, is now undergoing treatment under Prof Nawsher Alam at Uttara Adhunik Medical College Hospital in the city.

His mother, a domestic help by profession, has appealed to generous people to extend a helping hand to save her son's life. Contributions can be sent to Yasmin Begum, Account No. 9669, Islami Bank Bangladesh, Pallabi Branch, Dhaka. Cell No 01937892763.

Manpower agents asked not to send workers to Iraq illegally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharrif Hossain yesterday cautioned the manpower agents not to send Bangladeshi workers to Iraq illegally, which would badly affect Bangladesh's labour market abroad.

Since the Gulf War, oil-rich Iraq had stopped hiring workers from Bangladesh. Recently Bangladesh has opened its mission in Baghdad and workers have started going there.

According to official statistics, beginning in 2009, only around 2000 Bangladeshi workers have so far gone to Iraq. But unofficial estimates suggest that there are already around 10,000 Bangladeshis in Iraq.

"I would earnestly request you not to send Bangladeshi workers to Iraq illegally on Ziarat visas [visas for religious purpose]," he said, while addressing an Iftar party organised by Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira).

The minister said after the formation of government Iraq will need lakhs of foreign workers. The agents will have the opportunity

of sending a lot of workers. Therefore it is important that the agencies do not resort to any irregular activities.

He said economic recession caused a fall in overseas employment. As the countries get over the recession, the flow will be robust soon.

Mosharrif, also labour minister, said a seven-member Bangladesh delegation would visit different countries aimed at exploring new labour markets.

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) President AK Azad said Bangladeshi expatriates make the highest contribution to our forex through remittances, which is now \$10.5 billion annually and recruiting agencies play a crucial role in this field.

However, there is a wrong idea that the garment industry is the highest foreign currency earners, \$12 billion annually. Around \$6 billion is spent for importing cloth and other materials for the sector, Azad said.

Baira President Abul Bashar, General Secretary Ali Haider Chowdhury and other members were, among others, present on the occasion.



PHOTO: BNP

Leaders and activists of BNP place wreaths at the grave of late president Ziaur Rahman in the city yesterday marking the party's 32nd founding anniversary. (Story on Page 1)

DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable

The Daily Star and Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) will jointly organise a roundtable. Venue: Daily Star Bhaban, 19, Karwan Bazar, Time: 1:30pm.

Dialogue

Centre for Policy Dialogue will organise a dialogue. Venue: Brac Centre Inn auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

Doa mahfil

Rehab will arrange a doa mahfil. Venue: National Plaza, 1/G Free School Street, Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion

Integrated Educational-Cultural Programme will arrange a discussion. Venue: Public Library auditorium, Time: 3:30pm.

Mobile mela

Citycell will organise a mobile mela. Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Time: 11:30am.



Moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Sylhet and Rangpur divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:16pm today and rises at 5:41am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 24.5 degrees Celsius at Rangamati.

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	33.5	26.3	78	66
Chittagong	32.8	25.3	--	76
Rajshahi	34.3	26.4	83	73
Khulna	33.0	26.5	80	80
Barisal	32.6	25.5	82	76
Sylhet	33.9	25.8	80	78
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.0	80	78

Qulkhwani of Zinatunnesa today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Sheikh Zinatunnesa, mother of former minister and secretary general of Jatiya Party (JP) Sheikh Shahidul Islam, will be held today.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme at the premises of Sheikh Bari Jam-e Mosque in Tungipara after Asr prayers to pray for the salvation of her departed soul.

Sheikh Zinatunnesa breathed her last at the age of 87 due to old age complexities at the BSMMU on August 30.

Zinatunnesa was buried yesterday at her family graveyard in Tungipara after namaaz-e-janaza on the premises of Sheikh Bari Jam-e Mosque, says a press release.

Sheikh Shahidul Islam, JP presidium member Abu Sayeed Khan, vice-chairman Sheikh Md Joynal Abedin, political leaders, local deputy commissioner among others attended her Janaza.

3 YEARS

Free Spares Free Service Free Maintenance



For a limited time only, anyone who books and registers the Lancer EX, will receive an exclusive 3 year Free Maintenance Package*/30,000 km which includes parts and labor costs.

Parts that are covered include the Engine Oil 24 L, Oil Filter 6 nos, Fuel Filter 1 no, Air Cleaner 1 no, Brake Fluid, Coolant, Differential Oil and Transmission Oil, Brake Pads 1 set, Brake shoes 1 set, AC filter 2 pcs & free washing cleaning.

The parts change schedule will follow the recommended scheduled service.

Sole distributor
RANGS LIMITED
Call Rangs : 01713016592
01713142045, 01713142056

