

Killing of journo Farhad Khan protested

Journalist leaders yesterday expressed grievance over the silence of the government and administration on the murder of journalist Farhad Khan.

The leaders at a human chain in the city also demanded proper investigation into the murder of Farhad and exemplary punishment to the killers.

Unidentified people murdered Farhad and his wife at their Naya Paltan residence in the city on January 28.

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists' (DFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) organised the protest programme in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

They claimed that the journalist community hardly gets justice of crimes against them though they are often assaulted, tortured or killed.

DFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan, DUJ President Shah Alamgir, BFUJ Secretary General Altaf Mahmud, DFUJ former president Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, former secretary general Abdul Jalil Bhuyian and DUJ General Secretary Abu Jafar Surjo also joined the human chain.

Course on PR begins Feb 13

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Bangladesh Institute of Journalism and Electronic Media (BIJEM) arranged a two-week long training course titled "Modern Technique of Public Relations and Communications" beginning February 13.

Main objective of the course is to strengthen skills of public relation officers through theoretical and practical education, to develop image of institutions and organizations, says a press release.

Public relations experts, leading journalists from both print and electronic media, university teachers and advertisement and ICT experts will conduct the course.

This particular course is open for professionals and people keen to build career in public relations.

Last date to submit nomination/application is February 13. Classes will be held from Sunday to Thursday from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.

For detailed information, interested candidates are requested to contact BIJEM office, 257/8 Elephant Road, Katabon Dhal, Dhaka.

DHAKA TODAY

Inauguration

An e-learning website, www.champs21.com, will be inaugurated. Venue: The Daily Star auditorium, Time: 3:00pm.

Reading

The Reading Circle and Writers' Block will co-host a reading by Nighat Gandhi. Venue: Red Shift, Radius Centre, 57 Gulshan Avenue, Time: 5:00pm.

Workshop

High Commission for Pakistan will organise a workshop. Venue: 145, New Baily Road, Time: 4:00pm.

Kawali music

Dhakabashi will arrange a Kawali music programme. Venue: Lalbagh Kella, Time: 4:00pm.

Human chain

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will form a human chain. Venue: In front of National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Seminar

South Asia Youth for Peace and Prosperity Society will arrange an international seminar. Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Time: 3:00pm.

Roundtable



To put pedestrians on right track

(Clockwise from left) A damaged bus, which crashed into the road divider on Khilgaon Flyover at the side of Basabo in the city yesterday after hitting Mostafizur Rahman, a class six student of Motijheel Govt Boys School. Agitating local people compel pedestrians to use the foot over-bridge there as three people were killed in road accidents there in last two months. The injured schoolboy is on a trolley at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after admission.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



ENCROACHMENT, EARTH FILLING HC ruling on saving Nikunja Lake

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to maintain the status quo on earth filling and building on Nikunja Lake at the capital's Joar Sahara for next three months.

The HC ruling asking the government to stop encroachment on the piece of land during the period came in response to a petition.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain also issued a rule upon the government to explain within four weeks why it should not be directed to remove structures from the place and to protect it from encroachment and pollution.

Chairmen of Civil Aviation Authority and Rajuk, directors general of Department of Environment and City Planning, and officers-in-charge of the police stations con-

cerned have been made respondents to the rule.

Golam Haider, a leader of Nikunja Abashik Elaka Kalyan Samiti (Nikunja Residential Area Welfare Association) filed the petition as a public interest litigation yesterday seeking protection of Nikunja Lake near the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The petitioner said encroachment, earth filling and construction are going on destroying the lake.

Besides, Nikunja Lake falls in the zero-height zone area of the airport where no construction is allowed by the law, he said.

The zero-height zone covers 500 feet on either side of the runway and 3000 ft ahead of it and another 3000 behind.

Advocate Manzill Murshid appeared for the petitioner while Assistant Attorney General Shahidul Islam stood for the government.

Jamaat leaders meet Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night discussed latest political situation with Jamaat-e-Islami leaders following her party's victory in the recently held municipal and by-polls.

During the meeting held at her Gulshan office, Khaleda, also Leader of the Opposition, discussed next course of action of the four-party alliance, meeting source told The Daily Star.

"We have discussed overall latest political situation and exchanged views on how the four-party alliance can stand by people at the time of their sufferings," Jamaat leader ATM Azharul Islam told this correspondent.

He said they have also discussed programmes for anti-government movement which will be finalised after discussion with other like-minded political parties.

Fifth population census begins on March 15

BSS, Dhaka

Preparations for holding the fifth Population and Housing Census are going on in full swing to conduct it from March 15.

Talking to the news agency Secretary to Statistics Division Riti Ibrahim said this is for the first time Bangladesh is going to use first ever-digital enumeration map and a unique geo-coding system for holding the five-day census till March 19.

She said digital enumeration map and computerised geo-coding system would use to process the data in the shortest possible time and disseminate results simultaneously in hard and soft formats, as well as on the web page.

The statistics division chief said over 70,000 maps, made by Arial photograph, that contain each mouja and unions across the country would be used in conducting the census.

To conduct the census, Riti Ibrahim said, the country would be divided into 130 census districts while Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) will engage 2,700 zonal

offices.

There will be 60,000 supervisors who will be selected from local educated youths to engage in census across the country. One supervisor will oversee six to seven enumerators of 3.10 lakh enumerators in data collection.

The country will also be divided into 3.10 lakh enumeration areas each of them would collect data from 120 households.

Riti Ibrahim said the census would be conducted to collect basic characteristics of all households and population of the country. Later, post enumeration quality check survey will be conducted to determine the coverage and content error of the main census.

Bangladesh has a long history of census. The first one conducted in this territory was in 1872. Since then censuses were conducted on a decennial basis, regularly. This year's census is the fifth since the country's independence.

"We have taken a number of steps to strengthen the capacity of state run BBS that includes the upcoming population and housing census", she said.



PHOTO: BANGLADESH MISSION, GENEVA

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh in Geneva Md Abdul Hannan presents his Letters of Credence as the envoy to Switzerland to its President Micheline Calmy-Rey recently.



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First-prize winners of an art competition--Rabab Binte Rafe (nursery), Ritovash Chandra (KG II), Hoor-e-Jannat (class 1), Tasnia Tabassum (class V) and Luiza Razorio (class X)--pose for photograph on Saturday. Summerfield International School in collaboration with its junior section Tiny Tots organised the contest to celebrate its 37th anniversary.

SHAHIDULLA KILLING Land dispute behind murder Three held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police suspected that trader Mohammad Shahidulla might have been gunned down at Kunjaban in the city's East Rampura on Saturday night following a land dispute.

Rampura police yesterday arrested three local youths--Nur Islam Nura, Sumon and Babul--in this connection.

Unidentified gunmen shot dead Shahidulla in front of his five-storey Kunjaban residence.

Officer-in-Charge Sayedur Rahman of the police said the victim had a dispute over the land of the residence.

The OC however declined the names of the persons with whom the victim had enmity over the land.

He added they were carrying out the investigation considering victim's land dispute, business transactions and relation with locals and relatives.

Next-door neighbour Nasir Alam said around a year back a handmade cocktail was blasted in front of Rahman's building but locals could not trace attackers, as Rahman did not show interest in this regard.

Locals said Rahman who was the president of Kunjaban residential welfare association, did not allow local youths to gather or spend time around his residence, which often-times enraged youths.

Salamat Hossain Khan, a relative of the deceased, said on Saturday afternoon Rahman along with his two sons went out from his residence for a walk and after returning his flat on the second floor he came out at the evening and stood in front of his house only to be gunned down.

Khurshed Mia, a witness, said a youth suddenly appeared, drag out his firearms, fired two bullets at Rahman and fled the scene.

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Last date of Application: February 7th 2011.