



Runa Laila's mother passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amina Laila, mother of celebrated singer Runa Laila, passed away at a city hospital yesterday at the age of 87.

Amina, also a veteran singer and lyricist, had been undergoing treatment in the city's Square Hospital after suffering from a cardiac arrest on January 18.

She left behind her daughter Runa and son Syed Ali Murad, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Amina, wife of late Syed Mohammed Emdad Ali, will be laid to rest at Banani graveyard following namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan's Azad mosque after Zohr prayers today.

"My mother has had tremendous contributions for the Runa Laila I am today," said Runa talking to The Daily Star.

Runa said she had rendered many songs written by her mother.

ZUBAIR MURDER

JU probe report today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The probe committee, formed to investigate the killing of Jahangirnagar University (JU) student Zubair Ahmed, will submit report before its syndicate today.

Some JU teachers at a press conference yesterday said it would reject the report if the real culprits were protected in the probe.

They asked the JU authorities to provide compensation to Zubair's family. They also observed work abstention for two hours.

Zubair died following an attack by BCL men on January 9.

Ensure world class education

Hasina urges DU teachers

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the teachers of Dhaka University to make its standard of education world class to keep pace with the globe as well as regain the past glory of the university.

"Earning foreign degree should not be your only goal, rather quality of education will have to be raised to upgrade the rank of Dhaka University globally," she said.

The prime minister made the comments when the newly-elected office bearers of Dhaka University Teachers Association (Duta) led by its President Professor Dr Anwar Hossain met her at her office yesterday morning.

About some demands of the teachers, the prime minister said Bangabandhu Scholarship will be reintroduced in Dhaka University for the development of research in education sector.

Sheikh Hasina suggested the teachers to setup a trust fund and collect fund from the alumni members and affluent section of the society to make the university self-reliant.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Education Dr Alauddin Ahmed, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Sheikh Wahid Uz Zaman, PMO Secretary Molla Waheeduzzaman, Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad and DUTA General Secretary Prof Ohiduzzaman Chand were present, among others.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina adorns the badge of senior secretary to Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker at her office yesterday.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

ICT to replace 'documents' with 'manuscripts' in rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal will amend Section 54 of its rules of procedure, replacing the word 'documents' with 'manuscripts' in respect of accepting some forms of printed materials relating to the trial of crimes against humanity committed during 1971.

The tribunal announced its decision yesterday following Thursday's proceedings, which saw a debate break out on how the tribunal would accept newspaper reports as evidence.

During yesterday's proceedings, the tribunal said it had closely examined the rules of procedure of the International Crimes Tribunal Act, and had decided that changing the word 'documents' in Section 54 of the Rules of Procedure to 'manuscripts' would be a solution to the problem.

Neither prosecution nor defence will be benefited or be a loser if the word 'documents' is replaced with the word

'manuscript' as books and newspaper reports will be used as evidence as usual, said Prosecutor Syed Haider Ali.

He said the prosecution might have to have the authenticity of the manuscript proved by the person who was the author of the manuscript or who knows the handwriting or signature of the author, as per Section 54 of the Rules of Procedure.

Tajul Islam, a defence counsel, however said both the defence and prosecution would be benefited if the word 'documents' was replaced by the term 'manuscript'.

Earlier, the tribunal began the day's proceedings by deferring till February 19 the hearing on a framing of charges against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah for his alleged crimes against humanity.

The three-member tribunal headed passed the order after hearing a time petition submitted by the counsels of Quader Mollah, who is charged with seven specific crimes against

humanity committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

Tajul Islam told the court that the defence were not prepared to place arguments yesterday, as they could not discuss the issue with their client.

They even got copies of relevant papers and documents late, he said.

The prosecution on December 18 last year submitted formal charges against Quader Mollah before the tribunal, which took the charges into cognisance on December 28 and fixed January 29 (yesterday) for hearing on the framing charges.

After passing the order, the tribunal began recording the deposition of prosecution witnesses in a case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee regarding charges of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Seventeenth prosecution witness Rabiul Anam Khan, 44, cataloguer at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), confirmed before the court that the

investigation officer of the tribunal had seized several newspapers from the PIB in his presence.

After his deposition, defense counsel Mizanul Islam cross-examined the witness.

Following the cross-examination, the tribunal recorded the names of SM Amirul Islam, a book sorter at the PIB and colleague of Rabiul, Fatema Begum, a guide and computer operator at the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum, and Mohammad Nesar, guide of the museum, as eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution produced them before the court as witnesses, but the defence counsels declined to cross-examine them as they did not make any statement.

The tribunal is scheduled to record the deposition of the twenty-first prosecution witness today.

Ban withdrawn in Ctg

BNP procession today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The BNP's mass-processions in the port city was foiled yesterday following a ban imposed by Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) on processions and rallies.

However, the CMP withdrew the ban around 9:00pm last night.

The procession has been postponed and will be observed today, said BNP Chittagong city unit President Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury at a press conference at the party's office at Nasiman Bhaban in the city yesterday.

Termining the activities of the government 'autocratic', Khasru said, when BNP is trying to come out of the circle of conflicting politics and observe peaceful programmes, the ruling party declares 'artificial' programmes around the same time to foil the latter's programme.

BNP Central Standing Committee member MK Anwar, at the conference, warned the government to be responsible for any untoward situation if it tries to hinder BNP's mass-procession today.

He also alleged that police raided the houses of some BNP leaders and activists Saturday night.

Meanwhile, police were vigilant at important intersections of the port city, including the BNP office and picked up its five activists in the office area yesterday.

Police were also present around Jamaat-e-Islami Chittagong city unit office since the morning. CMP sources said the office was also searched but nobody was arrested.

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THE DAILY STAR-DRISTY CONTEST
EDU, Ctg Ideal School champion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

East Delta University and Chittagong Ideal School clinched the respective university and school level championship titles of "The Daily Star-Dristry Brainstorming Business Case-Solving Competition 2012".

Launched on January 18 in Chittagong city, a total of 30 teams from universities and schools took part in the competition, organised by The Daily Star and Dristry Chittagong, where they solved specific business-related cases.

The final round of the competition, in its third consecutive year, was held in a local hotel on Saturday where theatre and media personality Aly Zaker gave away the prizes as the chief guest.

The competition is helping the city's young generation prove that they have the quality and skills to present new ideas and successfully implement it in the port city, said Aly Zaker.

International Islamic University of Chittagong was adjudged the first runners up in the university level while Premier University was the second.

In school level, Presidency International School won the first runners up trophy while Silver Bells Girls High School got the second.

Chittagong Stock Exchange President Al Maruf Khan and Vice President Tarik Anam, Chittagong Club Limited President Abu Tayeb, Dristry Chittagong Adviser Nasir Uddin Chowdhury and General Secretary Saif Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

Dristry Chittagong President Masud Bakul was in the chair while its Joint Secretary Adnan Mannan moderated the programme.

The final round adjudicators were Aly Zaker, Abu Tayeb, Al Maruf Khan, Chittagong University Assistant Prof Suman Bhattacharejee, lecturer Anupam Das Gupto, Shanto Banik and Premier University lecturer Fatema Johra.

Man sentenced to death for killing niece

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his niece Sadia Nawshin Prianka, a first year student of Viharunnisa Noon School and College, in July 2007.

Judge Mohammad Motahar Hossain of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 handed down the verdict after recording statements of 26 prosecution witnesses including parents of the victim.

Prianka was strangled by his maternal uncle Zahidul Haque Rintu inside their flat in the city's Moghbazar on July 18, 2007 as her parents asked him to leave their house for his alleged involvement with criminal activities.

The next day, father of the victim filed a murder case with Ramna Police Station against Rintu for his involvement in the killing.

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