

Charge framing hearing against SQ Chy on March 7

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A Chittagong court on Tuesday fixed March 7 for hearing on charge framing against BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury in a case filed against him in connection with vandalising vehicles in Sitakunda in Chittagong in November 2010.

The court also granted him bail on a bond of Tk 50,000 after hearing a bail petition submitted by his lawyer advocate Enamul Hoque.

Meanwhile, police arrested 20 supporters of Salauddin Quader Chowdhury from the court premises yesterday during a chase and counter chase on the premises.

SM Tanvir Arafat, assistant commissioner (Detective branch) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said DB police arrested four people around 11:30am on charge of sabotage.

Md Alamgir Hossain, officer-in-charge (Enquiry) of Kotwali Police Station, said, Kotwali Police arrested 16 others around 11:45am while they were trying to create anarchy in the area.

The BNP leader was produced before the court of Chittagong District and Sessions Judge Abdul Kuddus Mia around 11:00am.

When submitting the bail prayer, Salauddin's lawyers told the court that their client's name was not mentioned in the First Information Report.

His name was implicated in the charge-sheet to harass him, the lawyers said.

The case relates to the incident when some BNP activists put up a barricade on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway and vandalised vehicles at Banshbaria and Silimpur Paka Rasta areas on November 7, 2010.

Police arrested four people at the time. Two cases were filed on November 8, 2010 in this connection.



People from all walks of life, including cultural personalities, pay their last homage to the legendary actor Humayun Faridee, inset, placing flowers on his coffin at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

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RECKLESS DRIVING

Traffic sergeant hurt as car hits him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A traffic sergeant suffered injuries after being hit by a recklessly driven private car at Panthapath in the city yesterday.

The victim, Riazul Islam Riaz, 40, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with severe head injuries. Later, he was shifted to Square Hospitals Ltd.

Police said a BBA student of a private university was enjoying the joyride in a private car to celebrate Valentine's Day with a girl, whom he later introduced as his friend. Police detained the youth Aliul Islam, 22, and the girl along with the car.

Abdul Jalil, sub-inspector of Tejgaon Police Station, said Riazul was on duty near Basundhara Shopping Mall. He noticed the "madly driven" car coming from Green Road around 10:00am. He signaled for the car to stop.

The car hit the sergeant as it tried to escape defying his signal. Locals chased down the car some yards off the spot.

The youth told police that he hangs out using his father's car from their Gulshan-2 residence. He claimed that he had a driving licence but lost it.

Valentine's Day adds colour to Boi Mela

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamal Hossain, who works at a private organisation, took leave to spend Valentine's Day with his beloved and as part of the plan the couple visited the Amar Ekushey Boi Mela yesterday.

Jamal in formal dress and his girlfriend in a saree spent a couple of hours at the Bangla Academy premises and both gifted books to each other as a sign of love.

Like Jamal and his girlfriend, hundreds of couples in colourful sarees and panjabis with flowers in hands flocked to the fair premises yesterday afternoon, turning the venue into a place for happy and colourful celebration.

Though young couples made a significant portion of yesterday's visitors, the presence of the elderly and children was also noticeable.

Fifty-nine-year old Mohammad Nayeem, a London expatriate, came to the fair with his wife Godhuly Nayeem as a part of their Valentine's Day celebration.

"I will leave the country within a few days, but the celebration of the day will remain alive in my memory throughout my life in abroad", he said. Nayeem came from the city's Uttara.

Meanwhile, a total 132 new books arrived at the book fair yesterday.

SECOND WEEK OF THE FAIR

As the fair entered its second week, as many as 1743 new titles filled the stalls. The number was 1377 last year in the same period.

Faridee laid to rest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid love and sorrow, hundreds of people from all walks of life yesterday bade a final goodbye to their much admired thespian Humayun Faridee.

The legendary actor was laid to rest at Mirpur Intellectuals' Graveyard yesterday afternoon. His mourning admirers, fans, well-wishers and relatives thronged the graveyard to pay an emotional farewell to the actor.

Earlier, his body was kept at the Central Shaheed Minar for nearly three hours from 10:00am to enable his grief-stricken relatives, colleagues and people from every strata of society to pay their last tributes to the actor.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote made arrangements for a public viewing of Faridee's body at the Shaheed Minar.

Razia Khatun, a housewife, came all the way from Kaliganj of Gazipur to see her silver screen hero.

"I along with my friends set off from my house around 5:00am to see him. It's only affection that drives me here," she said in a voice overcome with emotion.

People had gathered at the Shaheed Minar even before Faridee's body arrived at the spot, where he was also given guard of honour.

"He will be irreplaceable in both television and the film industry. We may never get another versatile actor like him," said Pijush Bandopadhyay, one of Faridee's long time colleagues.

Terming Faridee's performance unique, another noted theatre persona Ramendu Majumder said, "Humayun Faridee was an outstanding actor on stage. He blended with his characters and made them real."

Faridee, who mesmerised audiences with his acting skills in theatre, television drama, and cinema, breathed his last at his Dhanmondi residence in the capital Monday morning. He was 60.

"We are mournful at his demise. He will remain alive among us through his work", said Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu, president of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote.

Following Bachchu's address, one minute's silence was observed to pay tribute to the artiste.

Later a parade with cultural personalities and common people marched solemnly to Dhaka University's Central Mosque where the fourth namaz-e-janaza of Faridee was held.

His body was then taken for burial.

Faridee's first namaz-e-janaza was held in front of his residence around 12:45pm Monday while the second took place at Bangladesh Television complex in Rampura around 2:00pm. His third namaz-e-janeza was held at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation after Asr prayers on the same day.

A freedom fighter, Faridee had been suffering from some complications including lung disease. He was admitted to a city hospital about eight or nine days ago and returned to his residence on Sunday.

Born in Narinda in the old part of Dhaka on May 29, 1952, Faridee was a student of economics at Jahangirnagar University. His passion for acting began in his childhood. In the early 1980s, he joined Dhaka Theatre.

He is well known for his extraordinary portrayal of roles in different plays including Songsaptak, Pathar Shomoy, Dui Bhai, Sheeter Pakhi, Kothao Keu Nei, Shomudre Gangchil and Kachher Manush.

Midway in his stage career, Faridee joined film and won the hearts of millions through his work.

COUPLE MURDER

SCBA to provide legal supports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Khandker Mahbub Hossain yesterday said his association will provide all kinds of legal assistance to move the case against the killers of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi.

He said this to reporters at his office yesterday. He said the association is also ready to give legal assistance to all the journalists, who have fallen victims to tortures across the country.

SCBA Secretary Bodruddoza Badal and Treasurer Fahima Nasrin Munni, also were present at the briefing.



Journalists form a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday protesting the killing of Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi.

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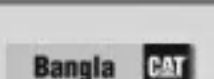


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