



Wazed Miah's anniversary of death today

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Today is the third death anniversary of Dr MA Wazed Miah, eminent nuclear scientist and husband of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He passed away on this day in 2009 at Square Hospital in the capital after prolonged illnesses, said a press release.

Dhaka city unit of Awami League (AL) chalked out a daylong programme to mark the day.

The programmes include recitation from the Holy Quran and milad mahfil after Zohr prayers at AL central office.

Recitation from the Holy Quran and milad mahfil will be held at Sudha Sadan residence of late Wazed Miah at Dhanmondi.

BAAIGM executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Engineer Nazrul Islam and Prof Dr ASM Atiqur Rahman were elected president and general secretary of Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM).

They were elected for the period of 2012-2013 through an election held on Friday, said a press release.

The other office bearers include Farida Begum (Moni), and Dr ABM Abdullah Al Mahmud, vice-presidents, GNR Abul Bashar, treasurer, Md Abdul Quyum, joint secretary, Md Mizanur Rahman, organising secretary and Md Elias Chowdhury, cultural secretary.

Besides, Toyeba Khatoon, Md Lutfar Rahman, Abdur Rab Bhuiyan, Lutfunnesa Harun, Shawgat Hossain, Dr Abdul Baqi, Rafiqullah Patwary, AK Abu Hanif, Touhid Bin Muzaffar, Rowshan Akhter Rahman and Alhaj Sayeda Nilufar Quaderi were elected as members.



Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth wing of opposition BNP, stages a protest rally against the "disappearance" of BNP leader Ilias Ali before the party's Naya Paltan office in the capital yesterday. The programme left traffic in a long tailback, as one lane was completely occupied.

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CASE AGAINST SAYEDEE

Last PW cross-examined for fourth day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The defence cross-examined the last prosecution witness in a case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 for the fourth day yesterday.

Mohammad Helal Uddin, the witness and investigator of the case, yesterday faced questions regarding a website he used for the investigation and evidence collected for the case related to crimes against humanity that Sayedee allegedly committed during the Liberation War of 1971.

The prosecution witness, who is also an assistant superintendent of police (ASP), however, did not reply directly to some of the defence's questions. The prosecution also intervened in the cross-examination on several occasions.

Visibly annoyed at these, AKM Zaheer Ahmed, a judge at the three-member tribunal, said, "you are not giving answers according to the questions" and asked the investigation officer to reply to the questions properly.

The judge also expressed irritation as prosecutor Sahidur Rahman tried to assist the witness during the cross-examination.

Mentioning that Helal Uddin is an educated and award-winning police officer and there is no need to teach him, Zaheer Ahmed told the prosecutor, "How come! This is not a playground. It's a court of law."

"Let him understand and reply. There is no need to hurry", the judge said.

Earlier, the defence and the witness spent some time over a website, which the witness had mentioned in his testimony.

ASP Helal Uddin in his deposition said he went through the website "genocidebangladesh.org" and downloaded some information about the Liberation War.

In response to questions, the investigation officer said the website was one of his sources of information that some houses of Barisal and a number of other localities, including Sayedee's village home in Pirojpur, were damaged during the 1971 war.

The investigation officer however admitted that Sayedee's name was not found in the documents he downloaded from the site.

Sayedee's defence counsel Mizanul Islam claimed that there was a link of Kean University of USA to the site but there was no such information regarding the Liberation War. Knowing the fact, the investigator willingly presented the "misinformation" at the court, he said.

It is not true, replied Helal Uddin.

Earlier, in the beginning of the day's proceedings, the defence lawyers drew attention of the court on International Crimes (Tribunal-1) Rules of Procedure (Amendment), 2012, which was published in a gazette on April 19, 2012.

The defence expressed their concern to the court as the amendment of the rules might be harmful for them. But the court assured them it would not be harmful.

bdnews24.com cautioned

The tribunal chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq yesterday cautioned, bdnews24.com, an online newspaper, for one of its Monday's report headlined "Website queries halt ICT-1 grilling".

Justice Nizamul Huq said the headline was "contemptuous" and pointed out that the website queries did not at all halt the proceedings.

"People at home and abroad read your stories [on the tribunal]. Now you tell me, what kind of a signal went out to the world with this report?"

"Please be careful with the reports and the headlines", he asked.

CASES AGAINST BNP LEADERS

Hearing on Rizvi's bail plea May 17

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday sought bail to the sessions judge's court in connection with two cases--one filed for exploding bombs near the secretariat and another for torching a vehicle near the Prime Minister's Office during hartal hours.

The court fixed May 17 for hearing Rizvi's bail petition. **KHOKHON'S BAIL-BOND** Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Saifur Rahman asked BNP lawmaker Mahbub Uddin Khokon to furnish bail-bond upon a bond of Tk 10,000 with two guarantors.

On May 3, a third judge of the High Court granted him anticipatory bail till today in a case filed for torching the vehicle near the PMO during hartal.

Justice Khondker Musa Khaled came up with the bail order a day after the judges of a division bench delivered dissenting orders on the same issue.

Meantime, another Dhaka court rejected a plea for cancelling the remand order given earlier to place BNP leader Rehana Akhter Dolly on a three-day remand in the bomb blast case.

The same court on May 7 granted a three-day remand to Dolly.

4 'commit' suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four people, including a female university student, a newly-married girl, a small trader and an elderly man, allegedly took their lives in separate incidents in the capital yesterday.

A private university student allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself in her bedroom at Shyamoli in the capital yesterday.

Daughter of Bazlur Rahman of North Shyamoli, the deceased was identified as Naznin Rahman Koli, 21, a BBA second year student of Northern University.

Koli's father Bazlur Rahman told Sher-e-Banglanagar Police that they broke open the door of her room as she was not responding despite being called repeatedly and found the girl hanging at around 7:30am.

"Then we got her down and rushed her to the National Heart Institute at Sher-e-Banglanagar where doctors declared her dead", Bazlur told police.

Khaleda Akhter Kalpana, 19, wife of one Al Amin, hanged herself to death in her husband's residence at Uttar Para of Uttarkhan in the morning.

Police recovered the body from her husband's house around 7:00am.

Kalpana's father Abu Abul filed a murder case with Uttarkhan Police Station accusing the victim's husband, worker of a mineral water plant, and three of his family members.

Quoting the complaint Sub-Inspector Abdul Kader said Al Amin had been demanding a passenger electronic bike as dowry from his in-laws since he married Kalpana three months ago.

Abul alleged that the in-laws killed her for his failure to meet the demand.

Meanwhile, Dinesh Babu Roy, 35, a trader of Shyampur, committed suicide hanging from shower inside bathroom. His wife Laxmi Roy found his hanging body at around 12:00 noon.

Laxmi told police that Dinesh entered the bathroom after returning home from an oil shop. As he was not returning after a long time, Laxmi peeped into the bathroom and found the body hanging. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead at around 1:30pm.

Reasons behind his death could not be known immediately. Dinesh was not doing well in business and was frustrated.

Police recovered the body of an elderly man identified as Nazimuddin, 70, in Pallabi at around 12:30pm, which was hanging in his bedroom.

Three die as truck hits rickshaw

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people, including a mother and a daughter, were killed and two others injured when a truck hit their rickshaw-van on Dhaka-Tangail road at Narasinghapur in Ashulia of Savar early yesterday.

The deceased were Piyara Begum, 40, her daughter Amena Begum, 17, and Sabu Mia, 30, the rickshaw-van puller.

Amena's 11-month-old son Piyas and her cousin Mostofa Talukder were injured in the accident and were undergoing treatment at a local hospital.

Piyara and Amena, workers of a garment factory in Ashulia, was hailing from Amtoli upazila in Barguna while Sabuj from Satkhira.

The incident took place around midnight while they were returning from a nearby hospital where Piyas was admitted due to diarrhoea, injured Mostofa, said Ashulia police.

"A speeding truck hit our van from behind and we skidded off the road," Mostafa said.

Badrul Alam, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station, said police rushed to the spot and sent all five to a nearby hospital where doctors declared Piyara, Amena and Sabuj dead.

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