

Obituary

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Md Anwar Hossain FCA, founder president of ICMA B, former...

president of ICAB and former chairman of Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation...

He left behind his wife, two sons and one daughter.

His quikhwani will be held on Friday.

Kazi Ziaur Rahman STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent businessman Kazi Ziaur Rahman died of heart disease at a hospital in the capital yesterday.

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

His quikhwani will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at his residence in Gulshan, Road-119, of the capital.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 17th death anniversary of Justice Muhammad Ansar Ali, a renowned...

lawyer and Justice of Bangladesh Supreme Court, says a press release.

He was imprisoned in 1952 for his participation in the Language Movement and was awarded with "Matribhasa Padak 2001" for his association with this historic movement.

He was a freedom fighter in the Liberation War of 1971. He was elected senior vice-president of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association...

Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his village home in Naogaon and also at Banani graveyard in the capital today.

Dr AKM Shamsul Huda STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 12th death anniversary of Dr AKM Shamsul Huda, an activist of Language Movement in 1952.

Qurankhwani, and a milad mahfil will be held at the mosque in Mirpur martyred intellectual graveyard, said a press release.



City dwellers under the banner of Dhaka Andolon hold a protest demonstration in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding enactment of house rent control law.

PHOTO: STAR

Keep Abul mum on Padma bridge issue

Ministers request PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some senior ministers, at different times in the last two days, have requested Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to refrain from making public statements on the Padma bridge project, sources said.

Abul's statements on his role in the project were affecting the government's image as World Bank, only days ago, had cancelled its \$1.2 billion credit for the project, said the ministers.

World Bank, in a statement on June 29, stated that it had cancelled the credit for the project with immediate effect as it had proof of corruption conspiracy involving Bangladeshi officials, executives of a Canadian firm and individuals.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, one of the ministers, on condition of anonymity, said Abul was facing an image crisis at the backdrop of World Bank's corruption allegations against him regarding the project.

"If he tries to explain his position now, people will react more in the wake of the loan cancellation. We have therefore requested the prime minister to refrain him from making public statements," the minister said at the Secretariat.

Meanwhile, another minister said they were embarrassed over what Abul had been saying over the media.

On what the prime minister had said on hearing their request, the minister said the premier had listened to them and assured them that necessary steps would be taken in this regard.

HC stays suspension of 6 UP chairmen

STAR CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed for three months a government order that had suspended six union parishad (UP) chairmen of Bishwanath upazila of Sylhet.

A vacation bench of the HC comprising Justice Hasan Foez Siddique and Justice AKM Shahidul Haque came up with the order and rules following hearing on six separate petitions filed by the suspended chairmen challenging the legality of the government decision.

The suspended chairmen are Mohammad Lilu Miah of Alamkari Union,

Nizam Uddin Siddique of Khajanthi Union, Md Jalal Uddin of Bishwanath Union, Kabir Hossain Miah of Lamakazi Union, Md Tahid Miah of Dewkolosh Union and Md Abbas Ali of Dowlatur Union.

Contacted, Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder said that upazila nirbahi officers of Bishwanath on July 2 suspended the six as per a decision of local government and rural development ministry.

The six chairmen were implicated in the charge sheet of a case filed on April 23 in connection with disappearance of BNP leader M Ilias Ali.

Robbers wearing Rab uniforms rob Tk 16 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Miscreants wearing the uniform of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) robbed Tk 16 lakh from staff of two private companies in Madhabpur of Habiganj yesterday.

According to RAK Paint Plant Manager Mainul Islam, seven to eight miscreants took away the money from his company's two staff and two others of Star Ceramics when they were returning to the Noapara factories in a microbus around 2:00pm in Jagodishpur area.

Earlier, RAK paint's employees Ziaur Rahman and Rafiqul Islam drew Tk 3 lakh and Star Ceramic's employees Shaheeruzzaman and Matiuur Rahman drew Tk 13 lakh from a Prime Bank branch in Madhabpur, he said.

Police arrested the microbus driver in this regard.

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BDR CARNAGE CASE

9 more witnesses testify

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine more prosecution witnesses yesterday gave deposition before the Metropolitan Sessions Judges' Court set up temporarily at the Alia Madrasa playground in the capital's Bakshibazar to hold the BDR carnage trial.

Among the witnesses, Doctor Snigdha Sarkar, who conducted autopsy on 14 victims of the carnage including Col Mojibul Haque, was cross-examined by defence counsels for the second day.

After her cross-examination, the court received deposition of eight witnesses including six who identified the 14 bodies. Following

their deposition, defence counsel cross-examined them.

So far 278 witnesses gave their deposition before the court.

Prosecutor Mosharrar Hossain Kajol said former army chief Gen Moeen U Ahmed, prime minister's Military Secretary Maj Gen Miah Md Zainul Abedin, former inspector general of police Nur Muhammad, and Lt Col (ret'd) Dr Jahan Ara Begum will possibly appear before the court within a few working days to give their testimonies.

A Dhaka court on Monday asked them to give their testimonies in connection with the carnage at BDR headquarters in 2009.

CLASH OVER TRAIN TICKETS

2 BR staff suspended, 3 buyers injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three train ticket buyers were injured during a clash between the buyers and two railway employees over "illegal" purchase of train tickets at Chittagong Railway Station yesterday morning.

The two employees were suspended following the clash.

The clash began when people waiting in a queue before Counter No-2 found that the person in front of the queue was going to buy 20 tickets for a railway employee, Ziaul Alam.

The suspended employees were Ziaul Alam and Abdul Awal, booking clerk, of Chittagong Railway Station while the injured buyers were Mohammad Raihan, Nurul Imran, and Mirza Amir.

"We told the person in the front to leave the

queue as we had been waiting since dawn. The man left but Ziaul Alam came to replace him and collected the tickets from the booking clerk," said Nurul Imran, adding that it was "illegal".

He further said, "When we protested against the incident and grabbed Ziaul, he accompanied by a number of railway porters and two members of Railway Nirapatta Bahini (RNB) hit me and dragged me out of the queue."

"Seeing that, other ticket seekers and I tried to rescue Nurul Imran from the railway employees," said Raihan, adding that the RNB men attacked them with their batons.

Denying the matter of RNB men charging the ticket seekers, RNB Chittagong Railway Station Inspector Saleh Patwary said, "Our members only intervened in the situation to calm them down. Nobody attacked the passengers."

Five killed, nine injured in road accidents

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Five people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in Sirajganj, Rangpur, and Jessore on Tuesday and yesterday.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports, two people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in the district yesterday.

In an incident, Abdul Gofur, 35, of Shernagar village under Belkuchi upazila, died on the spot when a tank-lorry collided head-on with a CNG-run auto rickshaw in Saidabad area near the Bangabandhu Bridge. Four people were also injured in the incident.

In another incident, Abdul Mannan, 20, of Ultadab village in Shahzadpur upazila, was killed on the spot, and five other passengers of a 'Nasiman' were injured as a bus hit the engine-run three wheeler on Hatikumrul-Bonpara highway in Chariashika area yesterday.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, a girl and an unidentified man were killed in road accidents on Rangpur-Dhaka highway in the district on Tuesday.

In an incident, Bithi, 10, daughter of Abu Bakkar of Islampur village in Mithapukur upazila, was killed on the spot as a pick-up van ran her in Boiragyanj Islampur area.

In another accident, a bus ran over an unidentified man killing him on the same spot on Tuesday night.

Our Benapole correspondent reports, a college student was killed when a truck hit his motorcycle on Benapole-Jessore highway in Chasra area in Jessore yesterday.

Ajminur Rahman Mim, 18, a second year student at Jessore Upashahar Degree College, was killed as a truck hit his motorcycle in the area around 8:00pm.

Seriously injured Mim was rushed to Jessore Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

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