

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Journalist Md Badiuzzaman, who is suffering from oesophagus and stomach cancer, seeks financial aid from the well-off section of the society.

Badiuzzaman, 44, is a former sub-editor of the daily Mukta Khabar and member of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ).

Doctors have suggested that he goes abroad for surgery, which will cost him Tk 20-25 lakh.

But he has already spent all his savings for the costly treatment.

For saving his life, any contribution can be sent to: Badiuzzaman, account number: 18959806501, Standard Chartered Bank.

His contact number is 01761756073.

Obituary



Hosne Ara Begum, wife of freedom fighter and former lawmaker late Nizamuddin Ahammad, died of cardiac arrest at a hospital in New York on Tuesday.

She was 72, said a press release.

She left behind five sons, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held on Sherpur Pauro Eidgah premises after Asr prayers today.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the fifth death anniversary of AK Faezul Huq, former minister and only son of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq, said a press release.

On the occasion, his family members have arranged a milad and doa mahfil at their Baridhara and KM Das Lane residences in the capital.

Md Zahir Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 13th death anniversary of Dr Md Zahir Khan, former chairman and director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at his son's residence in Banani of the capital, said a press release.

Fazlul Karim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 18th death anniversary of Fazlul Karim, former chief arboriculturist, roads and highways department, said a press release.

On the occasion, all his relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

HSC EXAM RESULTS IN CTG

Students, teachers happy

MD TYMUR JAHAN CHOWDHURY, Ctg

Eyeing for a GPA-5, students along with their guardians anxiously waited for their Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination results on Chittagong Government College campus yesterday morning amidst incessant rainfall in the port city.

The scenario was no different at other colleges of the city.

As the moment of results finally arrived, some students leapt with joy while others broke into tears.

Like the previous year, Fauzderhat Cadet College topped among the colleges under Chittagong Education Board in terms of their HSC performance this year.

All 41 examinees of the college secured the HSC examination, with 38 of them securing GPA-5.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Government College and Government Commerce College, Chittagong secured the second and third spots respectively in the list of top 20 educational institutions of Chittagong as ranked by the local board this year.

A total of 445 and 333 students respectively of the two colleges achieved GPA-5 this year.

"My dreams have come true and I got the fruits of my two years of hard work," said a GPA-5 holder who seeks to get admission into Dhaka Medical College.

This year, the total HSC examinees from Chittagong were 54,549. Of them, 39,011 students passed, with 3,145 securing GPA-5.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION

Admin heads will be summoned for inaction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The administrative head of any office will be summoned under the Right to Information Act if the office does not provide applicants with information within the stipulated period, said the Information Commission yesterday.

The commission gave the warning during a hearing at the commission headquarters in the capital, after it learned that the Department of Roads and Highways in Sirajganj showed negligence in providing information to journalist Golam Mostafa Jibon.

Seeking information like the amount of money allocated for construction of roads and highways in the district starting from February 2010, Jibon filed the application on February 13 this year.

Not receiving any information in 20 days

from the designated officer, Jibon appealed to the appellate authority, M Noor-e-Alam, executive engineer of R&H Department.

Noor-e-Alam asked Jibon to communicate with sub-assistant engineer of the office but still receiving no information he complained to the commission.

Pointing at Rafiqul Islam, designated officer of the R&H Department, Chief Information Commissioner Muhammad Zamir said, "This is totally unacceptable."

In response, Rafiqul Islam said he took the responsibility of the designated officer on June 17 and was not well aware of the application.

Information Commissioner Prof Sadeka Halim said, "The designated officer who was in charge before him [Rafiqul] should also have been summoned."

Zamir asked Rafiqul to provide the applicant with information by July 19 or face serious consequences.

JUSTICE MANIK-SPEAKER ROW

Judge embarrassed to hear petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court judge yesterday felt embarrassed to hear a writ petition challenging the legality of Speaker Abdul Hamid's June 18 ruling.

The Speaker had stated that an HC judge (Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik) violated the constitution by making derogatory remarks about parliament and the speaker.

Justice Naima Haider did not mention any reason for feeling embarrassed. The bench comprising Justice Naima and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar also returned the petition to the petitioner.

A Supreme Court lawyer, Advocate AKM Shafiuddin, filed the petition, praying for an HC rule upon the Speaker and secretaries to the parliament and the law ministry to explain why the ruling should not be declared illegal.

Shafiuddin, a former HC judge, also prayed to the court to direct the Speaker not to issue such rulings in the future.

The petitioner's counsel, Barrister Akhtar Imam, said they would move the petition before another HC bench today.

Additional Attorney General MK Rahman said the petition stated that the Speaker cannot issue such a ruling against any SC judge as per the parliament's rules of procedure.

The Speaker had abused his constitutional mandate as it does not permit the parliament to challenge any SC proceeding over any sub-judice matter, he cited the petition.

The Speaker issued the ruling without hearing arguments from the judge and the ruling was tantamount to challenging the SC's authority, amounting to interference in the judiciary's independence, said the petition.

Justice Manik, during a court hearing on June 5, observed that the Speaker had committed an offence tantamount to sedition by commenting on an HC order in parliament on May 29.

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