

Obituary

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Former managing director of Premier Leasing & Finance Limited Kazi Emdadul Haque breathed his last at Square Hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 65, said a press release.

Kaniz Ayesha Huq

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Kaniz Ayesha Huq, wife of late AS Musharraful Huq, passed away due to old age complications in Dhaka on Tuesday, said a press release.

She left behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn her death. Her quikhwan will be held tomorrow at 4:00pm at Eastern Mahananda, house-29, road-43, Gulshan-2 in the capital. Relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend the programme. She was born in 1927.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 13th death anniversary of prominent businessman and social worker Alhaj MA Chaklader.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and a doa mahfil will be held at his apartment and family graveyard, said a press release.

Alhaj MA Chaklader Foundation will feed the poor and orphans all through the month of Ramadan.

Daiyan Malik

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 12th death anniversary of Daiyan Malik, the eldest son of Jamalpur district and sessions judge Malik Abdullah Al Amin Sadi, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at an orphanage and a madrasa. Daiyan died of dengue fever at the age of nine years and nine months in 2000.

Chehlam

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Chehlam of Language Movement veteran, retired government official and journalist M Ashraf Ali will be held today after Asr Prayers at Baitun Noor Jame Mosque of Sector-6, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.



Pedestrians are forced to walk in the middle of Mirpur road at Newmarket in the capital risking accidents due to a traffic jam yesterday.

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BDR CARNAGE TRIAL
Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed was shot six times

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed, the then director general of erstwhile BDR, was shot six times in the BDR mutiny inside Pilkhana, a doctor of Dhaka Medical College (DMC) said yesterday.

Dr Shafiuzzaman Khayer, who worked as assistant professor at Forensic Medicine Department of DMC in 2009, and performed autopsy of Maj Gen Shakil, gave his deposition as witness number 306 before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court set up in the capital's Alia Madrasa playground to hold the BDR carnage trial.

"A bullet pierced his left vocal cord and went out through his face. For this, his face was difficult to identify", he said adding that bullets which hit his right chest, lower part of left chest, abdomen

and middle of the chest, went out through his back.

"During the autopsy, I came to know that the bullets were fired from a close range," he said.

Dr Khayer, who also performed autopsies of 9 other victims in the incident, placed postmortem report of eight victims before the court.

Injury marks of sharp knives and bayonet were also found in the victims' bodies, he said.

Proceedings of the court started around 10:10am, when defence counsels finished incomplete cross examination of Dr Md Zobaidur Rahman, who gave his deposition last Monday.

A total of 74 people, including 57 army officers, were killed in the incident on February 25-26 in 2009.

Housewife killed over dowry

BSS, Savar

A housewife was killed allegedly by her husband and his family members over dowry at Modho Rajason in Savar early yesterday.

The victim is Beauty Akhter, daughter of Haji Habibur Rahman.

Police said Beauty married Sheikh Sadi two years ago.

At the time of their marriage, Beauty's father paid Tk 5/6 lakh to Sheikh Sadi as dowry.

Recently Sheikh demanded more money. As she did not give the money, they strangled her.

Police arrested Sheikh's mother and two other members of his family. A case was filed.

New envoys to Canada, Singapore appointed

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has appointed two new high commissioners to the Bangladesh missions in Canada and Singapore.

According to a foreign ministry press release yesterday, the government has appointed Kamrul Ahsan, currently serving as the Bangladesh high commissioner to Singapore, as the new high commissioner of Bangladesh to Canada.

In another announcement, the ministry said the government has appointed Mahub Uz Zaman, currently serving as the Bangladesh high commissioner to Sri Lanka, as the new Bangladesh



Kamrul Ahsan



Mahub Uz Zaman

high commissioner to Singapore.

A career diplomat, Ahsan also served Bangladesh High Commission in London, Bangladesh Embassies in Beijing and Washington DC, and Bangladesh Consulate General in Dubai.

He graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology

and is a BCS Cadre.

Zaman, also a career diplomat, previously served the Bangladesh High Commissions in New Delhi and Ottawa, Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo, and

Bangladesh Permanent Missions to UN in Geneva and New York.

He obtained an MSS degree in Economics from Dhaka University and a Diploma in French Language and International Relations from Institute Pro Linguis and AGCD, Brussels. He is also a BCS Cadre.

India could help build Padma bridge: Analyst

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

With the World Bank withdrawing financial support for constructing the Padma bridge in Bangladesh, a leading strategic affairs analyst of India has suggested India help resolve Dhaka's dispute with WB or offer partial financial backing for the project.

However, when asked at a media interaction in Delhi on Tuesday whether Dhaka would approach India for Padma bridge funding, Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes said the issue did not come up at the Foreign Office Consultations yesterday nor is he aware of any India's offer to undertake the project.

"Might Delhi and Beijing collaborate on a transformative economic venture in Bangladesh and build a new basis for India-China regional cooperation in the Subcontinent?" writes C Raja Mohan, a fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, a think-tank in India.

"If China takes a strategic decision to back the project, finances should be no problem. Senior officials in Dhaka have been hinting that a Chinese company based in Australia is

interested in forming a consortium of companies to move the project forward," he said in an article published in "The Indian Express".

He said Delhi could help Dhaka resolve issues with the WB and Washington, or India could offer part of the financial support to the project and encourage its large construction companies to build a consortium with Chinese corporations.

Raja Mohan also suggested that India and China could cooperate in constructing a deep-sea port off Sonadia.

"Besides serving the commercial needs of Bangladesh, the Sonadia port could become a regional shipping hub for north-eastern India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and China's Yunnan province," he said.

Raja Mohan, however, said that any talk of China building ports in South Asia raises red flag in Delhi. But India's strategic community should see that Beijing is signalling its interest in the joint development of the Sonadia port with India.

"For now though, the ball is in the court of Dhaka, which must develop a sensible framework for attracting foreign participation in the Sonadia project," he said.

CONTEMPT OF COURT
HC summons Kishoreganj judge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday summoned the district and sessions judge of Kishoreganj before it on charge of violating the HC's February 14 order regarding recruitment to the post of process server at his office.

District and Sessions Judge of Kishoreganj AM Md Sayeed has to appear before the HC bench of Justice Farah Mahub and Justice Abdur Rob by 10:30am on August 6 to explain his conduct.

In response to a petition, the bench yesterday also issued a rule upon Sayeed to explain in 10 days why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against him for violating the HC order.

Abul Kalam Azad, Md Shahidul Islam, Mala Begum and Syed Kudrat-e Khoda, who were dismissed from the posts of process server at the district and sessions judge's court in Kishoreganj in 2007, jointly filed the contempt of court petition with the HC against Sayeed on July 24.

On February 14, the HC directed the district and sessions judge of Kishoreganj to keep reserved four of the seven vacant posts of process server at his office.

The order came after the four petitioners submitted an earlier petition to the apex court asking to keep the posts vacant until disposal of the pending rule over the legality of their dismissal from the posts.

However, on May 17, Sayeed recruited six process servers at his office, defying the HC order, which is a violation of the order and also contempt of the court, said the petitioners' counsel Shafiqul Islam.



A student gets her hand decorated with henna at the mehndi festival and competition that took off among the female hall residents of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday to go on till July 31. Dhakabashi and Biswa Kolakendra jointly organised the programme at Rokeya Hall of DU on the occasion of the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr.

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Streets of Chittagong city are in a dismal state. The photo was taken from Bahaddarhat yesterday.

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