

Bazlur Rahman's birthday today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 72nd birth anniversary of late Bazlur Rahman, a prominent journalist and former editor of the daily Sangbad.

On the occasion, Bazlur Rahman Foundation will place wreath at his grave at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard around 9:00am, said a press release.

Doa and Iftar Mahfil will also be held at Kachi Kanchar Mela auditorium in the capital's Segun Bagicha tomorrow.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Md Mufazzal Hussain Chowdhury, former president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh, died of respiratory complications in a hospital in Texas, USA, early yesterday. He was 80.

He was buried at Forest Park-The Woodlands cemetery after a namaz-e-janaza.

Mufazzal Hussain left behind his wife, four daughters and sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren to mourn his death.

Muhammad Abdul Hamid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



M i a h Muhammad Abdul Hamid, former principal of Salimullah College, died of old age complications yesterday. He was 90.

His kulkhwani will be held on Sunday after Maghrib prayers, said a press release.

Born in 1922, Abdul Hamid, also served as teacher at Haraganga College, Shurawardi College and Notre Dame College.

Death anniversary

METRO DESK



Today is the 13th death anniversary of Mohammad Faruque, former chairman at Bangla Department of Jahangirnagar University (JU) and Karachi University.

On the occasion, a day-long programme including Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and special munajat will be held at mosque.

Cooked food will also be distributed at orphanages and among poor people.

Relatives, friends, well-wishers and students of Faruque have been requested to pray to for the salvation of his departed soul.

HANDING OVER OF MAN TO CRIMINALS

NHRC chief condemns police's action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law enforcement agencies that hand over a citizen to criminals cannot establish human rights and protect the country's people, said National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

Referring to the recent news that a sub-inspector had handed over a detained man to criminals in exchange for money in Gazipur on May 29, he said the government should ensure that the police personnel had delivered better services before getting promoted.

Prof Mizanur made the remarks at a seminar in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Nagorik Uddiyog, Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement, and Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Women's Federation jointly organised the seminar titled "Policy and legal structure to stop existing practices of discrimination to Dalit communities and keeping them untouchable."

The NHRC chief said a country where human rights were violated could not be

said to reflect the spirit of the Liberation War because freedom fighters had fought against Pakistani rulers for the protection of human rights.

"Human rights are a combination of equality, social justice and human dignity, and the Liberation War took place to ensure these rights of all citizens. As our state has failed to ensure these rights of Dalit communities, we can say our country has kept from the spirit of the Liberation War," he said.

Advocate Sultana Kamal, former adviser to a caretaker government and a rights activist, said the ruling government claimed to cherish the spirit of the Liberation War, so it should take steps to ensure the rights of the Dalit.

President of Workers' Party of Bangladesh Rashed Khan Menon said that although the government had amended the constitution to restore the spirit of the Liberation War, it failed to take proper measures for the protection of the Dalit and include them in the mainstream of the population.

Road crashes kill 9

METRO DESK

Nine people were killed and thirty-six others injured in road accidents in Sylhet, Natore, Chittagong, Narayanganj and Madaripur on Wednesday and yesterday.

Staff correspondent from Sylhet says, three unidentified people were killed and three others injured as a bus hit an auto-rickshaw on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Tetli in Dakshin Surma yesterday.

In Natore, two people died and five others were injured as a bus hit a human hauler on Natore-Rajshahi highway at Ekdala in the sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Mahabul, 23, the human hauler driver, and Shyamoli, 26.

Meanwhile, an unidentified man died instantly as a tractor hit him at Balidiyar in Lalpur upazila on Wednesday.

In Chittagong, Shafique, 14, died and

three others were injured as a microbus hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Jolla Dighir Par area of Patiya upazila yesterday.

Meanwhile, a factory staff bus collided with a truck at Rahatter Pul in Bakalia of the city yesterday, injuring 24 workers.

They were taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

In Narayanganj, schoolboy Tanjil, 10, died and his mother Saleha Begum, 34, was injured as a bus ran them over while crossing Dhaka-Narayanganj link road in Shibpur Market area of Fatulla upazila yesterday.

Agitating locals torched the bus.

In Madaripur, Zannatul, 3, daughter of Enayet Fakir, died as a Nosimon crushed her on Tekerhat-Kobirajpur road at Kashinagar in Rajoir upazila yesterday.

SAUDI OFFICIAL KILLING

Two accused on three-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed two accused in the murder of Saudi embassy official Khalaf Al Ali on a fresh three-day remand.

Khalaf, 45, an official at the consular section of Saudi embassy in Dhaka, was shot dead near his house in the diplomatic enclave at the wee hours of March 6. Detectives at a press briefing on July 25 claimed that the incident was of simply mugging.

The two arrestees -- Saiful Islam Mamun, 20, Rafiqul Islam Khokon, 22 -- were earlier taken on an eight-day remand.

In the forwarding report, the IO said the remand was needed to unearth vital clues and whereabouts of their fugitive accomplice, Md Selim.

Earlier, two other arrested accused, Al Amin and Akbar Ali Ilias Lalu, had given confessional statements before magistrates admitting their involvement in the killing.

On July 1, the case was included in the list of sensational cases under the home ministry's monitoring cell.

COUPLE MURDER

Two taken on 3-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court placed two people on a three-day remand after police arrested and produced them before it yesterday over the murder of an elderly couple in their Dakkhinkhan residence in the capital on July 31.

The arrested are Asadullah, a neighbour who had a feud with the couple over a boundary wall and adjacent land, and Abdul Khaleque, owner of a tea shop near the couple's house.

Police said the killers strangled Mahmuda, 60, and hacked her husband Mohammad Nasir Uddin, 70, a retired warrant officer of Bangladesh Army, to death. They were the only residents in their one-storey tin-shed house.

Police said the incident was unlikely to be of a robbery as the victims' relatives did not complain of anything going missing from the house.

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