

Destiny director Didarul on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Lt Col (retd) Didarul Alam, a director of the controversial Destiny Group, was placed on an eight-day remand yesterday in a money-laundering case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Metropolitan Magistrate Tanvir Ahmed passed the order after ACC Deputy Director Mojahar Ali Sardar, also investigation officer of the case, produced him before a Dhaka court yesterday, seeking a 10-day remand.

Didarul, also a director of Destiny Agro Industries and chief executive officer of Destiny Builders, was arrested at Mohakhali on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the ACC yesterday filed a petition with the Supreme Court for a stay on the High Court order that granted two-month conditional bail to Destiny Group President Lt Gen (retd) M Harun-Ar-Rashid in two money-laundering cases.

Harun, who is shown as a director of the group in case documents, was released on Saturday.

ACC's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan filed the petition, which might be heard today.

Earlier on Wednesday, Rafiqul Amin, chairman and managing director of the Destiny Group, and Mohammad Hossain, chairman of Destiny 2000 Ltd, were placed on an 18-day remand in two money-laundering cases.

They were being interrogated about the laundered money.

On October 11, a Dhaka court sent Harun, Rafiqul and Hossain to jail.



Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia calls on Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of Communist Party of China Central Committee, at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: BNP

CTG-KUNMING ROAD, RAIL LINKS China to initiate negotiations

CPC leader tells Khaleda

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Chinese government will take the initiative to set up a meeting among China, Bangladesh and Myanmar on establishing direct rail and road links between Chittagong and Kunming.

A top-ranking Communist Party of China (CPC) leader, Li Changchun, said this during a call on by an eight member BNP delegation led by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in the capital's Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

"As part of regional connectivity, China is giving priority to establish the direct rail and road communication via Myanmar," BNP Vice President Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury told journalists after the call on.

China also reiterated its commitment to help construct the second Padma bridge and a deep-sea port in Sonadia, said the former foreign secretary.

Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee, also informed Khaleda that China would continue assisting Bangladesh modernise its railway and road infrastructure, he said.

During the 45-minute meeting from 3:30pm, Khaleda and Li Changchun emphasised close cooperation between CPC and BNP.

Li Changchun, arriving in Dhaka on Saturday with an eight-member high-powered delegation for a two-day visit at the invitation of the ruling Awami League, also visited North South University's Confucius Institute where he was given a red-carpet reception. The Chinese delegation presented a statue of Chinese philosopher Confucius to the institute.

Road crashes kill 8, injure 11

METRO DESK

Road accidents killed eight people and injured eleven others in Dhaka, Barisal, Rajshahi, Joypurhat, Jhenaidah, Dinajpur and Natore on Saturday and yesterday.

Our staff correspondent reports, Narayan Mujumdar, 37, died after a bus hit him in the capital's Dhanmondi area yesterday afternoon.

In Dinajpur, Rubel, 20, was killed and five others were injured after a bus hit a tractor at Hazaratpur in Chirirbandar yesterday morning.

In Natore, cattle trader Lutfar, 40, of Gazipur, was killed and another injured in a two trucks' head-on collision in Mashisdanga of Baraigram upazila early yesterday.

UNB from Barisal reports, Imran, 14, a class X student of Armed Police Battalion School, died after being hit by a bus before Brac office in Barisal yesterday.

Meanwhile, rickshaw van puller Abdur Rob Shikdar, 50, was killed and Abdul Ali, 53, injured after a truck hit the van at Bhurghata in Gournadi yesterday morning.

In Rajshahi, Rejaul Karim, 45, of

Chapainawabganj, was killed and three others were injured as a bus hit a human hauler at Bijoynagar in Godagari yesterday morning.

BSS from Joypurhat reports, Kazimuddin, 45, died as a bus hit his motorbike on Akkelpur-Tilakpur road at Jafarpur in Akkelpur upazila yesterday morning.

In Jhenaidah, motorcycle rider Mokaddes Hossain, 20, son of Shahidul Islam of Narayanganj, was killed and his elder brother injured as a bus hit the motorcycle in Kagmari area on Saturday.



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A large number of people gather at Airport Railway Station in the capital yesterday to travel to their village homes for celebrating Eid-ul Azha and Durga Puja.

DESTINY SCAM Distributors demand release of officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Demanding release of detained officials of Destiny Group, the company's distributors formed a human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday.

They demanded unfreezing of the company's bank accounts.

Destiny Distributors Forum organised the programme where its Chittagong unit member secretary read out a memorandum to be submitted to the prime minister.

Destiny president Lt Gen (retd) Harun-Ar-Rashid, managing director Rafiqul Amin and director Didarul Alam were arrested in money laundering cases.

DoE fines errant businesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) fined owners of a paper mill, a textile mill and two illegal brick fields around Tk 40 lakh in Narayanganj and Barguna yesterday.

In Narayanganj, a DoE enforcement team found that the paper mill was running for the past two years without environmental clearance and an effluent treatment plant, while the textile mill was found grossly faulty, said a press release.

The mills were fined Tk 31 lakh for polluting river with untreated chemical effluent, it said.

There was no dissolved oxygen in the effluent released by the paper mill, while the level of oxygen in the effluent of the textile mill was 0.6 milligram per litre although it should have been at least 4.5 milligram.

Meanwhile, the DoE fined owners of two illegal brick fields around Tk 9 lakh for grabbing part of Bishkhali River and disrupting the river course in Barguna.

Owners of the brick fields were also ordered to clear bricks and earth filling from the river within a week, said another DoE press release.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Md Rezaul Haque, a member of Panchagarh Press Club, died of cardiac arrest at Panchagarh Sadar Hospital on Saturday. He was 71.

He left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Death anniversary

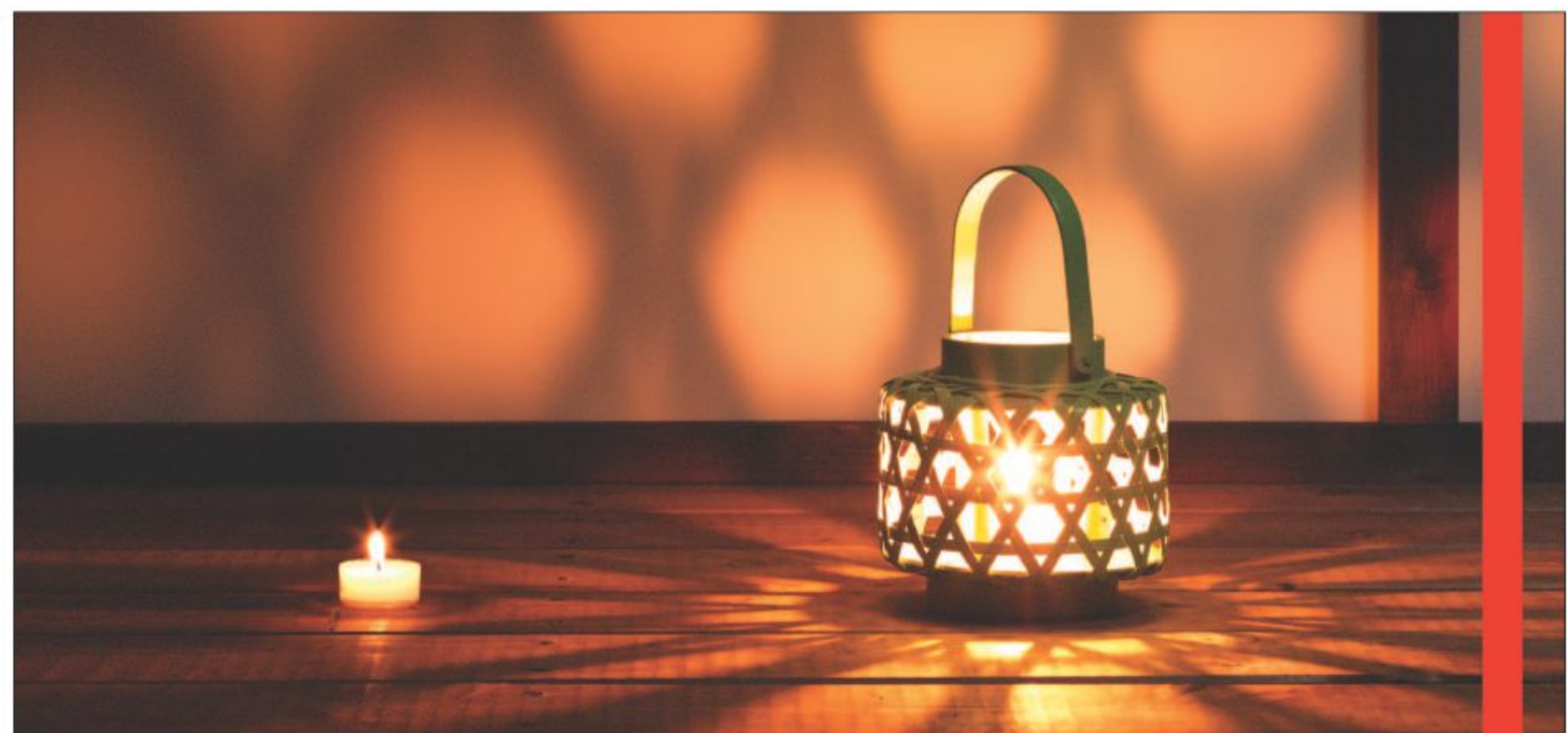
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 18th death anniversary of Dr Wali Ahmed,

former lawmaker and organiser of the Liberation War, said a press release.

A milad mahfil has been organised after Maghrib prayers at Japan Garden City in the capital.



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