

Obituary

METRO DESK

Fawzia Karim, wife of former secretary and ambassador late Saber Reza Karim, passed away in Fairfax of Virginia in USA on November 3. She was 74.

She left behind a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and well wishers to mourn her death.

She will be buried at Falls Church in Virginia of USA.

Mohammed Rana Pramanik

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Mohammed Rana Pramanik, a social worker of Sadullapur upazila in Gaibandha, died yesterday. He was 50.

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

He was buried at the upazila sader graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at Sadullapur High School premises.



Students of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College appear in this year's Junior School Certificate exam in Motijheel Government Boys' High School in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Govt gets one month to hike lower court judges' salaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday gave the government a further one month to fully implement the recommendations of the Judicial Service Pay Commission (JSPC) for increasing salaries and other benefits of lower court judges.

In 2008, the JSPC suggested providing the judicial officials (lower court judges) a judicial allowance equal to their basic monthly salary and to increase other facilities which are being provided to them.

A per the JSPC recommendation, a maximum Tk 40,000 was proposed for district judges and equivalent officials and a minimum Tk 16,500 was proposed for assistant judges and equivalent officials.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain passed the order while hearing the Masdar Hossain case, popularly known as the judiciary separation case.

The court also ordered the government to submit a report to it by December 3 after implementing the order.

It also expressed dissatisfaction with the government for not complying with its earlier direction.

Previously on October 1, the court had given the government one month, that is by November 1, to fully implement the recommendation.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told the court that the government on November 1 issued a gazette notification on an allowance increase equal to 20 percent of the basic salaries of judicial officials.

In 2010, the government had increased the allowances by 30 percent of the basic salaries, he said.

JSC, JDC exams begin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 68,115 candidates were absent on the first day of Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations yesterday while 13 examinees were expelled for resorting to unfair means.

The absentees' figure was higher than that of last year's. Meanwhile, the examinees sat for Bangla 1st paper examination yesterday at 2,250 centres across the country.

A total of 19,08,365 class-VIII students from different schools and madrasas had registered for the examinations this year under eight general education boards and one madrasa education board.

Of the absent candidates, 29,327 were from Madrasa board; 15,606 from Dhaka board; 6,136 from Jessore board; 4,388 from Rajshahi board; 3,541 from Chittagong board; 2,871 from Comilla board; 2,669 from Barisal board; 2,492 from Dinajpur board; and 1,225 from Sylhet board, according to board statistics.

Madrasa board also had the highest number of expelled examinees, totalling 10, two of whom were arrested for giving proxy examination.

The other three expelled students were from Dhaka board and Dinajpur board.

HC lawyer dies after falling from rooftop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A lawyer of the High Court died after falling from the rooftop of a six-storey building in the capital's Bashiruddin Road area yesterday.

The victim was Alpona Das, 35.

Family members of Alpona said she fell from the rooftop when she went to enjoy last evening's drizzle.

She was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead.

Kona Das, mother of the victim, said Alpona might have slipped and fell as the roof was surrounded by only two and a half feet high railing.

"Finding that it was drizzling outside, she told me that she was going to the roof to enjoy the rain. Within a few minutes, I heard a hue and cry of people outside the building," she said.

Doctor blamed for stillbirth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gynaecology doctor was accused of being negligent in her duties after the woman she carried out a caesarian section on gave birth to a stillborn baby.

Rozina Jesmine, wife of Bangladeshi expatriate in Spain Ziaul Karim Manik, was admitted to a hospital in Mohakhali of the capital on Saturday evening after going into labour.

The doctor and her team operated on her and consequently she gave birth around 10:30pm, said Ziaul's family members.

The family said the doctor had been seeing Rozina from the early stage of her pregnancy.

There was no question of the baby being stillborn as the doctor earlier had repeatedly told them that the baby was doing fine inside the mother's womb, they said.

The baby died after sustaining head injuries during the caesarian section carried out by the doctor and her team, they added.

Ziaul informed Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station that the doctor had not carried out any ultrasonogram prior to carrying out the caesarian section.

Sub-inspector Jasimuddin Khandker of the police station said he went to the hospital with a team of police after receiving complaints from the relatives of Ziaul.

He said he and his colleagues saw a small cut on the back of the head of the baby at the hospital.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy. A case may be filed as per the autopsy report, said police.

The accused doctor did not receive calls on her cellphone despite repeated attempts by The Daily Star.

One relative of Ziaul, Miraj Ahmed Pathan, said the doctor had told him that the mother had given birth to a stillborn baby.

HALL-MARK GROUP'S RMG FACTORIES Workers to go on hunger strike for resuming operation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A platform of garment workers will go on a token hunger strike in the capital today, demanding that the government secure the workers' jobs by resuming operation of Hall-Mark Group's factories in Savar under its supervision.

Garment Sramik Sangram Parishad has organised the protest programme in front of Jatiya Press Club at 10:00am.

The platform also submitted memorandums to the ministries of labour and employment; industries; and commerce as well as other offices yesterday to press

home their demand, its coordinator Advocate Mahbubur Rahman Ismail told journalists.

The garment workers have been holding different programmes, demanding disbursement of all arrears among the 17,000 workers whose jobs had been thrown into uncertainty with the unexpected closure of the factories since October 30.

The uncertainty among the workers arose after Hall-Mark's top brass, including its managing director and chairman, were arrested after the group was found to have embezzled Tk 2,686 crore on loan from Sonali Bank.

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