

Month of Victory



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The pillar inscribed with 'Dr Fazle Rabbi Road' in Pabna town has remained fallen for long as the municipality authorities, who earlier named three-kilometre Bablatola-Buderhat Road in the town after the martyred intellectual, did not rebuild the pillar after its damage by some callous locals.



When home 'forgets', how would others remember?

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Strangely though, the new generation in the district knows very little about the glorious contribution of Dr Fazle Rabbi, as there is hardly any programme commemorating the martyred intellectual in his home district.

Just a couple of days before the nation's final victory against the Pakistan army on December 1971, local collaborators of the occupation forces picked up and killed Dr Fazle Rabbi along with a number of others intellectuals.

Born on September 21 in 1932 at Chhatiani village in Pabna Sadar upazila, Dr Fazle Rabbi passed the SSC in 1948 from Pabna Zila School and the HSC from Dhaka College in 1950 with brilliant results. He completed MBBS in 1955 from Dhaka Medical College under Dhaka University and received gold medal for his outstanding results.

Later he joined Dhaka

Medical College as registrar.

In 1960 Dr Rabbi went to England for higher studies and achieved an MRCP in cardiology and another MRCP in medicine from there in 1962.

He served Hammersmith Hospital and then Middlesex Hospital in England. Despite a chequered career there, Dr Rabbi came back to his motherland and joined Dhaka Medical College as an associate professor in 1963.

An advocate of equitable rights of the Bangalees during the Pakistan period, Dr Rabbi extended all sorts of cooperation to the freedom fighters and victims of torture by the Pakistan army and their aides during the Liberation War.

The local collaborators of Pakistan army picked up Dr Fazle Rabbi from his Dhaka residence on December 14 in 1971 and killed him at Royer Bazar along with other intellectuals.

Md Shahidul Islam,

secretary of Dr Fazle Rabbi Foundation, said, "We observe programmes on Martyred Intellectuals Day in Dhaka but there is hardly any programme in Pabna in memory of Dr Fazle Rabbi. The demand for naming Pabna Medical College after the martyred intellectual has also remained unheeded."

Established by Dr Rabbi's younger sister Zinat Ara, the foundation conducts free medical service and arranges free education for poor children in Pabna and Dhaka, he said.

"Some callous people damaged two of the three pillars set up by the Pabna municipality authorities as indicators of the three-kilometre Bablatola-Buderhat road, earlier named after Dr Fazle Rabbi. Despite repeated appeal, the authorities are yet to reset the pillars," said Dr Rabbi's nephew Fazle Shahrhan Bipu, also a member of Dr Fazle Rabbi Smrity Parishad.

PALASH KILLING CASE IN NATORE

BNP central leader Dulu remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A Natore court yesterday placed central BNP leader and former deputy minister Ruhul Kuddus Talukder Dulu on a one-day remanded in Jubo League leader Palash Karmaker murder case.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Dr MA Mazid passed the order on a petition filed by police, seeking a three-day remand.

Dulu, also the president of BNP Natore district unit, was arrested from his residence in the town early Sunday for his alleged involvement in Saturday night's a gunfight that left Jubo League leader Palash Karmaker dead.

District BNP enforced a daylong hartal in Natore

Follow-up



Palash Karmaker

district on Monday demanding release of Dulu.

Palash, joint convener of Jubo League town unit, sustained bullet injuries during the gunfight between the activists of BNP and Jubo League near district BNP office at Alaipur in the town. He was admitted to

Natore Sadar Hospital and then shifted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries early Tuesday.

Farhad Ali Dewan, a central committee member of Swetchasebok Dal, was injured by bullet during the clash and admitted to Natore Sadar Hospital.

Immediately after the incident, Mortuza Ali Bablu, Sramik League Natore unit general secretary, filed a case with Natore Sadar Police Station, accusing Ruhul Kuddus Talukder Dulu and 14 other BNP leaders and activists.

Police produced Dulu in the additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon. After a hearing, Chief Judicial Magistrate Dr MA Mazid granted one day's remand for Dulu. He also rejected Dulu's bail prayer.

NAIM MURDER IN BOGRA

Charges pressed against six

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Nearly eight months into the killing of schoolboy Naimul Islam Naim, police finally submitted charge sheet in the Naim murder case against six accused here on Wednesday.

The accused are Zakaria, 23, son of Abdul Mannan, Dalim, 19, son of Alimuuddin, Zaman, 19, son of Abdul Hamid, Shahadat, 19, son of Shahajahan Ali, brick kiln worker Abdul Motin, 32, son of Ahmed Ali and Shakil, 17, son of Zahidur Rahman of Kahaloo upazila.

The law enforcers arrested seven out of 10 accused in the case and of the arrestees, Abdul Mannan, also brick kiln owner, was freed on bail.

Main accused Zakaria, Dalim and Zaman remained absconding, said Anwar Hossain, investigation officer (IO) of the case.



Naimul Islam Naim

On April 5, 2012, a gang picked up Naim, 13, son of Rafiqul Islam of Rostom Chapor village and class seven student of Kahaloo High School on his way to coaching centre and later demanded Tk five lakh as ransom from the parents.

The kidnapers took the ransom but killed Naim and burnt the body to ashes by throwing it into the stove of a brick kiln in the upazila, said ASP Ashrafur Islam quoting family members.

Jubo Dal leader killed in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

A local Jubo Dal leader was killed by unknown assailants in Derera area of Barura municipality on Wednesday night.

The deceased was identified as Humayun Kabir Mohon, 30, organising secretary of Barura Poursava No 9 unit and a resident of the area.

Quoting locals, police said a gang of criminals called Mohon out of the house over mobile phone at about 10:30 pm and killed him in a nearby paddy field.

Later, they informed Haque, an acquaintance of Mohon, about the killing. Assuming that Mohon was still alive, his relatives took him to a local hospital where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately.

ASSAULT ON STAFF FOR TOLL IN PATUAKHALI

Double decker launches on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Double decker launches on Dhaka-Patuakhali route went on an indefinite strike after a group of ruling party men assaulted a launch supervisor yesterday.

Launch staffs and owners said, at about 8:00 am around 10/12 men led by Gazi Hafizur Rahman Shabir alias Shabir Gazi, secretary of town unit Awami League (AL), swooped on Eunos, supervisor of Sundarbans-6, a double decker launch.

The gang physically assaulted Eunos as he refused to pay toll, they said.

After the incident, all three double decker launches that reached Patuakhali from Dhaka yesterday morning and were scheduled to leave Patuakhali for the capital city in the evening, moved off the terminal and anchored in Lohalia area,

Patuakhali launch terminal saw no services by double deckers as the launch owners went on an indefinite strike after a gang of extortionists beat up a staff of Sundarbans-6 yesterday.

on the other side of the terminal.

Abul Kalam Khan, owner of a launch told this correspondent that they called the strike following a meeting of the owners at noon yesterday.

"We took such decision to press for ensuring safety of launches and staffs," he said.

"We will continue our strike until the authorities take lawful action," he



PHOTO: STAR

added. Shabir Gazi however, refuted the allegation of assaulting launch staff.

Opposition called half-day hartal and some launch staffs were preparing to bring out a procession in the town, he said, adding, "So, we, on behalf of town AL, just tried to resist them".

Sources said, a section of ruling AL men were engaged in collecting toll from all

launches on the route.

Protesting the matter, owners stopped plying launches two month ago and later withdrew their programme after the local administration assured them of steps in this regard.

After some days, the gang reappeared and started collecting toll from the launches as usual, they said.

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