

LETTERS FROM BATTLEFIELDS

Documentary film seeks to capture thoughts of FFs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaving behind the warmth of family and love of his wife and little children, Col Khandaker Nazmul Huda set out on war to liberate his homeland in 1971. Finally, the nation got independence, but the family did not get him back.

His widow, Nilufar Dil Afroz, however, still feels his touch as she goes through the letters he wrote from the battlefield 41 years ago. In the letters, Huda, a sub-commander of sector-8, told her about his loyalty to his motherland, his longing for independence, love for family and braveness in operations.

"While reading the letters, it seems that we were back in 1971," Afroz expresses her emotions in a documentary based on Huda's letters. "He (Huda) will remain alive as long as the country through his contributions in the war, and the letters bear witness to this," she goes on.

Huda, a martyred freedom fighter, is not alone who wrote from the battlefield in 1971. Many other freedom fighters wrote such letters to their families in the course of the nine-month Liberation

War. With these letters, private television channel Ekattor TV with the technical support of 4P Media Works have produced a series documentary, "Ekattorer Chithi" (Letters of the Seventy-One).

It is based on a selection of letters from the book, "Ekattorer Chithi", a publication of Prothoma Prokashan, which compiled the letters written by the freedom fighters, some of whom lost their lives at the battlefield.

The story of Nazmul Huda was screened at the premier show of the documentary at the capital's Star Cineplex yesterday.

From now on, Ekattor TV will air a single episode of the documentary on the first and third Wednesday every month at 9:30pm, said Samia Zaman, editor and chief executive of the television channel.

"A total of nine episodes have been produced on the basis of six letters," said Executive Producer of 4P Media Works Syed Munna. "We plan to make around 52 episodes from 40 selected letters."



A group of people ride across the Gulshan-Badda Lake in the chill yesterday as thick fog envelops the capital throughout the day. The photo was taken around 10:00am.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Cultural personality Aly Zaker, second from right, and Quazi ASM Anisul Kabir, deputy managing director of Prime Bank, second from left, hand over the prize to the winners of "Prime Bank-NDDC 24th National Debate Competition" at Notre Dame College in the capital on Monday.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

ATTACK ON POLICE IN SYLHET

270 Jamaat-Shibir men sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police filed two cases against 270 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Jamaat-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir regarding their clashes with police on Monday in Kodomtoli and Shibganj areas of Sylhet which left at least 25 injured including 7 policemen.

The activists also vandalised and torched a police van on the day of the clashes.

Amar Chandra Ray, sub-inspector of Shahporan Police Station, filed one case accusing 150 activists for vandalising and torching the van and for attacking police in Shibganj.

Liakat Ali, officer-in-charge of the police station, said eight of the accused have already been arrested.

The other case was filed by Ebad Ullah

of Dakshin Surma Police Station against 120 Jamaat and Shibir activists for clashes in Kodomtoli area.

Nasir Uddin, officer-in-charge of Dakshin Surma Police Station, said three of the accused have been caught regarding the case where 120 were accused among them 32 were named.

Till yesterday morning police arrested a total of 11 accused in connection with the two cases.

Police exploded 10 grenades, fired four tear-gas shells, and fired bullets to bring the situation under control, said a police source.

Meanwhile, Sylhet division's Jamaat on Monday afternoon called for an 8-hour hartal today demanding release of Jamaat's central acting secretary general Shafiqur Rahman, who was arrested last week in Dhaka.

CARRYING PHENSEDYL

Judge Javed Imam denied bail again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of a senior assistant judge of Bhola District Judge's Court, who was sued for carrying illegal drugs.

New Market police arrested Javed Imam in front of the capital's Eden Women's College with 342 bottles of Phensedyl on December 1.

He was denied bail by a metropolitan magistrate on December 6 and sent to Dhaka Central Jail. Yesterday his bail petition was rejected by Judge (vacation) Md Helal Uddin of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court.

Following his arrest, Javed Imam was produced before the media, but it created a controversy and eventually led the High Court to direct law enforcers not to expose any arrestees before the media anymore. Earlier, the metropolitan magistrate directed the police chief to withdraw five police officials involved in producing the arrested judge before the media. The HC however stayed the order later.

BNP to accord reception to freedom fighters today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP will accord a reception to the freedom fighters today on the occasion of the country's 41st anniversary of victory in the Liberation War.

The party has invited all sector commanders to the programme where BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will be present as chief guest.

Leading the 18-party alliance, the BNP has decided not to invite Jamaat-e-Islami to the programme to be held at the capital's Mahangar Nattiyamancha.

"Those who are propagating that we have invited Jamaat to the programme adopted the path of falsehood," said party leader Tariqul Islam, addressing a press briefing at party's central office in Nayapaltan yesterday.

Convener of the reception arrangement committee, Shahjahan Omar, said, "This reception programme is not a political one. It's a non-party neutral programme. The 18-party [alliance] is not in it."

"So-called Rajakars, so-called Jamaat and so-called war criminals are not in here."

Omar alleged that the Muktijodda Sangsad chairman was trying to discourage the freedom fighters so that they did not attend the reception. "We did not expect it from him. I hope he would also attend the programme."

Tariqul Islam, who is now carrying out the activities of party's detained acting secretary general, said freedom fighters were not property of any political party. "We expect that all freedom fighters will attend the reception."

ARSON CASES

Hearing on Fakhrul's bail petitions Dec 24

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed December 24 for hearing the bail petitions of BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir in two cases filed against him for torching vehicles during the December 9 road blockade.

The cases were filed with Paltan and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Stations following the BNP-led 18-party alliance's countrywide road blockade programme.

Police arrested Fakhrul on December 10. Judge (vacation) Md Helal Uddin of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday fixed the hearing date after Fakhrul's lawyers submitted two separate bail petitions for him against a lower court order that earlier rejected his bail in the two cases.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court on December 11 rejected Fakhrul's bail petitions and ordered the authorities concerned to send him to jail.

During the incumbent government's tenure, Fakhrul was sent to jail two times.

He was first sent to jail on May 15 this year in an arson case. He was released after the High Court granted him bail in the case.



Hafiz Ahmed, managing director of Fast Corporation (Pvt) Ltd, second from left, and Russell T Ahmed, chief executive officer of Champs21.com, second from right, shake hands after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at Faber-Castell office in the capital on Sunday to jointly organise the "Spelling Bee" competition next year. World renowned brand Faber-Castell has decided to join the popular spelling contest as an associate partner in its 2nd season.

PHOTO: STAR

Fugitive convict with life sentence held

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Police arrested an absconding convict with life sentence in a murder case at Sikderpara in Satkania upazila of Chittagong early yesterday.

Abu Taher, 45, went into hiding after getting bail from a Chittagong court in 2001 in an arms case, said police. He was arrested with a gun and five cartridges in 1994.

The Chittagong court sentenced Taher to 17 years rigorous imprisonment in the arms case in 2009 and another court

gave him life term imprisonment in former UP chairman Aminur Islam murder case in 2010 in absentia.

Sub-inspector Pravat Karmakar of Satkania Police Station told The Daily Star that Taher went to Saudi Arabia and returned to Bangladesh last month.

Taher met his family members on Monday night, said Pravat. Acting on a tip-off, police raided his house around 12:15am and arrested him, he said.

Aminur Islam, a former chairman of Sonakania Union Parishad, was killed in 2004.

Doa Mahfil on the occasion of 40th day of death (Challisha) of Late Hajjani Suraya Begum the former Managing Director of Delta Jute Mills Ltd.

A Doa Mahfil on the occasion of 40th day of death (Challisha) of Hajjani Suraya Begum, the former Managing Director of Delta Jute Mills Ltd., wife of renowned industrialist Late Al-Haj Abdur Rab the founder and Managing Director, will be held on 20th December, 2012, Thursday, after Johar Prayers at mill masjid, Chowmohoni, Noakhali. All the relatives of the deceased Hajjani Suraya Begum and the officers, employees, workers' leaders intimates and friends are requested to attend the Doa Mahfil and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

On behalf of the family, the sons and daughters of the deceased

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