

SNAPSHOTS OF JUBILATION



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1) Ecstatic students of the capital's Rajuk Uttara Model College which secured first position on the national list of top 20 schools in the Junior School Certificate (JSC) examination for class VIII students. 2) Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid hands over results of this year's primary terminal, ebtedai (madrasa) JSC and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) exams to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Gono Bhaban yesterday. 3) Jubilant students of the capital's National Ideal School which secured second position on the national list of top 20 schools in the primary terminal exam, taken by class V students. 4) GPA-5 achievers of Mymensingh Zilla School, which achieved the third position on the national list of top 20 schools in the JSC exam. 5) Students and teachers of Rangpur Cadet College, which secured the first position on the list of top schools in the JSC exam under Dinajpur Education Board.

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BISHWAJIT MURDER
Two arrestees on three-day fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted a three-day fresh remand for two arrestees in connection with a case filed for the murder of Bishwajit Das during the opposition's December 9 blockade.

The arrestees, HM Kibria and Mohammad Kayyam Miah Tipu, were earlier remanded for eleven days.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Saifur Rahman passed the order after the case's investigation officer, Detective Branch of Police Inspector Tajul Islam, produced them.

Bishwajit, a 24-year-old tailor, was beaten and hacked to death by pro-Awami League student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League activists, who took him for a pro-blockade picket involved in a cocktail blast near Bahadurshah Park in Old Dhaka.

The two are among the 11 people arrested till date over the murder. Of them, Mahfuzur Rahman Nahid, GM Rasheduzzaman Shaon and Rafiqul Islam Shakil on December 23 gave statements admitting their involvement in the killing.

Saiful Islam and Emdadul Haque were placed on different terms of remand for interrogation while the involvement of Mamunur Rashid, Faruque Hossain, Nahiduzzaman Tuhin and Mohammad Mosleuddin is yet to be found out.

Nazrul Geeti exponent Sohrab's death condoled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations and persons expressed their deep condolence at the death of renowned Nazrul Geeti exponent Sohrab Hossain.

Sohrab, one of the pioneering Nazrul Sangeet singers of the country, passed away at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 91.

As a teacher at Nazrul Academy, Sohrab inspired many youngsters to learn Nazrul Geeti; and created a generation of renowned singers who got training from him, said a statement of Nazrul Academy.

In a condolence message, rights organisation Ain o Salish Kendra said Sohrab's death has created a vacuum in the world of Narul Geeti.

In a message, Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain and its General Secretary Mostafa Mohsin Montu expressed their condolence at his death. They said Sohrab will live forever in the hearts of people through his unforgettable songs.

In her message, Deputy Leader of the House Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said Sohrab was a teacher of pure music. The vacuum created after his death will never be filled.

In his condolence message, the House's Speaker Abdul Hamid said Sohrab's contributions in the field of Nazrul Geeti will always be remembered with love and respect.

In the same message, Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali also expressed his condolence. He said Sohrab will be remembered as a great artist.

In their condolence message, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed and State Minister for Law Md Qamrul Islam prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Four judges get death threat

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Four judges of the Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday received death threats through anonymous letters for making public a previous threat, which was issued for "not granting bail to leaders and activists of Islam."

"We reject your false trials. You have sided yourself with the devil. Our men are working on the field to teach you a good lesson. Why did you make it public? Now, let's see how your administration saves you?" reads the translation of the letters handwritten in Bangla.

A piece of white cloth, as a symbol of a shroud, accompanied each of the four letters sent to the four judges--Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bikash Kumar Saha, Additional CMM Md Shahidul Islam Faruque, Metropolitan Magistrates Keshab Roy Chowdhury and MA Salam.

Mahbubul Alam, nazir of the CMM court, filed a general diary with Kotwali Police Station on the judges' behalf in connection with the threats.

On December 8, the four judges and 26 of their colleagues received death threats through SMS.

The translation of the text written in Bangla with English fonts reads, "You are the enemies of Islam. You are keeping the leaders and activists of Islam in detention instead of granting them bail. We have beaten up policemen; now we will cut your tendons and that of your family members. We will kill you. Be ready. Allahu Akbar."

Migration rate higher this year: Report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi workers' migration rate has increased 5.65 percentage points this year, says a RMMRU report.

About 5.68 lakh Bangladeshi workers migrated abroad last year, while it has already been more than 6 lakh by December this year, it says.

The report, "International Labour Migration from Bangladesh 2012: Achievements and Challenges", was launched by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), an affiliate of Dhaka University, at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

It says the lion's share of remittance came from Saudi Arabia this year though larger numbers of workers migrated to United Arab Emirates and Oman.

It shows the country has received 27 percent of remittance from Saudi Arabia, while over 19 percent came from UAE and 2.4 percent from Oman.

The report predicts that Bangladesh might earn \$14 billion in remittance by the end of this year. The country has already received \$12.87 billion till November, it says.

The paper says although UAE tops the

list among the highest recipient countries of Bangladeshi workers, the migration to UAE fell this year.

"Forty four percent of the migrant workers have gone to UAE this year, while it was 50 percent last year," said Dr Tasneem Siddiqui, founder chair of RMMRU.

The number of workers migrating to UAE fell due to a sanction the Middle East country imposed on Bangladeshi workers in September, she said.

The RMMRU report also shows a rise in female workers' migration this year. The rate is 11.44 percentage points higher than the previous year, it says.

According to the report, Lebanon is the largest destination country for Bangladeshi female workers and that is 37 percent, followed by Jordan (23 percent), and UAE (20 percent).

At the launch, Tasneem Siddiqui criticised the government for not keeping any database on the migrant workers who returned home.

She said 17,518 migrant workers returned Bangladesh upon deportation till October.

Tasneem, however, lauded the government for signing a deal to send workers to Malaysia under state arrangements.

Suicide victim passes JSC exam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pinky, a 15-year-old girl who appeared in this year's JSC examinations, could not know her results as she was pushed into committing suicide following her abduction by her classmate, Rony, and later on threats from his sisters to withdraw a case.

Sadia Akhter Pinky secured GPA-3+ (grade B) in the junior school certificate (JSC) examinations, which were published yesterday.

The victim's family claimed an upset Pinky hanged herself on Sunday after Rony's two sisters had threatened

Sadia Akhter Pinky

Pinky's family with dire consequences if an abduction case was filed against Rony was not withdrawn.

Rony, 18, hailing from Jatrabari, abducted Pinky on November 28. Pinky's family filed an abduction case with Jatrabari Police Station on December 2 and Jatrabari police rescued her the following day from Narayanganj.

He demanded immediate arrest and trial of Pakhi and her sister.

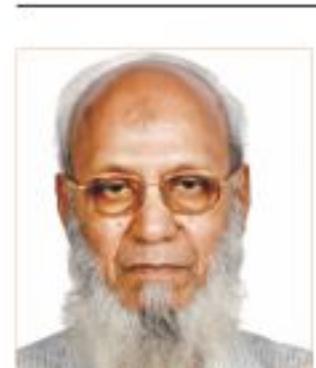
Masud Karim, officer-in-charge of Mugda Police Station, said they have been trying to nab the two sisters.



Dr Tasneem Siddiqui, founder chair of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), addressing a press conference at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, where its report, "International Labour Migration from Bangladesh 2012: Achievements and Challenges", was launched yesterday. RMMRU Senior Programme Officer Parvez Siddiqui, left, and RMMRU Programme Manager Merina Sultana, right, were also present.

Obituary

METRO DESK



Engr
Manzoor
Hossain
Khan, son
of late
Sakhawat
Hossain

Khan and Roushan Ara Khanam, passed away early yesterday. He was 83.

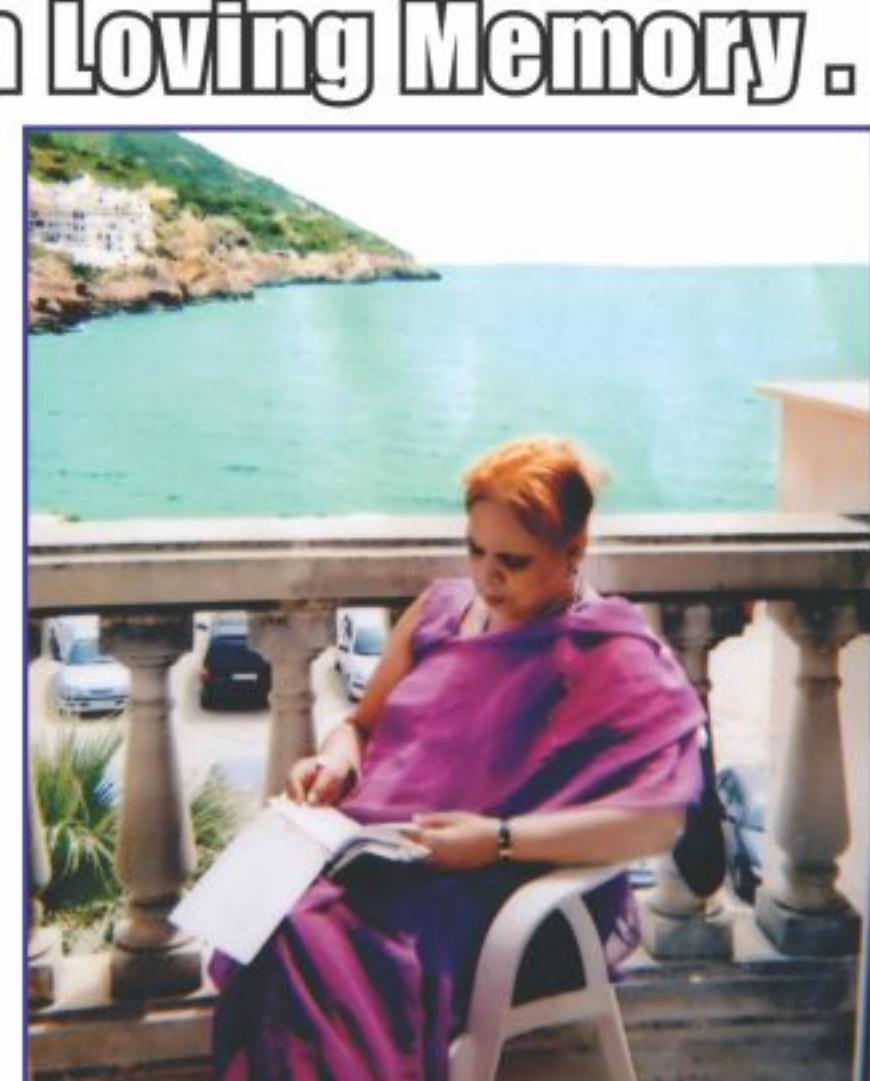
Manzoor Hossain was an accomplished engineer, says a press release.

He left behind his wife Bilquis Khan, two daughters, one son, four grandsons and two granddaughters to mourn his death.

His qulhwani will be held tomorrow following Asr prayers at House No.2, Road No.80, Gulshan-2 in the capital.

Manzoor Hossain was well respected to his friends and family members for his altruistic manner and he touched many lives with his compassion and love.

In Loving Memory . . .



DR. RAZIA KHAN AMIN

On the 1st anniversary of her death.

Anwarul Amin, Kaiser Tamiz Amin, Aasha Mehreen Amin, Syed Mohammed Ali, Mehvish Gulzare Ali