



Justice Masud passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Chowdhury ATM Masud, former chief election commissioner (CEC) and president of Bangladesh Heart Foundation, died of old age complications at a hospital in the capital on Friday. He was 89.

He became a judge of the Appellate Division of Supreme Court of Bangladesh on April 19, 1982, and was appointed the CEC on February 17, 1985 and relinquished the office in 1990.

He was made the deputy attorney general of the government of Bangladesh following the country's independence and held the post till June 19, 1973 when he was elevated to the bench as a judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court.

Born in Sylhet, ATM Masud graduated from University Law College Calcutta. While a student there, he was elected as the president of Assam provincial Muslim Student's Federation during 1945-47.

Politically conscious since his youth, he was at the forefront of the Sylhet referendum held in July 1947 to decide whether Sylhet would be a part of India or Pakistan.

His career as a lawyer began in Sylhet in 1951. After four years, he moved to the High Court of the then East Pakistan. He enrolled as an advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 1962.

Having observed many historical episodes in his illustrious career, ATM Masud wrote about some of the defining moments in the nation's history in "Reminiscence of Few Decades and Problems of Democracy in Bangladesh".

ATM Masud was also associated with different voluntary organisations.

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Unable to choke back tears at the sight of a photojournalist of The Daily Star, this mother of a missing garment worker of the Rana Plaza collapse looks away to calm her aching soul. She was taking part in a human chain organised by IndustriALL Bangladesh Council, the local chapter of the global union, before the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding compensation for workers who have died in all workplace accidents till date and safer work environments. The programme was organised on the eve of the first anniversary of the November 24 Tazreen Fashions fire.

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Two Indians held with six gold bars at Shahjalal airport

One held with five gold bars in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials detained two Indian nationals with six gold bars, weighing 5.5kgs, and foreign currency, worth over Tk 18 lakh, at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday.

The duo -- Dinesh Kumar Jain and Suresh Kumar -- in a flight of Etihad Airways landed around 4:30am from Dubai, said Wajed Ali, an assistant commissioner of customs.

On secret information, the customs officials stopped Dinesh first and then Suresh at the immigration zone.

They recovered one gold bar, weighing 1kg, from Dinesh while the others, weighing 4.5kg, and 86,000 dirham (currency of the United Arab Emirates) from Suresh, Ali added.

The value of the six gold bars is worth about Tk 2.5 crore, he added.

Our Chittagong correspondent adds: Government Railway Police (GRP) arrested a man with five gold bars, weighing 41 tolas, worth around Tk 25 lakh, at Chittagong Railway Station yesterday.

Acting on secret information, police searched Shafikur Rahman, of Satkania upazila, who was waiting at a platform with several books in his hand.

Each gold bar was taped inside a book, GRP police officials said.

One of the bars has "Dubai" inscribed in it, police added. Shafikur told police that he was paid Tk 5,000 to deliver the consignment.

A case was filed in this regard.

DHAKA DENTAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Bureaucratic red tape holds back emergency services

AKRAM HOSEN

Dhaka Dental College Hospital has not been able to start an emergency unit even after two years of its inception in 2011 due to bureaucratic tangles, depriving patients with critical needs of timely treatment.

Being the largest hospital specialising in dentistry and facial surgery in the country, hospitals from across the country refer people with critical needs to this hospital for advanced treatment.

But many arriving patients have to wait for hours, sometimes a whole night, before they receive any treatment, let alone see any specialists.

At present, the hospital receives patients

through its outdoor service that remains open from 8:00am to 2:30pm. People who cannot come within this period have no choice but to wait outside.

"I waited an entire night at the hospital veranda with my injured son. We were totally unattended the whole time," said one woman whose 17-year-old son recently needed immediate surgery in his jaw for injuries from a road accident in Kishoreganj.

The hospital administration said they cannot start providing the emergency service because the hospital does not have the required staff.

"We had written to the authorities right after the hospital opened," said top administrative

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Bangladesh Mahila Parishad set to launch fortnight campaign against violence on women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad has announced a set of programmes from tomorrow spanning a fortnight, urging the society to resist all forms of violence against women.

With the slogan "Oppression of Women and Girl Child should be Resisted and Eliminated", the women's rights organisation declared that it will aim to garner public support for the cause by holding discussions, seminars, workshops and rallies across the country from November 25 to December 10.

TV programmes aimed to sensitize people to this issue will also air during the period, said leaders of the parishad at a press conference at Sufia Kamal Bhavan in the capital yesterday.

Despite efforts made by the government and NGOs,

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Sylhet cop closed over extortion allegation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An assistant sub-inspector of Sylhet's Biswanath Police Station was closed to Sylhet District Police Lines yesterday while a departmental investigation was initiated over extortion allegations using fake arrest warrants.

Steps will also be taken against a second officer, Marfat Ali, for not informing high-ups even after being informed by the complainant, Shaokat Ali, Sylhet Superintendent of Police Nur E Alam Mina told The Daily Star.

Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police (North) Mohiuddin Mahmud will conduct the investigation.

Shaokat, a resident of Alamnagar village of Biswanath upazila, provided photos of him paying for an iPhone with the accused Mazharul Islam by his side in Sylhet city's Karim Ullah Market, claiming it was taken on Friday, said Nur.

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Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Tomorrow is the eighth death anniversary of Zia Ansari, former

programme executive of Bangladesh Television (BTV).

His family members have requested all to pray for the salvation of his departed soul, said a press release.



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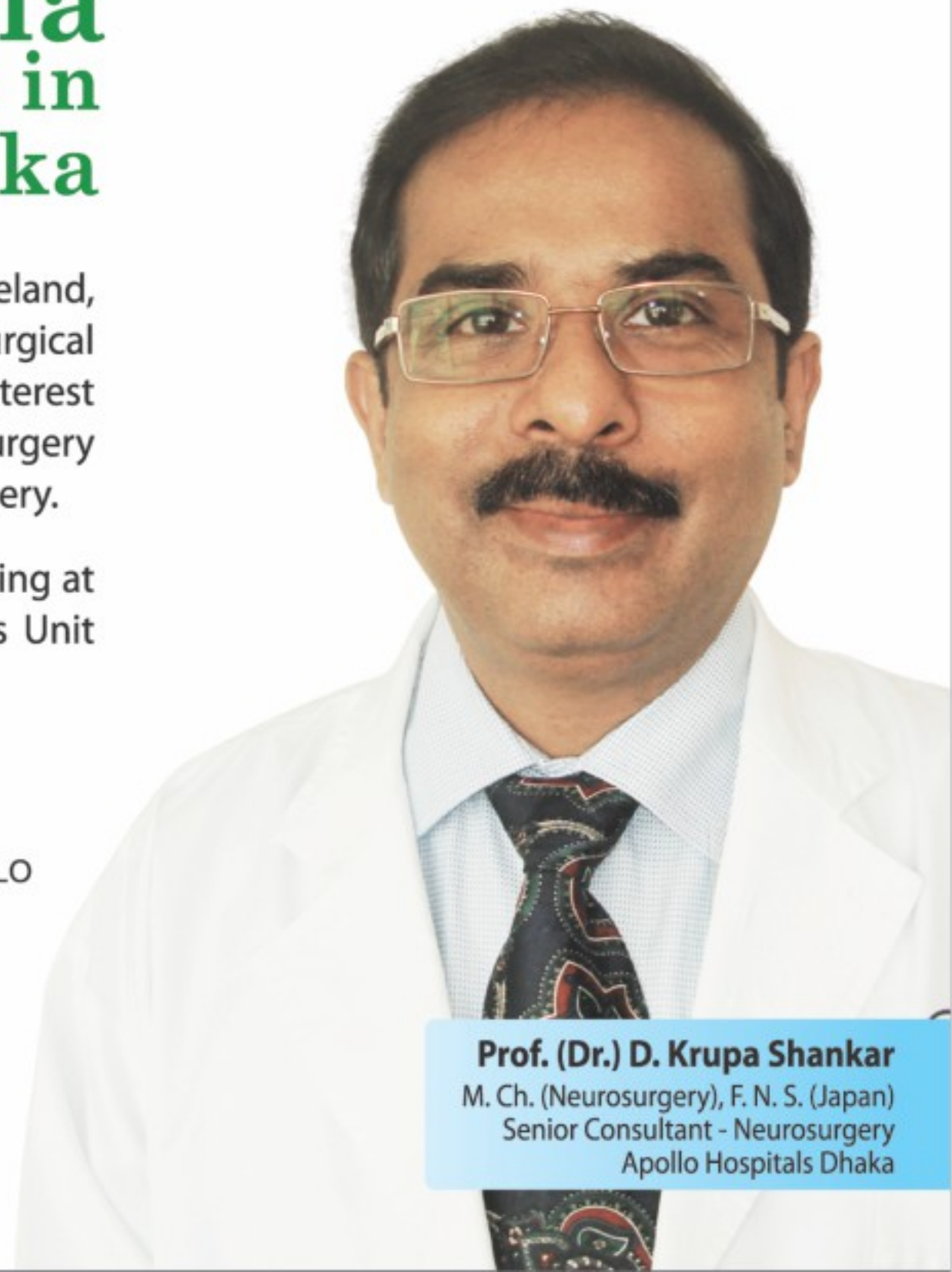
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