

Mohammad Hanif's 7th death anniversary today

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Today is the seventh death anniversary of Mohammad Hanif, the first elected mayor of Dhaka City Corporation and an Awami League (AL) leader.

On the occasion, Mayor Mohammad Hanif Memorial Foundation, AL Dhaka city unit and socio-cultural organisations will, among others, hold doa and milad mahfils and discussions and offer prayers at his grave.

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in separate messages paid rich tributes to Hanif's memory.

Hamid said Hanif joined active politics in his student life under the tutelage of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and was a devout follower of the latter's ideology.

Hasina said Hanif played a significant role in different democratic movements to free Bangladesh from autocracy. Shirin said Hanif would remain alive forever among the people through his works.

Hanif suffered splinter injuries while shielding AL President Sheikh Hasina during the 21 August, 2004 grenade attack on an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital. Two years later, he suffered a cardiac arrest and died in Apollo Hospital.

ASK concerned

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people's fear and uncertainty," it added.

ASK expressed hope that the government and the opposition will find a way to solve the current political impasse through holding dialogues.



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Family of Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon lays a wreath on his grave at Dhaka Medical College to pay tribute to him on the occasion of his 23rd death anniversary yesterday. On this day in 1990, armed cadres of the autocratic ruler HM Ershad killed Dr Milon, the then joint secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association, on Dhaka University campus as a part of their efforts to foil an imminent mass upsurge.

Early deployment

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BNP to agree on a poll-time government. "It is essential for democracy that the main opposition joins the national election."

Majumdar was one of six eminent citizens who met President Abdul Hamid on Tuesday, proposing curbing the prime minister's powers to overrule ministers' decisions so that the BNP joins the interim cabinet and partake in the election slated for January 5.

SHUJAN, a civil society platform promoting good governance, and Youth Ending Hunger organised an awareness programme, "Democracy Olympiad", at National Museum where some 400 students of universities and colleges were present.

Interacting with the

youths, Majumdar said democratic values in the society had been shattered by the political parties' illegal influence on the constitutional institutions. But the civil society has also failed to play its role to save the nation from "corrupt politics" due to division within itself, he said, urging the youth to promote democratic values.

Presidium Member of Communist Party of Bangladesh Rubin Hossain Prince and General Secretary of Bangladesh Math Olympiad Munir Hasan also spoke among others.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Bar Council Secretary Mahbub Uddin Khokon urged the government officials including law enforcers to discharge their duties impartially to establish the rule of law.

Sust reverts

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in both Sylhet and Jessore while the universities will prepare separate merit lists based on their own merit standards.

Meanwhile, "Sacheton Sylhetbashi", a local forum protesting the unified exam, gave the Sust three days to hold the test separately, otherwise they will bring out a procession in the Sust at 11:00am on Sunday.

In a meeting chaired by a Sylhet city ward councillor, Rezaul Hasan Lodi, also the forum's convener, at his Housing Estate office in the city, the forum threatened to declare hartal in Sylhet district on the day before and on the exam day.

They argued that meritorious students will end up in the Sust since it is an older and a more reputed educational institution.

People won't accept poll

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Citing a court verdict, Dr Kamal said, "The court too said the caretaker system could continue for two more terms.

The court did not force her to bring the constitu-

tional amendment."

Asked whether there is any fear of takeover by a third force if the crisis persists, he said, "There are many kinds of apprehension. But we're conducting a movement for a fair election."

Chehlum

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The chehlum of Dr Zakeria Chowdhury, an organiser of the

Liberation War, a politician and a social activist, will be held today.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani, and a doa mahfil have been arranged at his Chittagong city residence, said a press release.

At 3:00pm on December 7, a condolence meeting will be held at Engineer Abdul Khaleq Auditorium in Chittagong Press Club.

His relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programmes.

Zakeria died on October 21.

Pharmaceuticals

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committee member of Socialist Party of Bangladesh.

Calling on the people to protest the price hike, he said, "If we accept these irrational prices, the companies will go for a hike again."

BAR ON CATCHING BROOD FISH Bangladesh's compensation scheme can be model for other countries

Says international study

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Bangladesh's initiative of compensating fishermen for not catching brood fish in a certain period of time in particular areas to boost up fish stocks could be a model for fisheries of other nations that are experiencing decline in the number of fish species, says an international study.

The study termed it a rare example of "payments for ecosystem services" (PES) that Bangladesh's government has implemented to conserve the threatened species that feed millions of Bangladeshis.

London based organisation International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) will release the study, "Direct Economic Incentives for Sustainable Fisheries Management-The Case Study of Hilsa Conservation in Bangladesh", today, says a press release.

"Bangladesh's pioneering model of payments to compensate fishing communities has much to teach other nations that face declines in their fish stocks due to overfishing and environmental change," says co-author Dr Essam Yassin Mohammed of the IIED.

However, the study recommends five measures which could further boost the Hilsa stock.

These include better understanding of the socio-economic and ecological systems, identifying the beneficiaries and ways that can make the scheme financially sustainable, empowering local fishing communities, identifying how fisher communities would prefer to receive their compensation packages and redesign them accordingly, and improving cooperation between the Bangladesh, India and Myanmar, which share the Bay of Bengal. The researchers also advise channelling a portion of revenues generated from Hilsa export into a conservation trust fund.

"Most governments use regulations to manage their fisheries, but Bangladesh has combined this stick with the carrot of compensation," said another co-author Prof Abdul Wahab from Bangladesh Agricultural University.

The scheme is a rare example of "payments for ecosystem services" (PES) from a fishery. "What makes it doubly rare is that the government developed and funded the scheme without donor assistance," states the report.

Hilsa, the national fish of Bangladesh, once abundant in the Bay and hundreds of rivers in Bangladesh, India and Myanmar, has declined steeply in numbers since the 1970s, largely because of overfishing.

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Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor M Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul, also Jubo Dal Rajshahi city unit president, seeks treatment in a Rajshahi city clinic yesterday after being hit by rubber bullets fired by law enforcers before Rajshahi College. The law enforcers had initially asked Bulbul and other Rajshahi unit BNP-led 18-party leaders and activists, enforcing the opposition's second day of blockade before the college, to disperse. They started firing after a cocktail was hurled from the gathering at them.

Prosecution ends arguments

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of Dhaka fixed today for hearing on the defence lawyers' arguments.

The court will fix a date for delivery of the judgment if the defence places arguments on that date.

Earlier, the court recorded

statements of 33 prosecution witnesses, out of 60, including complainant of the case.

Of the accused, eight are now in jail while 13 others have been absconding since the case was filed.

Some activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League

(BCL) stabbed Bishwajit Das, proprietor of Amantron Tailors in Shankharibazar area of Sutrapur, to death in the capital during a road blockade programme enforced by the BNP-led 18-party alliance on December 9, last year.

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