

'TORTURE' ON DOMESTIC HELP IN CTG MJF demands arrest of culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing deep concerns over the repression on a 10-year-old domestic help, Tamanna in Chittagong, Manusher Jonno Foundation, yesterday demanded the torturers' arrest.

The development organisation promoting human rights and good governance, also demanded the victim's proper treatment, says a press release.

As the alleged persons remain out of just punishment, such incidents are increasing, said MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam.

Tamanna, who worked as a domestic help at a house in the city's Shulakbahar, is now fighting for life in Chittagong Medical College Hospital with 40 percent burns.

College student stabbed

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While he along with his younger sister was returning home from herschool around 3:00pm, said the victim's father Tajul, a local businessman.

Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Ataur Rahman said they detained one Salauddin and a woman of the area to interrogate them in connection with the incident.

However, he could not say about the reason behind the killing.

Ecneec okays 2 power plants

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After the meeting, Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told reporters that the government has set a target to generate 24,400 MW electricity by 2021, of which 14,000 MW will be from coal based power plants.

For the coal based power plants, local coal will be used for producing 6,000 MW electricity while imported coal for generating 8,000 MW, he added.

Mustafa said the additional coal will be produced at Barapukuria through existing system and it would be used to generate more electricity.

At the meeting, another project, worth Tk 55 crore, in order to construct a road connecting to the proposed Khulna Coal Based Power Plant, was also approved.

Model Pallab detained

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who wanted to discuss about a film, he said.

Two of the four released included the junior artist and Pallab's driver.

The law enforcers conducted a raid in an office in Kunjaban area behind the BTV Bhaban and picked up the eleven people, including Pallab.

They also seized three firearms, 14 bullets and two machetes from the office, said Ashrafuzzaman.

The office belonged to "Digital Kamal Group" owned by a businessman named Kamal.

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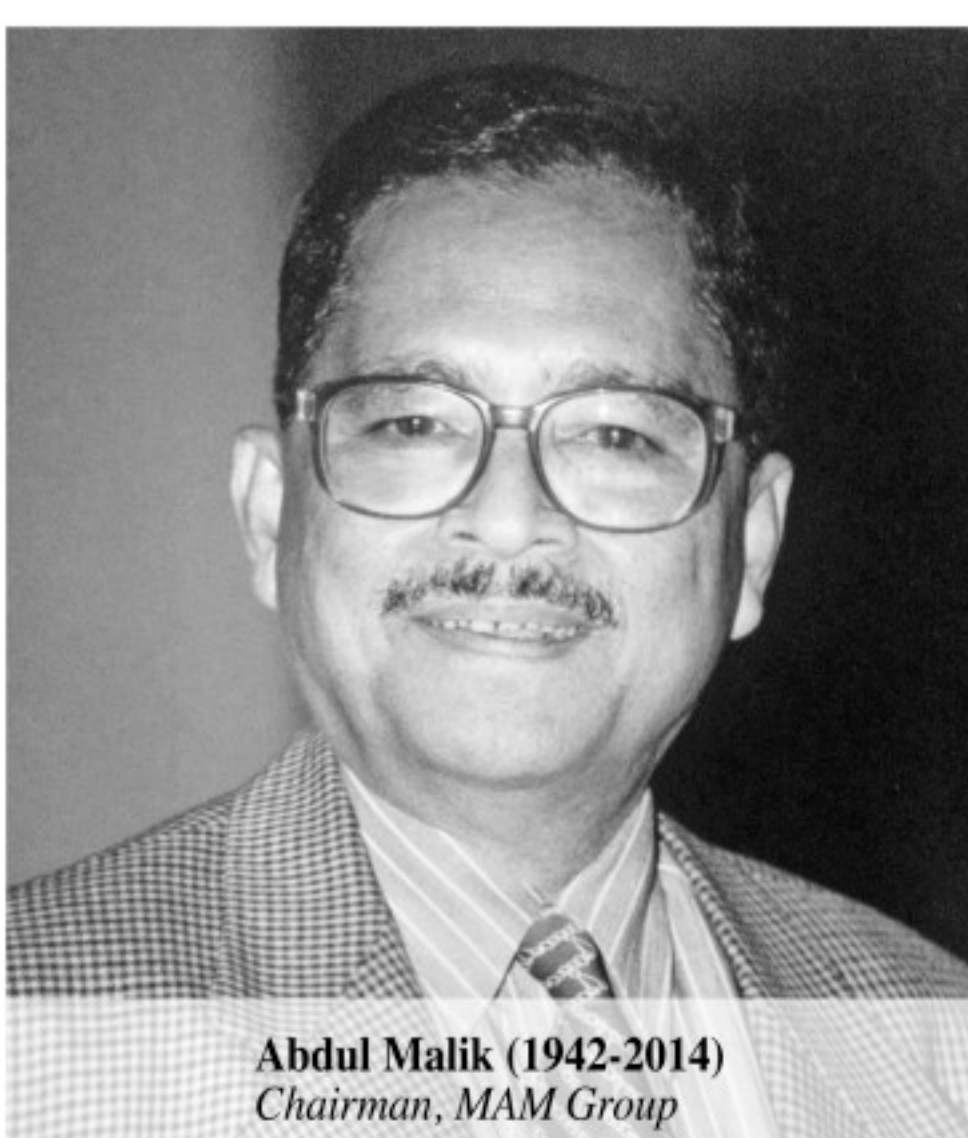
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Abdul Malik (1942-2014)
Chairman, MAM Group

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to many; Abdul Malik, Chairman of MAM Group, has passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 01:55 pm in Popular Hospital, Dhaka, due to a sudden Cardio-Respiratory Arrest (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaieh Rajwun). He was 72 years old.

Abdul Malik was born on October 18, 1942 in Kattholi, Chittagong. He was the son of Late Abdul Khalek Chowdhury. He is survived by his wife, a son, three daughters and a few grandchildren in this mortal world.

We are requesting everyone to pray for his departed soul.

Sayda Yesmin Malik (Wife)
Ashfaque Malik (Son)
Sadia Malik, Rica Malik and Nazda Malik (Daughters)

His Milad Mehefil will be held on Friday, January 31, 2014; Baad Asr at his residence. 14/5, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.

It was political

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The body is among four BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia formed on January 23 to get a "clear picture" after investigating the attacks, countrywide violence, extrajudicial killings, human rights violations by law enforcers and oppression on the BNP-led 18-party alliance men.

BNP has been facing immense criticism from home and abroad over involvement of the alliance's men in communal attacks before and after the polls. Formation of the bodies was BNP's clear message to all that it is against such attacks, said BNP insiders.

Last night, Dr Zahid did not pick up several calls The Daily Star made on his cellphone for further comments on the probe.

The insiders say BNP also plans to inform foreign diplomats in Dhaka about recent raids against the alliance activists.

BNP Standing Committee Member Zamir Uddin Sircar and the BNP chairperson's advisers ASM Abdul Halim and Shaukat Mahmud are separately leading

the remaining three bodies.

Lambasting Hasina, BNP also urged her to bring a change to the "politics of hatred and vindictiveness" against arch-rivals and give peace a chance.

Addressing a press conference in BNP's Naya Paltan central office, BNP Spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon said how can a responsible person like the premier utter such a heinous speech?

"Why would she go there? Bangladesh is also the country of the BNP chief. Does she not have any contribution to the country?" asked Ripon, also BNP international affairs secretary.

"In retaliation, we will not ask the premier to go to India because it will not be decent for any of us to speak ill of politicians, especially chiefs of political parties," he said.

Expressing deep concern over the alleged suicide of a Rana Plaza collapse survivor on Friday, he demanded that the government publish a whitepaper on the amount of monetary support it received from home and abroad and distributed.

Gonojagoron Mancha declares

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exhibition opening ceremony and cultural programmes, Imran told journalists at Shahbagh.

On February 6, a drawing competition and recitation of poems on the Liberation War will be held at Shahbagh.

On the third day, a rally will be staged at 3:00pm while a cultural programme will be held between at 7:00pm at the same venue.

Imran also urged school, college and university students to submit an essay on "Shahbagh Movement and Future

Bangladesh" within 1,500 words in a bid to publish a book compiling the best 52 essays.

Candidates can submit the essay at the temporary tent at Shahbagh or can mail at gonojagoron@gmail.com and info@gonojaronmoncho.com by February 4.

A pro-liberation youths' group formed the platform demanding capital punishment for all war criminals, hours after an International Crime Tribunal sentenced convicted war criminal Quader Mollah to life term imprisonment.

Govt to appoint administrators

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deadline for the private universities to shift to their own campuses. The universities, which could not move to their own campuses even seven years after inception, will have to shift to their own campuses by September 15, 2015.

"Otherwise, temporary approval of the universities will be cancelled and the universities will not be able to enrol students after the new deadline," said the release.

The ministry had earlier given deadlines to the universities three times, but still many

universities could not move to their own campuses.

The meeting decided to appoint vice chancellors, pro-vice chancellors and treasurers to those universities which did not propose names for the posts yet.

It also warned of taking stern action against the universities which do not carry out audits regularly or submit audit reports to the ministry, said the release, adding that the ministry and University Grants Commission (UGC) will jointly form an audit team which will audit the universities gradually.

Court wants probe report

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The order was over a January 23 petition of the prosecution bringing the allegation of the two Jahangirnagar University (JU) students, also activists of "Shontrashar Biruddhe Jahangirnagar", a platform demanding justice over the murder, and seeking the bail cancellation.

The petition said the beating on Syed Nazmul Hossain of physics and Razibul Islam of the Institute of Business Administration took place while they were leaving the court around 1:30pm after

witnessing the trial proceedings.

Nazmul had filed a general diary with Kotwali police against the attackers.

On September 8, 2013, the tribunal framed charges against the 13 expelled Bangladesh Chhatra League activists of JU unit in connection with the murder.

Zubair, an honours final year student of JU English department, was allegedly tortured and stabbed by the accused on January 8, 2012. He succumbed to his injuries in a Dhaka hospital the next day.

Shibir men clash with BCL

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During this time, activists of the two student organisations hurled brick bats at each other while some 10 firecracker explosions were heard, they added.

Refuting allegations against the pro-ruling Awami League organisation, BCL Vice-President Anjon Rai claimed that they

had been attacked by the Shibir men.

In turn, the pro-Jamaat-e-Islami body, in a press release, claimed that they were the victims and that BCL men had torched its President Hossain Ahmed's motorcycle.

Jalalabad Police Station Officer-in-Charge (investigation) Md Manirul Islam said a case would be filed.

Abducted youth killed

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name of his abductors before he died.

Contacted, Md Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Sonadanga Police Station, said

the body was sent for an autopsy.

He said the victim's family members told him the names of the murders but he will not disclose those for investigation purposes.

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Govt's ill bid to control

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While serving at Special Judge Court-3 of Dhaka, Motahar had acquitted BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman in a money laundering case on November 17, 2013.

Addressing a press conference in the capital's SCBA auditorium, SCBA President AJ Mohammad Ali said this initiation would act as a hindrance for judges, including those at the SC, in delivering justice and create panic among them.

He said they feel that the investigation was a product of vindictiveness. "We express doubt whether Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) would have had conducted the investigation if Motahar Hossain had penalised Tarique Rahman," he said.

Mohammad Ali said perhaps the judge was being harassed as his judgment did not go in ACC's favour.

ACC official Harun-ur-Rashid, who was the case's investigation officer and who had once sought justice as a prosecutor on ACC's behalf from Motahar, has now been appointed to investigate against the judge, he said.

Judges, including those of the High Court, will be faced with obstacles and apprehensions in serving justice due to possibilities of being unnecessarily harassed for passing judgments against ACC and the government, he added.

He urged the government and ACC, in the interest of an independent judiciary, to refrain from activities that lead to harassment of judges.

SCBA Secretary AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon also spoke.

Razakars shot dead

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January 22 statement. Instead, Prosecutor Syed Haider Ali sought permission to produce another witness, Ullasini.

ICT-2 recorded her testimony and cross-examination, completed through five questions, before adjourning proceedings until today, when the IO is expected to testify.

During her testimony, Ullasini said Razakars in the Bangla month of Shraban threatened the Hindus of dire consequences if they did not convert.

After two to four days, they gathered at the home of one Sanatan Doctor as per the Razakars' orders and were converted and forced to eat beef (which is forbidden in the

Hindu religion), she said.

After the shooting on the 18th of the Bangla month of Kartik, her brother and father-in-laws returned home from the market but they could not state the whereabouts of her husband, Mahadev Chandra Das, who was also there.

She found him with bullet wounds in the market and he died on the way back home, said Ullasini with tears streaming down her face.

The body was set adrift on the Bishkhali river as the circumstances were not favourable for a funeral, she said, adding "At that time, people were saying that Yusuf Moulana is destroying the country."

PM opens campaign

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Seeking cooperation of all to make the vaccination campaign a success, Hasina called upon all -- parents, guardians, teachers, public representatives and others -- to ensure that children around them take the vaccine along with their own kids.

Health Minister Mohammad Nasim gave the welcome address at the function, chaired by Health Secretary MN Neazuddin.

National Professor Dr MR Khan, Director General of Health Prof Dr Khandakar Sifatetullah, and Bangladesh Medical

Association President Prof Mahmud Hasan and its Secretary General Prof Iqbal Arsnal were, among others, present.

Health Ministry officials said about 5.2 crore children (one-third of total population) will be given measles-rubella vaccine while 2.20 crore children the polio vaccine during the three-week vaccination campaign.

They informed that the vaccination campaign will run from January 25-30 at all primary and secondary schools, kindergartens, madrasas, maktabas, mosques and other non-formal educational institutions.

Some provisions threat to freedom

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and impartiality of the trial process of these running cases filed under the act. Despite concerns and criticisms from rights organisations, civil society members and the media, the government enacted the ICT Act (Amendment) 2013 October 5 last year.

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