



Chehlum

CITY DESK

Chehlum of Tahmina Ahmad, former vice president of Jatiya Press Club, will be held in her house of Savar Ulail Karnapara today after Juma prayers.

Tahmina died in her Lalmatia residence in the capital on March 24 at the age of 65.

She was buried the next day at her family graveyard in Savar Karnapara following her namaz-e-janaza.

She was one of the pioneer female journalists who made her signature by writing on rights issues. She had worked with the Holiday, the Asiaweek (now defunct) and the Bangladesh Observer (now defunct).

Tahmina, wife of late Hasan Saeed, former bureau chief of Associated Press (AP), left behind three sons, a daughter and brothers and sisters.

Bangladesh won't be

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She said the geographical location of Bangladesh has given the country certain advantage to become a hub or bridge between the east and the west while Bangladesh can avail themselves of the opportunity of refuelling facilities for many international flights.

Highlighting the potential of Bangladesh's tourism sector, especially the world's longest sea beach in Cox's Bazar and the Sundarbans, Hasina said a joint initiative could be taken with Nepal and Bhutan for attracting tourists from abroad.

If joint steps are possible, she said, the foreign tourists after enjoying mountains and skating in the snows in Nepal and Bhutan could come to Bangladesh to enjoy the unbound natural beauties.

The prime minister also suggested creating exclusive tourism areas only for the foreign tourists with necessary amenities.

Regarding the visits of tourists to coastal areas during the rainy season as well as bathing in the sea beach, the premier said necessary rules should be followed to avert accidents as there is often trend of violating the rules. "We'll have to be tough and alert in this regard...we're now introducing tourist police...there should be trained manpower for bay watch."

Mentioning that Bangladesh was once known as a country of natural disasters, terrorism, militancy, Hasina said now Bangladesh has become a role model of development, the country is moving ahead and will continue to move.

To enhance Biman Bangladesh Airlines' capacity, she said the four 777-300 ER airplanes procured from Boeing had already been added to its fleet. Another two Boeing 737-800 aircraft would be added to the fleet by November-December next year while Boeing would hand over another four 787-8 airplanes in 2019-2020, she added.

BCL faction now injures shuttle train

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till the demand was met.

The BCL faction enforced the strike demanding punishment for the activists of another group of CU BCL who, what the former said, assaulted AL central sub-committee Assistant Secretary Nasir Haider Babul and put a garland of shoes around his

neck on the campus on April 5.

Meanwhile, no university bus traveled to the campus yesterday, said CU campus Police Box Sub-inspector Md Mainuddin.

CU Proctor Md Siraj-ud-Douhal said no examination was held yesterday. However, some classes were taken in some departments, he added.

ACC grills 4 Rajuk officials

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On April 22, ACC filed three cases against Showkat for misuse of power while he was housing secretary.

Showkat illegally altered the categories and size of three Rajuk plots allotted to him, his wife Aysha Begum and mother Zakia

Amjad, when he was secretary of the housing and public works ministry between 2010 and 2011, according to an ACC probe report.

Though primary investigation by ACC found that Showkat had carried out the act in cahoots with some Rajuk officials, the commission, however, sued only Showkat.

No raid without informing

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taken similar steps. "To resist crimes like abduction, we have decided to deal with such cases centrally instead of looking into them from the police station concerned."

Nawsher Ali, deputy inspector general of police (Chittagong range), said the inspector general of police (IGP) had directed them to be more cautious and take prompt action considering the country's present law and order situation.

JP demands

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forced disappearances and murders, he said.

WP also submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner of Dhaka.

Meanwhile, Jatiya Party demanded immediate formation of a "special tribunal" to try the criminals.

It also urged the president to call a special session at parliament to discuss the incidents in Narayanganj.

Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, general secretary of the party, made the demands at a human chain before the Jatiya Press Club. "Incidents like enforced disappearance, killings cannot go on in a free and civilised country," he said.

Deterring democracy

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instead of the people, and thus the agencies "are riding the government's back like the ghost of Sinbad".

The roundtable, "Enforced Disappearance and Abduction: Citizens' Concern and Responsibility", was organised by Sushashonee Jonno Nagorik (SHUJAN) at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

A number of other speakers including noted columnist Syed Abul Moksud blamed "politics of criminality" for the current law and order situation, marked by a large number of cases of abduction, forced disappearance and killing countrywide.

Former cabinet secretary Ali Imam Majumder said cross-fire and gunfight gave a red signal to criminals temporarily, but that did not last long. Rather, criminals find new ways to take advantage of the situation as evident in recent crimes, he said.

To clear confusion about the alleged abductions by law enforcers, SHUJAN called for implementing the National Human Rights Commission chairman's advice that no law enforcers arrest anyone without wearing their uniform and carrying their identity card.

"During arrest at least two persons from the neighbourhood must be kept as eyewitnesses," said Majumder, quoting NHRC chief Mizanur Rahman.

Media analyst Mohammad Jahangir suggested that the government put up advertisements in media detailing the arrest process so that if anyone deviated, the corresponding police station or Rab office of that area could be held accountable. He also recommended enacting a law where punishment for law enforcers would be doubled for the same crime committed by civilians.

Former inspector general of police (IGP) ASM Shahjahan holds a similar view. Taking departmental action is too lenient a punishment for law enforcers, he said. "Since law enforcers are the defenders of law, when they break it, their punishment should be stricter."

Speaking about Narayanganj city councillor Nur Hossain, the main accused in the seven-murder, Manna said, "He is a product of Jatiya Party, BNP and Awami League. These parties have become political parties of the people like Nur."

BNP wants

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In the briefing, Fakhrul criticised the government for not allowing the BNP to stage a public rally, where Khaleda was set to speak, in Narayanganj on May 14.

District BNP Wednesday night submitted an application to the Narayanganj City Corporation seeking its permission for holding the rally at a convenient venue but the NCC turned down the plea considering the present law and order in the district, sources said.

KHOKA LAMBASTS RAB
At the press conference, BNP Vice-Chairman Sadeq Hossain Khoka said the State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal should be held responsible for killing NCC Panel Mayor Nazrul Islam.

"Nazrul had informed the state minister that his life was under threat and requested him to ensure his security," Khoka referred to media reports, adding, "Instead of initiating any security measures, he [Kamal] advised Nazrul to meet local MP Shamim Osman."

Khoka demanded action against Rab's high-ups to prevent a recurrence of killings of people like Nazrul by what he called Rab.

He also blasted the Hasina-led government for barring him from going abroad for medical purposes on Wednesday night.

Nationwide

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By Syed Mansur Ahmed
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As per decision of the 492nd meeting of the Chittagong University syndicate held in April 24, 2014, Mr. Md. Muzaffar Ahmed has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics of this University for his dissertation on "CBFM Approach: Towards an Institutional Framework for Sustainability". His Thesis Supervisor was Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Professor of Economics, Chittagong University, who is well-known as a veteran writer and researcher in Economics. Mr. Ahmed is currently serving as the Program Director of Shree of 'Save the Children International in Bangladesh'. He is the eldest son of late Abu Bashir Chowdhury of Comapanyani Upazila, Shirajpur Union, Shahajadpur Village, Noakhali.

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