



A group of Phulgazi residents protesting against the killing of the upazila chairman Ekramul Haque pull apart the metal planks of Feni-Parsuram bailey bridge in Bandua of the upazila, disrupting road communications there for about seven hours yesterday. Ekram, also an Awami League leader, was shot inside his SUV before being burnt alive by unidentified assailants in Feni town on Tuesday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Sloppy prosecution riles tribunal

Its failure to prove authenticity of own documents causes deferment of Mobarak's trial, which was supposed to conclude yesterday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The war crimes proceedings against Brahmanbaria Awami League leader Mobarak Hossain could be completed at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday but the prosecution's failure to prove the authenticity of their own documents led to its deferment till May 27.

The three judges of the tribunal yesterday expressed their annoyance at the prosecution for "wasting government money by submitting unnecessary, voluminous documents" to the tribunal and "handling the case carelessly".

In the final probe report, a note was written citing some instructions for the

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MONDAY'S UPAZILA POLLS

Half of those saw rigging, intimidation

Says monitoring group

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Half of the 12 upazilas where elections were held on Monday witnessed incidents of rigging and intimidation of voters, a local monitoring body said yesterday.

In addition, violence inside polling stations occurred in four upazilas, violation of code of conduct in five, and ouster of polling agents in four

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GRAFT CASES SC okays trials of three BNP leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the lower courts concerned to run the trial proceedings of the corruption cases against three BNP leaders including Moudud Ahmed.

The other leaders are: BNP standing committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and former BNP lawmaker MA Hashem.

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LAND GRAB CASE ACC approves charges against Moudud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday approved the charge sheet filed against BNP leader Moudud Ahmed and his brother Manjur Ahmed in a case for illegally occupying an abandoned government land.

The case filed last year states that Moudud and Manjur grabbed one bigha

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KILLINGS, ABDUCTIONS Raushan blames unemployment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Raushan Ershad yesterday blamed unemployment and lack of decentralisation of power for the recent abductions and killings in the country. "Political and social stability of the country have been damaged due to unemployment. If we can ensure jobs for our young generation, they will not get involved in crimes like

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Japan endorses Jan 5 JS polls

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Despite having reservations about the January 5 general election, Japan yesterday said the vote was constitutionally and legally right, and it had no problem to work with the Awami League government.

"No, we don't have any problem in dealing with your government," said Japanese Ambassador Shiro Sadoshima, replying to a question at "DCAB Talk" at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

He, however, said all the political parties must think seriously why they failed to give the people a chance to make a political choice and hoped that in the coming months all parties would come together and work out a solution to give a chance to the voters to make a choice.

The ambassador said Japan, which voiced serious concern about the escalation of violence before the elections, was now comfortable with the current environment.

Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB) arranged the event with its President Mainul Alam in the chair. DCAB General Secretary Angur Nahar Monty gave the welcome address.

Democracy means more than a poll

Says UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Haoliang Xu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Democracy does not mean only elections but what happens afterwards and how accountably the system functions, UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Haoliang Xu said yesterday.

"There is a need to improve governance and institutions, especially the local government--how they can play a constructive role and promote development at local levels," he told a press conference at the capital's Sonargaon Hotel, wrapping up a five-day visit to Bangladesh.

During his stay, Xu visited various UNDP projects, including those at Korail slum in Dhaka, Dacope in Khulna, and Chittagong Hill Tracts.

He also met the finance and foreign ministers, government high officials and development experts in Dhaka to gather experience on Bangladesh's development priorities.

While commending Bangladesh's achievements in cutting maternal and infant mortality and significant improvement in primary school enrolment, Xu said the UN encouraged a more inclusive, accountable and responsive system of governance to development.

"It is for the interest of the people, empowerment of the poor and marginalised," said Xu, an expert on economic

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Tareq's father Mr. Alauddin Ahmed, a senior Bank Official, was apparently healthy though he did have strong family history of heart disease and diabetes. Like most he was having an usual sedentary lifestyle of no exercise, irregular medical check up, irregular medication as required and so on.

However, life was going on. Sometimes Mr. Alauddin used to have episodes of dry cough which got cured following some course of cough syrup and antibiotics. Last year he got this cold bouts like previous years to which the family members didn't pay much attention. Suddenly one morning, Mr. Alauddin started having severe chest pain from early dawn and he succumbed to death within few minutes; he was brought dead to the hospital.



Mr. Alauddin died of massive heart attack, which was an eventual happening as he was totally unaware of the diseases brewing in his system! Tareq, this young medical student saw his father die in front of his eyes before he could fulfill his dream by becoming a doctor.

Don't you find Tareq's life story to be one of your own? Not only Mr. Alauddin, many of us ignore these early signs of heart diseases which may end up with heart attack from where some will return while some will end up in fatality.

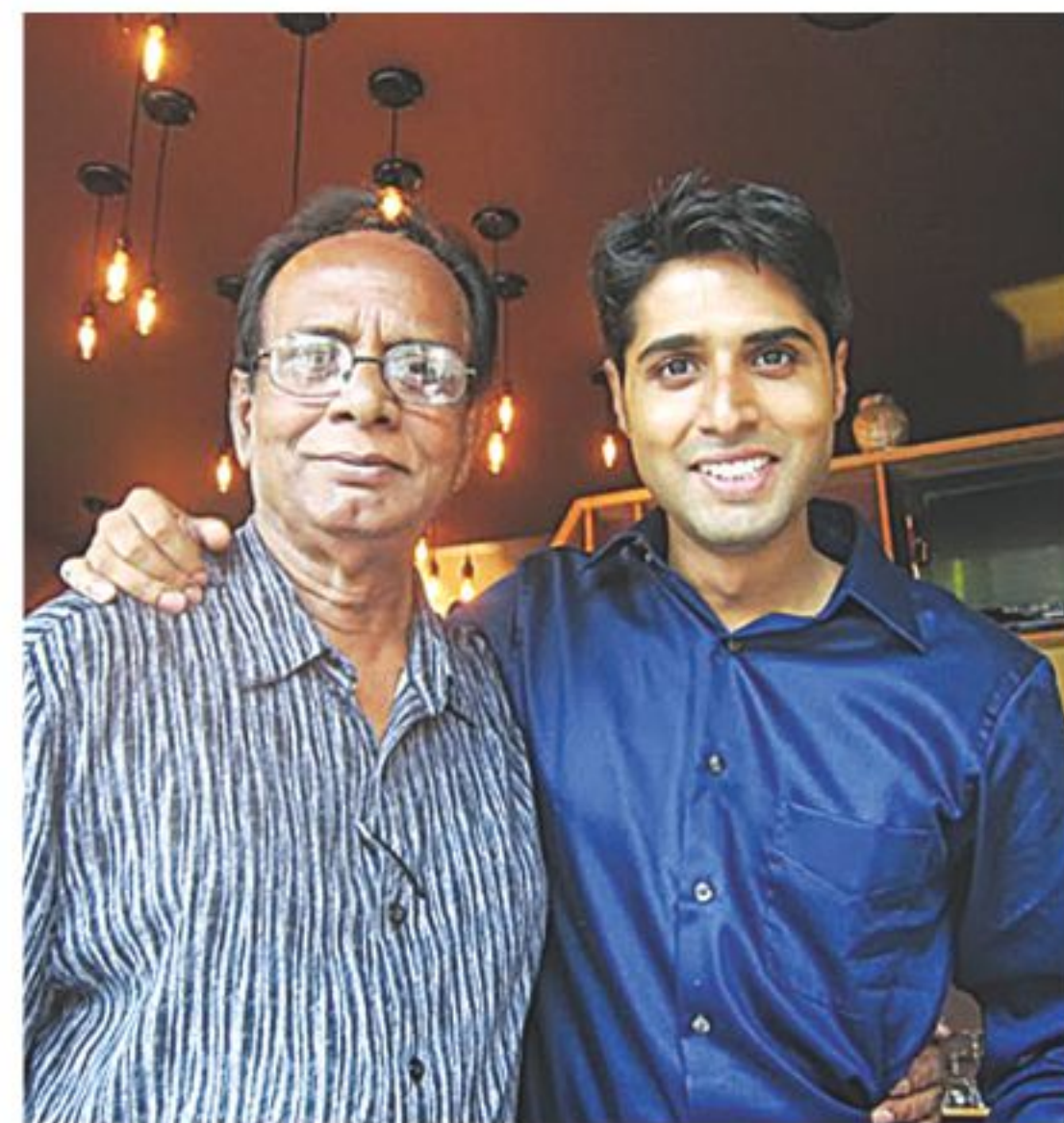
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