

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali



Kazi Fariduzzaman Tipu, former Baufal municipality mayor of the district, died of a cardiac arrest at his Mohammadpur residence in Dhaka on Thursday. He was 58.

He left behind his wife, two sons and was buried at Shyamoly graveyard in the capital yesterday.

Goons attack

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Medical College Hospital. The attack was tied to a dispute between the university and Estate Developer Bangladesh (EDB) Ltd, the firm which is constructing a 16-storey building for the institution.

Northern University Registrar Lt Col (retd) Aqtedar Ahmed Siddiqui alleged that the company was trying to sell four floors, violating the contract agreement. Yesterday, EDB Managing Director Faizul Bari led around 60 people, armed with sticks and sharp weapons, to attack the university, he told The Daily Star.

The miscreants vandalised the university cafeteria.

Police detained 26 people, including Faizul, in connection with the attack, said Mazharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Police Station.

EDB officials were not available to comment.

PM lauds Chinese

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encouraging that all countries in this region are showing keen interest in fostering this profit sharing cooperation, she said.

For centuries, she said, Bangladesh and Yunnan Province of China have been connected by the Southwestern Silk Route. "Today, direct flights connect Dhaka and Kunming," she said, adding that there was now a growing demand that the connectivity be strengthened by road and railway links.

Hasina said the strategic location of Bangladesh between the Asean and the Saarc held huge potentials for itself and for the two economic blocs. "With a market of 160 million people...Bangladesh stands on the threshold to become an economic powerhouse in the region."

Prof Zafar Iqbal to

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On behalf of the professor, the announcement was made by Nazir Rahman, a third year student of the Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology while Dr Iqbal was staging a sit-in at the Shaheed Minar.

There have been widespread allegations that questions of a number of papers in the recently held SSC and the ongoing Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations were leaked. Alongside hardcopies, the questions were leaked allegedly on Facebook and through phone SMSs.

However, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has repeatedly denied the allegations.

Stalking victim

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said a member of the victim's family. As their family is poor, they didn't dare to lodge any complaint with the local police station against Rabiul as he is a member of an influential family, he added.

Abu Hena Mostafa Jamal Sohel, chairman of Barakhata Union Parishad, held Rabiul and his family responsible for instigating the girl to commit suicide.

Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Hatibandha Police Station, said Lata's father had filed a murder case against Rabiul and his father, mother and younger brother with the police station. Police have arrested Rabiul's mother and younger brother in this connection.

Rana Plaza victims

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Many workers have lost their ability to work, so they have been leading an inhuman life since the incident, he said.

The nine-storey Rana Plaza, which housed five garment factories and other shops, caved in on April 24 last year, leaving over 1,000 dead and hundreds injured.



The launch of Edexcel, Pearson, BTEC, and LCCI qualifications at Cambrian International Study Center was held at a hotel in the capital Thursday. Cambrian Education Group Chairman MK Bashar and Regional Director-Asia of Pearson Edexcel Simon Young were present.

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JAMAAT TRIAL Gonojagoron Macha wants minister to retract remarks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday afternoon staged a sit-in demanding a ban on Jamaat-e-Islami and withdrawal of Law Minister Anisul Huq's statement that the party cannot be tried at this moment.

In the two-hour programme at the Shabbag intersection, Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of a faction of the youths' platform, also expressed his concern about the government's "softer stance" towards Hefajat-e-Islam.

He said the mancha would continue its movement on the streets against those who unite with reactionary forces. Eminent personalities, including Khushi Kabir, also spoke.

Death anniversary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra



Today is the 9th death anniversary of freedom fighter and noted doctor AKM Saidul Islam, says a press release.

He died in 2005 in a road accident in Mymensingh and was the head of the department of orthopedic of Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital.

A milad mahfil will be held simultaneously in Mymensingh and Bogra at his residences and local Khnadar Mosque after Asr prayers.

Mahbubul Alam's death condoled

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journalism in the country. He conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family, reported UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, currently in China on a six-day official visit, issued a separate condolence message, mourning his death, the agency said.

Editor's Council expressed deep shock at Alam's death. In a statement, the council's President Golam Sarwar and General Secretary Mahfuz Anam said, "Mahbubul Alam was like a guardian of journalists. His 50 years of journalism career was colourful."

The council recalled Alam's contributions to founding Newspaper Owners Association of Bangladesh

(NOAB) and his able leadership in solving crises. As a member of Editor's Council, he worked for protecting freedom of the press, and his death caused an irreparable loss, it said.

Alam's first namaz-e-janaza was held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Asr prayers and second janaza on The Independent office premises. Another janaza will be held on the Jatiya Press Club premises after Zohr prayers today. The body was kept in the United Hospital mortuary.

Family sources said he would be buried in the grave of his father at Azimpur cemetery after arrival of his daughters and wife from the United

States today.

In her message, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia said Alam was always vocal for people's freedom of expression and right to free expression of thoughts. "He was also vocal against all undemocratic forces and for realising people's democratic rights," she said, according to UNB.

The Jatiya Press Club and the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) also expressed condolences.

Journalists of Munshiganj, Alam's birthplace, held a condolence meeting at the office of the local newspaper Kagoj.

DoE, environment courts must

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smokes from vehicles, production of health hazardous products, cutting hills, filling marshlands, setting up of factories without clearances. According to the law, a violator might be jailed for a maximum of five years and a fine of up to Tk 5 lakh.

Meteorologist Rasheduzzaman of

the Department of Meteorology presented a paper on "Thunderstorm, lightning and tornado: Present situation and necessary actions to reduce death risks". Without giving any exact figure of the losses of human lives and properties, he narrated the reasons of occurrence of the natural events every year in the country.

Speaking on the occasion, columnist Syed Abul Moksud said an "influential quarter" was involved in destroying the environment in different ways like encroaching on rivers.

Former Jahangirnagar University Vice Chancellor Kazi Saleh Uddin Ahmed chaired the programme.

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Bangladesh important

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Bangladeshis living in Malaysia have access to the service, said Shetty, adding that later in the year, Bangladeshis living in the UK, Singapore, Philippines and USA should also get the service.

Explaining benefits of the service, Nazneen Sultana, deputy governor of BB, said, "The money arriving at a bank account will be safe. Plus the amount can be withdrawn whenever the beneficiary wishes, so there will be some saving which would add to the economic development of the country."

Western Union and Bank Asia have now made it possible for people to withdraw remittance in 450 outlets of Singer Bangladesh till 8:00pm every day, said Md Mehmood Husain, managing director of Bank Asia.

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