

Ayesha Faiz buried in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Netrakona

Ayesha Faiz, mother of prominent novelist Humayun Ahmed, was buried at her Sheikh Bari family graveyard in Doulatpur area of Mohanganj Pourahsava in Netrakona district yesterday. She died of kidney failure in the capital's Labaid hospital on Saturday, aged 84.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 10th death anniversary of Shudhangshu Shekhor

Halder, a Supreme Court lawyer, former lawmaker of Pirojpur-1 and an Awami League leader. He died in 2004.

On this occasion, a discussion will be held at Ghoshkathi in Najirpur and food will be distributed among the children at orphanages in Modolganj and Forashganj in Dhaka.

Three CU BCL

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ensued around 1:30am between two BCL-supported groups over establishing dominance, leading to a gunfight that left the trio injured.

Hathazari Police Station Sub-inspector Md Salahuddin said police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Additional police have been deployed on the campus.

ACC quizzes

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while ACC grilled them on May 14.

Police high-ups also withdrew the then Officer-in-Charge Kripa Sindhu Bala and OC (investigation) Nasim Ahmed of Rampura Police Station for hiding real information of the gold bars.

Prosecution's

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Subhan, who always denied the allegations, was produced yesterday before the tribunal which adjourned the cross-examination until today.

Students demand toxin-free country

BSS, Dhaka

Students took to the streets yesterday campaigning for a toxin free Bangladesh and urged the government to immediately ban lead-based house paints and use of mercury in dentistry.

They formed a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital on Saturday and distributed flyers. They also marched on the streets of Dhanmondi with banners demanding a toxin-free society.

The daylong programme ended with screening of a documentary featuring how toxic metals harm human health and the environment. Environment and Social Development Organisation coordinated the event as part of their Green Youth Citizen Programme, funded by the European Commission.

Dhaka police move

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Benazir was addressing a press conference organised at the DMP media centre yesterday to disclose the security preparations by police ahead of the Eid and Durga Puja.

Eid-ul-Azha is set to be celebrated on October 6 when thousands of animals will be sacrificed across the country, including the capital, generating a huge amount of rawhides. And every year, countless hides are smuggled out of the country.

According to calendar, the Dashami of Durga Puja is slated for October 4.

Police would be deployed at 219 puja mandaps across the capital from September 29, the DMP commissioner said.

Apart from setting up CCTVs at 21 cattle markets in the capital, police would remain deployed round the clock to ensure people's security there, Benazir said.

Police would also use special equipment to identify fake currency notes at the markets and look after the security of the huge cattle-carrying trucks entering the city ahead of the Eid, he added.

The DMP boss also urged the cattle traders and other authorities concerned not to use the roads for selling cattle.

Additional police would be deployed in the capital to ensure security during the festivals as a large number of people leave the capital then, leaving their homes empty, Benazir said.

Police would also remain alert at the important shopping centres of the capital during the upcoming two festivals, added the top police officer.

Inu for suing

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He said right after BNP's founder Ziaur Rahman made his debut in politics as the "beneficiary of the August 15, 1975 carnage", his party for the first time launched a propaganda claiming that he had proclaimed the independence.

And of late, he continued, the elder son of the couple, Tarique Rahman, came up with an "outlandish" claim from London, saying his father was the first president of Bangladesh.

Negating the claims, Inu referred to the April 17, 1971 proclamation by the first Bangladesh government popularly called Mujibnagar government which is incorporated in the constitution as its "inalienable part".

It read "... Whereas in the facts and circumstances of such treacherous conduct Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the undisputed leader of the 75 million people of Bangladesh, in due fulfilment of the legitimate right of self-determination of the people of Bangladesh, duly made a declaration of independence at Dacca on March 26, 1971..."

The proclamation also declared Bangabandhu as president of Bangladesh and entrusted Syed Nazrul Islam with the charge of acting president in his absence.



Construction materials of a building occupy the footpath and a part of the Shyamoli Link Road in the capital; forcing pedestrians to walk on the road, and narrowing it leading to frequent traffic jams just opposite Adabor Police Station. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Some provisions

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policy was a "cut and paste of many laws and policies".

Moreover, one provision states that the commission will be independent while another says that the information ministry will decide on matters which are not in the policy or are in conflict with other policies and laws, added Sadeka.

However, the fact that they are still able to discuss about the policy is a sign that democracy still exists, something the country was devoid of after 1975, she said.

Munjurul Ahsan Bulbul, chief editor of Boishakhi Television, said the prime concern was the provision which states that the broadcasters must formulate, in line with the policy, a specific charter of duties and an editorial policy, both of which must be approved by the broadcast commission.

"If all the media have similar editorial policies or charter of duties then question arises as to whether the government's intention is to control the media through

it," he said.

It is universal that the media, which are diverse in nature, will have independent and separate editorial policies, added the president of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists.

He said the overall language and content of the policy should have been suggestive, not in the form of directives.

As a whole, Bulbul supported the policy, saying, "I don't see anything bad if the law aims at bringing accountability and ensuring transparency in the media."

Shamsul Bari, chairperson of Research Initiatives, Bangladesh, chaired the seminar where Shahab Enam Khan, chairperson of the international relations department at Jahangirnagar University, and journalist Mizanur Rahman Khan of Prothom Alo also took part as discussants.

Mosabber Hossain, a project director, and Arshad Siddiqui, chief of operation of MMC, also spoke at the seminar, moderated by Kamrul Hassan Manju, executive director of MMC.

Demand for fresh polls

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Diplomatic sources in Dhaka said this was somewhat unusual for the US envoy as he had always been strongly voicing his desire for political dialogue and fresh polls.

Soon after the January 5 elections, the US termed the polls "deeply flawed" and called for dialogue as soon as possible to agree on new elections that are free, fair, peaceful, and credible, reflecting the will of Bangladeshis people.

Mozena came up with his new stance when his attention was drawn to BNP's demand for a fresh election and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's latest stance on dialogue with BNP. The PM ruled out the possibility of any dialogue and fresh election.

The US envoy, however, said Bangladesh's foreign friends will be there to help the country once the political parties resolve the issue. "When they do it, friends

of Bangladesh will stand by it to help in whatever way it can be."

At the diplomatic talk, Mozena termed "all trash" recent reports that the US intelligence was backing a move to install a "government of consensus" by ousting the Hasina-led government.

The ambassador, who just completed his mission visiting all the 64 districts recently, said during his conversation with people across the country, he focused on Bangladesh's development and economic growth.

"Our conversations were focused on development, economic growth and contribution towards building Bangladesh Asian tiger. We talked about healthcare situation," Mozena said.

Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB) organised the "DCAB Talk" chaired by its President Mainul Alam at the Jatiya Press Club.

Probe body talks with Rab

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Earlier, the probe body questioned Col Ziaul Ahsan, additional director general of the force, in connection with the killings.

In April, seven people including Narayanganj city corporation panel mayor Nazrul Islam and senior lawyer Chandan

Sarker were abducted and later found dead in Narayanganj.

The committee was formed on May 7 on a High Court order.

Following the killings, several Rab personnel including three top officials of Rab-11 were arrested for their alleged involvement in the incident.

NEWSIN brief

Syed Muazzem Ali new envoy to India

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



The government has appointed retired diplomat Syed Muazzem Ali as the new Bangladeshi High Commissioner to India on contract, said a Foreign Ministry press release.

He will replace Tariq A Karim, who had been leading the Bangladeshi mission in New Delhi since August

2009.

Muazzem served as the foreign secretary of Bangladesh in 2001. He also served as the ambassador to Bhutan, Iran and France. He also worked at Bangladeshi Missions in Washington, Warsaw, New Delhi and Jeddah in different

Woman commits suicide confining husband, children in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the third floor of a six-storey building over family feud in the capital's Fakirerpool.

Before killing herself, Momtaz Begum, 30, locked their house keeping her husband Anisur Rahman, and their two children inside.

Anisur told The Daily Star that they had an altercation on Thursday as Momtaz did not take care of his ailing mother.

His landlady informed him of the incident and police opened the door with the key recovered from the hand of the deceased.

US visa centre opens in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The US embassy in Dhaka yesterday inaugurated its new visa delivery centre in Sylhet city to make the application process more customer-friendly.

Vice Consul of the embassy Will Romine inaugurated the centre at the office of Saimon Overseas Group on jail road.

Nazrul APGS executive board member

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M Nazrul Islam, Phaco and Glaucoma specialist and Bangladesh Glaucoma Society president, was elected as the executive board member of Asia Pacific Glaucoma Society (APGS), said a press release yesterday.

He was elected to represent Bangladesh in the 2nd APGS annual general meeting at the Hong Kong Conference and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong.

Makato Arie from Japan was elected as president and 20 people from Asia Pacific region as members.

BB sends probe team

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of Brac Bank and action would be taken accordingly.

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