

Shaheed Minar stigmatised

Shafiq Rehman tells Piash Karim's memorial adding it turned into an Awami Minar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Senior journalist Shafiq Rehman yesterday termed Central Shaheed Minar an unholy, dirty, putrid and stigmatised place, and urged all to refrain from going there and using the premises as it has been turned into an "Awami Minar".

The columnist and editor of weekly Mouchake Dhil was addressing a memorial for Prof Piash Karim of Brac University who passed away on October 13, organised by Bangladesh Sammilita Peshajibi Parishad, a platform of pro-BNP-Jamaat professionals, in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

BNP acting secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was the chief guest.

"I think time has come to ban this scandalous and unholy Shaheed Minar. No gentle or innocent person should turn up at this place, not before or after anyone's demise," Rehman said.

He also called upon people to become active to free from stigma the national monument built in memory of those who sacrificed their lives during the Language Movement in 1952.

Fakhrul accused the government of trying to divide the nation and urged people to wage strong resistance against "a deep-rooted conspiracy" against the country.

"Awami League is practising politics of division. They are practising politics and

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Vandalism during a clash between workers of buses and CNG-run auto-rickshaws in Sylhet city's Kadamtoli yesterday.

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CNG-RUN AUTO-RICKSHAW DRIVERS, BUS WORKERS IN SYLHET

Professional rivalry turns into violence

50 hurt, 70 vehicles vandalised; bus workers go on divisionwide indefinite strike; both sides express grievances against police, BRTA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 50 transport workers were injured in a clash in Sylhet city's Kadamtoli area after some CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers had vandalised around 50 vehicles including buses, minibuses, and microbuses there yesterday, said police and witnesses.

A group of bus workers also damaged about 20 CNG-run auto-rickshaws in the area, they said.

The auto-rickshaw drivers went on the rampage around 1:00pm while they were

heading towards Registry Maidan in the city with processions to join a rally under the banner of Sylhet Zila Auto-rickshaw Sramik Union there.

Police fired 29 rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

Around nine people were held on the spot, said Dakkhin Surma police Officer-in-charge Md Mursalin.

Following the vandalism, Sylhet Zila Sarak Paribahan Malik-Sramik Oikya

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Bangladesh Nari Mukti Kendra stages a demonstration before Jatiya Press Club in the capital demanding an end to violence against women and protesting a plan to decrease the minimum age of marriage for females from 18 to 16 years.

ZUBAIR'S DEATH IN UTTARA

Abuubaida still maintains innocence

Sent to jail after nine days of remand; DB awaits autopsy, microbiology reports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sent to jail yesterday after being questioned on remand for nine days in three phases, Abuubaida Kadir still sticks to his previous statement that he had not drowned Zubair Ahmed.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police, investigating the murder case Zubair's mother filed with Uttara East Police Station accusing the presumed Algerian national and a teenager named Ismail Hossain, is now awaiting the post-mortem and microbiology test reports.

"Once we have the reports, it will be helpful for the next move into the investigation," DB (north) Senior Assistant Commissioner SM Nazmul

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Muggers kill microbus driver, snatch vehicle in Narsingdi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Muggers strangled a microbus driver and snatched the vehicle rented from Gazipur city's Malekerbari area early yesterday.

The body of Parvez, 18, son of Abdur Razzak of the area, was found by the road in Ghorashal area in Narsingdi, said Police.

A group of six men rented the microbus to go to Narsingdi Friday evening and the gang tied up the driver and his helper with ropes when the vehicle reached Ghorashal, said Joydevpur police Officer-in-charge Mahfuzur Rahman.

Before snatching the vehicle, the gang left helper Suruz beside the road in the area and the driver near the spot after strangling him, he said.

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She went to visit her brother in a family trip to Thailand where he is working as an Engineer in a construction company. She consulted with Dental and Maxillofacial surgeons in hospitals in Thailand for her problem; they advised her to get dental implant prostheses. The high cost of treatment and lengthy recovery time was disappointing for her as she couldn't afford to spend so much money staying for such long time abroad. Rukhsana eventually accepted her fate of bearing this pain and uncomfortable feeling not being able to chew and eat food properly. Considering the cost and complexity, she decided to steer clear of getting dental implants.

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FACTIONAL CLASH Sylhet police sue JCD leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet police filed a case on Friday accusing 70 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) men, including the presidents and general secretaries of the city and district units who are among the 30 named, centring a factional clash when 10 activists were injured and several motorcycles torched in the city that day.

Till yesterday, five persons were arrested over the charges of assaulting police, blasting crackers and obstructing traffic in the case filed by Sub-inspector Kamal Hossain, stated law enforcers of Kotwali Model Police Station.

JCD sources said disgruntled activists left out from the new city and district units, declared on September 18, attacked a procession of some 100 activists led by the new leaders under the banner Ilias Mukti Sangram Parishad, leading to clashes and chase and counter chase in Zindabazar and Shaheed Minar areas.

Police charged baton and fired tear gas shells to disperse the factions.



this itself is an International Standard hospital competing with global hospitals. Further Rukhsana thought about the foreign travel cost she can save by doing this procedure in her own city; she hung on to her new found hope; she started her treatment in this hospital.

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