

'Medical Science in the Light of Islam' by Musharraf launched

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The publication ceremony of a book "Medical Science in the Light of Islam", authored by a pharmacist Dr Muhammad Musharraf Hussain, was held on November 8.

The book was published under the auspices of Bangladesh Co-operative Book Society Ltd, Dhaka, says a press release.

The contents of the book are the series of the writer's weekly question-answer programme "Islamer Aloke Chikithsha Biggan" aired by Islamic TV in seven years.

The publication ceremony was chaired by former secretary and director general of Islamic Foundation and chairman of the book society, Muhatarom AZM Shamsul Alam.

Justice Md Abdur Rouf, former chief election commissioner, was present as the chief guest on the occasion where former vice chancellor of BSM Medical University Dr Md Nazrul Islam and the author, among others, addressed it.

Speaking at the event, Nazrul stressed the introduction of "prophetic medical practices" in the country.



Former chief election commissioner Justice Md Abdur Rouf addresses a ceremony on "Medical Science in the Light of Islam", authored by pharmacist Dr Muhammad Musharraf Hussain and published by Bangladesh Co-operatives Book Society Ltd, Dhaka, on November 8.

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BNP-led alliance a thorn

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was the right of those who lost their near and dear ones in 1971 to have justice.

The prime minister said there were pressures from abroad about stopping the war crimes trial but they did not give in. The government is trying the war criminals as per pledge, and it will go on till all verdicts are executed, she added.

The daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman said no doubt the murderer, Khandaker Mostaque Ahmed, was with AL before 1975, but BNP founder Ziaur Rahman was an associate of "Betrayal Mostaque" and these two planned and killed the four national leaders. Zia also restored her father's killers and anti-liberation forces in politics and rewarded them, she said.

Hasina said none could foil the January 5 election because youths and pro-

liberation forces were alert. She added that she had fallen victim to conspiracies, as she refused to sell the country's gas to a powerful nation in 2001, when the BNP-Jamaat assumed office and resorted to torture and killings of AL men.

Turning to Jubo League, she said the organisation should avoid anything that might taint its image. She also ordered removal of all billboards taken illegally by Jubo League in the capital on the occasion within 24 hours, Jubo League chief Omar Faroque told The Daily Star.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, AL joint general secretary Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Nepal Youth Congress president Mahendra Yadav, and Jubo League leaders Harunur Rashid, Iqbal Mahmud Bablu, and Kazi Anisur Rahman also spoke.

Psychopaths

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Talking about politicisation of different institutions, he said, "Police is necessary for the rule of law in a country. But who are dehumanizing the police in our country?"

Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna said, "We will have to build resistance in union against corruption, misrule and injustice."

Terming the incumbent government "unelected" and "illegal", he announced holding a two-hour sit-in from 3:00pm on November 28 at Suhrawardy Udyan to build public opinion on saying no to corruption.

"It is possible to bring a change and we hope that something new will come for sure," he added.

Former lawmaker and Nagorik Oikya Adviser SM Akram said everybody in union would have to continue a movement to ensure real freedom for the people. Bangladeshers Samajtantrik Dal General Secretary Khalequzzaman said the country's politics would have to be freed from criminalisation for flourishing democracy and for the advancement of the country.

Nagorik Oikya Dhaka city (north) unit Convener Shahidullah Kaiser chaired the function while people from different professions also spoke.

Ensure free movement

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still considered a lifeline for the majority of the 175 crore people in the region.

Syed Aminul Hoque, secretariat coordinator of EquityBD, a member of the platform, told The Daily Star that around 50 rights activists would visit Nepal and hold a seminar and symposiums from November 22 to 24 there to press for their demands.

In addition, Bangladesh chapter, along

with other chapters of People's SAARC, will submit a memorandum to the Saarc Secretariat listing their demands, he added.

People's SAARC in Bangladesh is represented by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolan, Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement, Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha, EquityBD, the Institute of Environment and Development, KHANI Bangladesh, Nagorik Udyog, and Shushashoner Jonno Procharavizan.

Mercury poisoning plagues

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in the environment.

He stressed public awareness, implementing global Minamata (Japan) treaty on controlling mercury, updating the dental school curriculum and putting an end to using the amalgam, particularly among children and pregnant women, as measures to phase in mercury-free dentistry in a country like Bangladesh.

Charlie, elected Virginia's attorney general

twice, resorted to legal battles to compel the State Dental Boards, American Dental Association, and the US Food and Drug Administration to help the campaign against use of mercury.

WAMFD Vice-President Dr Shariar Hossain said sometimes illness related to mercury contamination was also treated as epilepsy in Bangladesh, seriously harming the patient.

ESDO Chairperson Sayed Marghub Murshed and Shahiduzzaman, editor of News Network, were present.

Nature saving

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The IMPACT Foundation's representatives include Jayant K Banthia of India; Rolf Peter Daae and Finn Arctander of Norway, Judi Stagg of the UK, and Sambo Tey and Jon F Morgan of Cambodia were present at different sessions.

IMPACT was established in late 1982 with the aim that no one should become needlessly disabled by diseases, lack of knowledge, or shortage of medical services.

Their rights

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after the Dalits sued him on November 8. Paikgachha police said they are investigating the matter. The injured were admitted to upazila health complex.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Freedom fighter Ikram Hossain Manik died of a cardiac arrest at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital on Friday. He was 65. He was buried at Mymensingh town's Bhatikashar graveyard with state honour.

Amend war

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for its heinous role in 1971.

The existing International Crimes (Tribunals) Act-1973 allows trial of organisations but it does not specify about the punishment.

The government prepared a draft for amendment many days ago but did not place it in the cabinet for approval he lamented.

Prof Anisuzzaman said militant organisations like Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji) might not have emerged, if there was a proper vigilance from the beginning.

Eminent personalities Kamal Lohani, Abed Khan, Mofidul Hoque, Ziauddin Tariq Ali, and Prof MM Akash were also present.

Meanwhile, cultural activists under the banner of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote marched from the Central Shaheed Minar to Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital demanding elimination of all anti-liberation forces from the country and to drum up public support against Jamaat's smear campaign against the war crimes trial.

BAN ON RETAKING DU ADMISSION TEST Eight more aspirants fall sick on 4th day

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of aspirants continued their fast-unto-death strike for the fourth consecutive day yesterday protesting the decision of Dhaka University to discontinue the opportunity to take the admission test twice.

Eight more participants fell sick yesterday at the venue, Central Shaheed Minar. Protesters aspiring to retake the test, next year, demanded that authorities should lift their decision saying scope for education should be open to all.

Earlier, 22 protesters fell sick in the last three days and 18 of them were found lying there taking saline.

Meanwhile, DU Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique urged the protesters to leave the Shahed Minar as many cultural organisations could not hold their rehearsals regarding the upcoming victory day's programme at the venue.

"We have received applications form many such organisations," he added.

Around 150 aspirants converged there till the evening while only 30, participated in the programme, stayed at night.

Abdus Sattar, convener of Gonotantrik Bam Mocha, president of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Andolon Saiful Haque, Imran H Sarker, leader of one faction of Gonojagoron Mancha expressed their solidarity with the protesters yesterday.

Sylhet dist to see hartal

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in the third supplementary charge sheet.

President of the organisation Abdur Razzaque, also district unit convener of Jatiyatabadi Muktiyoddha Dal, made the announcement.

Separately, 22 out of 36 ward councillors of Sylhet City Corporation issued a media statement yesterday demanding a stop to "harassment" of Mayor Arif and a fair investigation into Kibria's killing. In this regard, they sought the intervention of Finance Minister AMA Muhith, also a Sylhet lawmaker.

The councillors included eight leaders from Awami League, nine from BNP, two from Jamaat-e-Islami, and three without party affiliations.

AL leader Kibria was killed in a grenade attack in Habiganj on January 27, 2005. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) submitted the charge sheet on Thursday, nine years after the murder, adding nine new names including the three.

Govt to launch

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told a programme at the capital's Radisson Hotel where he inaugurated "Young Bangla", a platform of youths, initiated by Awami League's Center for Research and Information.

Joy signed up as the first member Youth Bangla. The PM's IT affairs adviser said they had plans to involve youths in the formulation of government policies because AL's vision was also to secure the country's future.

Saying that half of the contents of newspapers of the world including Bangladesh were completely false, he advised the youths to learn personally about any matter of their interests from respective institutions.

About Bangladesh Chhatra League, he questioned whether those involved in criminal activities in the name of BCL are really BCL men.

He also castigated media for not portraying the good works of BCL.

Awami League lawmaker Nahim Razzaq, convener of Young Bangla, said they took the initiative to bring the youths of all 64 districts under one platform to help the government implement its Vision 2021--turning Bangladesh into a middle-income country.

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