

India mourns

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His last rites will take place at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu tomorrow at the request of his family members, said government sources. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to attend, sources said.

The funeral will be held with full military honours. Home Ministry sources said Kalam would be given a state funeral and the last rites would be held at 11:00am.

Earlier in the day, President Pranab Mukherjee, Vice President Hamid Ansari and Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Dr Kalam at his residence. Among others who visited were former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Congress President Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi and Samajwadi Party chief Mulayam Singh Yadav and his son and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav.

Condoling Kalam's death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "India mourns the loss of a great scientist, a wonderful President & above all an inspiring individual." President Pranab Mukherjee said in a message, "In his passing away, we have lost a great son of India who dedicated his entire life for the welfare of the motherland and its people. Kalam was a people's President during his lifetime and will remain so even after his death."

The government has declared a seven-day national mourning as a mark of respect for the man known and loved across the country as the "People's President".

Both Houses of Indian Parliament adjourned yesterday as a mark of respect to Dr Kalam. They will remain adjourned till July 30.

Paying glowing tributes to him, the union cabinet yesterday passed a resolution saying the country has lost "a visionary scientist, a true nationalist and a great son."

THANK YOU, BUDDY!

Moments before he collapsed at an event in Meghalaya, APJ Kalam greeted a policeman who stood for hours as part of his security detail and said, "Thank you, buddy."

Kalam's aide Srijan Pal Singh has shared in a Facebook post how the 83-year-old voiced concern about the policeman just ahead of them in an open gypsy that was part of the convoy heading for the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong, NDTV Online reported.

"One hour into the road journey, Dr Kalam said 'Why is he standing? He will get tired. This is like punishment. Can you ask a wireless message to given that he may sit?' I had to convince him, he has been probably instructed to keep standing for better security," Singh writes.

The former president, for the rest of the journey that lasted an hour and a half, kept asking whether the policeman could be signalled to sit down.

On reaching the IIM building, where Kalam was to deliver a lecture, his aide found the guard and took him to meet the former president.

"Dr Kalam greeted him. He shook his hand, said thank you buddy. Are you tired? Would you like something to eat? I am sorry you had to stand so long because of me," Singh posted.

Moments later, while delivering the lecture, Kalam collapsed.

Rain, floods

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Bazar, the deluge rendered several lakh people homeless. Victims said they were facing shortage of food and drinking water.

Our correspondents from Chittagong, Bandarban, Chandpur, Noakhali and Cox's Bazar contributed to this report.

SC exempts

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Daily Star that his client had filed the petition to have "complete justice" and also offered unconditional apology with regrets.

The SC yesterday scrapped the ICT's verdict, exercising the inherent power enshrined in the constitution, he added.

The physician does not have to pay the fine following the SC order, said Attorney General Mahbub Alam.

He has no conviction now, since he already suffered one-hour imprisonment inside the ICT-2, he added.

Meanwhile, Barrister Sara Hossain, who was present in court during the proceedings, told The Daily Star the chief justice had clearly stated that when a stigma was on any person, he had a right to a remedy, and that the court had an inherent power to provide the remedy.

Zafrullah along with Dr MA Mobin visited the frontlines of the war of independence and treated wounded freedom fighters.

With the help of Bangladesh's government in exile, they established Bangladesh Field Hospital on the eastern border near Tripura and Comilla districts. In 1972, the field hospital was renamed Gonoshasthaya Kendra or People's Health Centre.

DCs want

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teachers' recruitment.

The deputy commissioner of Thakurgaon requested the PM to include DCs in her entourage during her foreign trips to enable the officials to acquire knowledge.

Referring to some incidents of misbehaviour by elected representatives with public servants at the grassroots, some DCs stressed the need for introducing a code of conduct for the people's representatives.

Patuakhali DC told the meeting that there should be a code of conduct for all people involved with the field-level administration.

Meherpur DC demanded the government introduce risk allowances for them and the upazila nirbahi officers.

Gazipur DC proposed that the government set up Gazipur Unnayan Kartripakha like the Rajuk for building a planned metropolis there.

Bandarban DC suggested construction of a road along the country's border in Chittagong division with India and Myanmar.

The DC of Narayanganj urged the PM to set up an international standard ICT university in the district.

Placing a proposal for introducing

Bomb blast kills two Bahrain police: ministry

AFP, Dubai

A bomb blast killed two Bahrain policemen and wounded six others Tuesday in an area often shaken by clashes between security forces and Shiite Muslim protesters, the interior ministry said.

Bahrain has seen frequent unrest since the minority Sunni rulers of the small Gulf kingdom crushed a Shi'ite-led uprising four years ago.

The blast in Sitra island outside the capital Manama comes days after the Bahraini authorities announced they had foiled an attempt to smuggle weapons from Iran.

Police blocked routes leading to the island following the explosion -- the latest in a series of blasts targeting police in Shiite villages, witnesses said.

"The explosives used in the terrorist incident are of the same quality of explosives seized recently while being smuggled from Iran," the BNA state news agency reported.

The interior ministry described the blast as a "terror" attack.

Footage of the aftermath of the explosion showed a shrapnel-riddled police bus with shattered windows.

Don't discuss

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Brac organised the consultation at Spectra Convention Centre in the capital's Gulshan.

Asked about the clause, Begum Nasrin Jahan Ratna, member of the parliamentary standing committee on women and children affairs, told The Daily Star by phone that the matter was still under discussion.

Sheepa Hafiza, director, Gender Justice Diversity and Migration Programme of Brac, presented recommendations from 19 district and upazila level workshops on prevention of child marriage.

A total of 1,305 kazis (marriage registrar), 227 imams (who lead prayers), 110 government officials, and 65 local government representatives participated in the workshops.

The recommendations include using the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) card to confirm age and making online birth registra-

"twin-township" between the bordering towns of India and Panchagarh, Panchagarh DC said if such a plan was implemented, both the towns would be developed.

The DC of Rajshahi called for turning the district stadium into a cricket venue.

The Dhaka DC favoured increasing manpower in the local administration to speed up work. He also suggested digitising the country's land management system.

Blaming Rohingyas for deterioration in law and order in Cox's Bazar, the district DC proposed relocating

AL leader shot in legs over garbage collection job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A local Awami League leader was shot in his legs during an altercation with a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists inside a ward councillor's office in Maniknagar early today.

Victim Shahidul Islam Sardar, 40, is the general secretary of ward-7 Awami League of Dhaka South City Corporation.

He had engaged in an altercation with Mamun group of local Chhatra League during an arbitration at the councillor's office over who would get the job of garbage collection in Maniknagar-Biswa Road area.

Inspector Mustafizur Rahman of Mugda Police Station said at one point, a Chhatra League leader shot Sardar in his legs and fled the scene.

Sardar was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Shipping firm

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containing the suspected barrel of liquid cocaine arrived at Chittagong port along with 106 more barrels of sunflower oil from Bolivia via Uruguay.

On June 06, Customs Intelligence officials sealed the container at the port, and it was opened in the presence of different agencies on June 08.

On June 27, after laboratory tests in the capital, liquid cocaine was detected in the sample of a barrel. On that day, police filed a case with Bandar Police Station under the Narcotics Control Act.

Six persons have been arrested in the case.

The other arrestees are Golam Mostafa Sohel, Atiqur Rahman, Mostafa Kamal, Mehedi Alam and Saiful Islam.

tion mandatory.

Other recommendations from kazis, imams, purohits (Hindu priests) and union parishad chairmen included stopping affidavits of marriage and divorce by notary public advocates, making registration of Hindu marriages mandatory, training marriage registrars and specifying geographical areas for kazis to prevent registration of early marriage in another area.

Journalist Farzana Roopa said mobile court drives against early marriage could make enforcement of the law visible.

Mira Mitra urged using electronic media to launch a mass campaign against child marriage and Rasheda K Chowdhury suggested using social and folk media to create awareness.

Mili Biswas, deputy inspector general of police; Sarah Cooke, country representative of UK development organisation DFID; and Muhammad Musa, executive director of Brac, also spoke.

PM gives 21-point

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Stern actions against human and drug trafficking, militancy and extremism, woman and child repression, dowry, eve-teasing, and child marriage topped the list.

She asked the DCs to carry out mass awareness campaigns against food adulteration, and for environment protection and conservation of water bodies.

The DCs, who are at the helms of overall district administrations, were instructed to take up special programmes for the welfare of the physically challenged and people with special needs.

Special attention should be given to increase the literacy rate of women, reduce dropout rates and bring the dropouts back to schools, she said.

All necessary measures have to be taken to ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilisers, seeds, electricity and fuel for farmers, the premier told the DCs.

"Any attempt to create artificial crisis in the market should be dealt with strong hands."

The DCs should work with the public representatives at the grassroots to establish good governance and to promote the use of ICT. They will also have to stay alert to protect the government land, and ensure efficiency and

transparency in land management, she continued.

The PM asked the top district and divisional officials to strictly follow and execute the National Women Development Policy 2011.

While seeking any service, the people must not face any harassment, she said.

Hasina thanked the DCs for their role in containing vandalism and anarchy "by some political parties" at the beginning of this year and last year. "You must be alert to check recurrence of such incidents."

Rangpur Divisional Commissioner Delwar Bakth, Kushtia DC Syed Belal Hossain, Panchagarh DC M Salauddin and Narayanganj DC Anisur Rahman Miah received "Digital Service Award" from the PM for their outstanding contribution in promoting digital services in their areas.

Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan gave the welcome speech while Divisional Commissioner M Abdullah of Chittagong, Satkhira DC Nazmul Ahsan, Habiganj DC Sabina Alam and Lalmonirhat DC Habibur Rahman spoke at the inaugural session.

Later, the prime minister had a closed-door meeting with the top field-level officials, listened to their problems and complaints, and gave

Another accused

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agreed to the call.

Earlier, police had arrested Ayaz, 40, on charges of silently witnessing the excruciating torture that caused Samiul Alam Rajon's death and not informing police about it.

Ayaz also told the court that Rajon was not a thief.

While Rajon was playing with other children at the incident spot, Moyna, security guard of Sundar Ali Market, alleged that Rajon was a thief. He then caught Rajon and tied him to an electric pole. Ayaz was called to the spot by Moyna, according to Ayaz.

Ayaz also claimed that he didn't beat up Rajon, but others did.

On July 8, 13-year-old Rajon, son of Sheikh Azizur Rahman, was tortured to death over a theft incident at the market in Kumargaon area.

The killers themselves took the video footage of the incident and uploaded it on the internet. The video clip went viral on social networking site Facebook and video-sharing site YouTube, triggering a widespread outcry.

Selling hugs

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hugs, 10 yuan each."

It is reported that Dejuan showed her identity card and her daughter's medical records to passers-by who stopped in a bid to convince them that she was telling the truth.

Photos from local media show Nana sat on the floor beside her mother wearing a respiratory mask and nearly bald.

Dejuan, who is from Guangdong, and her husband were working in Shandong province in May when they found out the girl had leukaemia after she did not recover from a fall.

They spent 70,000 yuan - which included all their savings and money borrowed from friends and relatives - on medical treatment over the past few months, it is understood.

Dejuan earned more than 600 yuan in just over an hour on her first day of selling hugs to strangers.

Additional donations have been made by people who have read about the family's situation online.

Cops foil

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"We have information that they tried to snatch two people at different times. They are Mawlana Saidur Rahman and Mufti Jasimuddin Rahmani," Monirul said.

For training on executing the plan, most of the time the arrestees had been staying in Bhaluka of Mymensingh, he added.

The eight were picked up at an Uttara hostel when they were in a meeting over organisational activities, Monirul claimed.

The other arrestees are: Shafiqul Islam, Ruhul Amin, Imdadul Haque, Rafique Ahmed Royel, Mohammad Mostafa, Shakhawat Ullah and Ali Ashraf Rajib.

Shafiqul is the co-ordinator of JMB's Sylhet division. Ruhul looked after the greater Mymensingh region of JMB and Imdadul the Mymensingh town.

Rafique, a restaurant owner, provided food to the group and also financed them. Mostafa, Shakhawat and Rajib were paid employees or "gayeb-e-ehsar" members of the militant outfit, law enforcers claimed.

The eight were paraded before the media prior to the briefing.

During the raid, detectives also seized a documentary made on law enforcers' operation at Baghmara, the birthplace of JMB, and the outfit's activities there. They also seized books on jihad, CDs containing training manuals, leaflets, 10 mobile phones and a motorbike.

Replying to a query, the DMP official said the militant outfit had the strength to carry out atrocities. "A large gang is not required... three to four persons are sufficient to carry out atrocities," he said.

The arrestees were trying to communicate with the Islamic State, Monirul claimed.

Responding to another question, he said a polarisation in global militancy over the last two years had been a key reason for Bangladeshi militant outfits seeking affiliation with al-Qaeda and Islamic State.

"With the rise of IS and seeing its brutality on the internet or because of their idealistic reasons, young radicals are now attracted to IS," he said.

Monirul said snatching militants in custody was a lot difficult nowadays since law enforcers take additional precaution while moving them from one place to another.

Saidur took the helm of JMB after Abdur Rahman and five others were executed in 2006, according to the law enforcers.

An accused in the case for killing blogger Ahmed Rajib Haidar, Jasimuddin Rahmani was arrested on August 11, 2013.

A case under the Anti-Terrorism Act was filed against the arrestees with Uttara Purba Police Station.

Those left out

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are now thronging the control room of the district administration, saying no numerator came to list their names.

Mamina Begum, 46, a widow in Bhitarkuti enclave of Kulaghat union in Lalmonirhat Sadar, was one of them.

She said she along with her sons and daughters could not get their names registered during the joint survey as they were not on the list of the 2011 census.

"We were at a relative's house during the census [in 2011]. But we are enclave people by birth," she added.

Fulmati Rani, 68, another widow of the same enclave, said, "I have been living in the enclave since my marriage at the age of 16. But I was out of the census in 2011 as I was taking treatment for my illness."

Like Mamina and Fulmati, Ekaton Nesa, Jolekha Bewa, Ansar Ali and many others of the same enclave said they were enclave people but their names were not listed in the census or in the survey.

The district administration has, meanwhile, announced that it will allow the enclave people to change

their nationality choice once again till July 31.

They will have to submit an application to the deputy commissioner by 5:00pm on the said date, according to a notice circulated in the enclaves.

Two people -- Mahbubur Rahman, 25, and Rashedul Islam, 36 -- submitted applications for changing their nationality choice on Sunday afternoon.

"I wanted to become an Indian national and filled the form likewise. But none of my family members want to be Indian, so I have submitted the application again," said Mahbubur Rahman, a resident of Gotmari enclave.

Rashedul Islam of the same enclave said it was a wrong decision that he opted for Indian citizenship.

Mahbubur Rahman, executive officer (UNO) of Hatibandha upazila, said nobody would get a chance to change their decision after July 31.

Sources in the DC office said the joint survey team had found the total population to be 9,437 in 59 Indian enclaves in three upazilas in Lalmonirhat. Of them, 200 people had their names listed to become Indian nationals.

Higher education

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She also holds an Indian birth certificate and an Indian ration card.

Anisur Rahman is a resident of Madhya Mashaldanga Daftaipara. He is a student of class XI at Nazirhat Harakumari High School. His father's name is Syed Ali Mondal. But he has been studying in Indian education institutions using false identities.

Joyal Abedin is a BA third-year student at Dewanhat College in India. All his certificates from secondary, higher secondary and BA degree have incorrect information about him.

Guardians of about 200 students, like them, from Bangladeshi and Indian enclaves are worried about the future of their wards.

Assurance of getting citizenship and compensation has failed to rid them of their worries. The parents of these children say all their efforts will go in vain if they fail to get proper certificates.

Diptiman Sengupta, leader of Bangladesh-India Enclave Exchange Committee, said there are more than 100 students in Bangladeshi enclaves inside India who have studied from secondary to degree level in India.

Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman said many students of the Indian enclaves have also been studying in Bangladeshi educational institutions.

According to Enclave Exchange Coordination Committee statistics, of the enclave dwellers who are opting to India from Bangladesh, about 100 students hold certificates from Bangladeshi education boards.

Question has arisen whether these certificates will be valid across the border.

Though there is little difference between the education system in

Gaddafi's son

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were also sentenced to death, although they can appeal to the supreme court.

The 37 defendants were charged with crimes including murder and complicity in incitement to rape during the 2011 revolution.

Libya has been wracked by conflict since Gaddafi's overthrow, with rival governments and powerful militias battling for control of key cities and the country's oil riches.

The trial, which opened in the Libyan capital in April last year, has been dogged by criticism from human rights watchdogs and an unresolved dispute with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague over jurisdiction in the case of the Kadhaifi son.

Rights groups say the trial was deeply flawed and missed an opportunity to expose the crimes of the Gaddafi regime.

Amnesty International called the death sentences "appalling".

"Instead of helping to establish the truth and ensuring accountability for serious violations during the 2011 armed conflict, this trial exposes the weakness of a criminal justice system which is hanging on by a thread in a war-torn country with no central authority," Amnesty's Philip Luther said.

Human Rights Watch's Joe Stork said the trial was "plagued by persistent, credible allegations of fair trial breaches that warrant independent and impartial judicial review".

The militia holding Seif al-Islam in the southwestern hill town of Zintan is aligned with the internationally recognised government which fled to the remote east last August when a rival militia alliance seized the capital and set up its own administration.

Prosecutor general Siddick al-Sour acknowledged that there was no prospect of Seif al-Islam facing the

court's sentence any time soon but said that was a matter for politicians.

"The court pronounced sentence and has nothing to do with the political conflict," Sour said.

Seif al-Islam's sole appearances before the court were by video link and there had been none since May last year.

The UN Security Council referred the conflict in Libya to the ICC in February 2011 amid Gaddafi's repression of the popular uprising against his decades-old regime.

Seif al-Islam is wanted by the Hague-based court on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

ICC prosecutors say that as part of his father's "inner circle", he "conceived and orchestrated a plan to deter and quell, by all means, the civilian demonstrations against Gaddafi's regime".

Muammar Gaddafi, who ruled Libya for four decades, was captured and killed by rebels in October 2011.

Three of his sons died in the 2011 uprising. Another, Saadi, was extradited to Libya from Niger in March 2014.

Seif al-Islam has been held in Zintan since his capture in November the same year despite repeated ICC demands for Libya to hand him over for trial.

Twenty-nine other defendants, including Senussi and Mahmudi, appeared in court for yesterday's sentencing.

They were brought into the black cage in blue prison uniforms, some with their heads shaved. Most sat impassively in the dock.

The court sentenced eight other defendants to life in prison, seven to 12 years, four to 10, three to six and one to five. Four were acquitted and one was ordered confined to a psychiatric hospital.