

India mourns APJ Kalam

Pays glowing tribute to the 'people's president'; last rites tomorrow

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The death of former Indian president APJ Abdul Kalam has triggered an outpouring of grief throughout India. Prayer services were held to pay tribute, and hundreds of Indians lined roads and stood outside Kalam's residence to catch a final glimpse.

Social media has also been filled with tributes, images and quotes from his speeches and books.

The former president died after a massive cardiac arrest while delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management in Shillong, Meghalaya, last evening. He was 83.

Known as the Missile Man of India, Dr Kalam played a pivotal role in the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan and Bharat Ratna for his achievements.

The former president's body was flown to Delhi early yesterday morning by a special aircraft.

President Pranab Mukherjee received the body at Palam Airport. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar too were present.

The Indian army, navy and air force paid their last respects to the mortal remains of Kalam.

Kalam's body will be kept at his residence in Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, for public to pay their last respects from 4:00pm onwards today.

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying his last respects to former president APJ Abdul Kalam at Palam Airforce Station in New Delhi yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

CONTEMPT OF COURT SC exempts Zafrullah from charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday exempted freedom fighter Zafrullah Chowdhury from contempt charges after he offered unconditional apology.

On June 10, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 passed an hour imprisonment on Zafrullah and fined him Tk 5,000 for criticising contempt punishment of Dhaka-based British journalist David Bergman.

The Appellate Division warned Zafrullah, founder of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, not to make any comment over the judiciary and judges in future.

A four-member bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha came up with the order after hearing a petition filed by Zafrullah challenging the ICT's ruling on him.

His lawyer Abdur Razaque Khan told The Daily Star.

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CRIMES DURING 2011 UPRISING Gaddafi's son, 8 others get death

AFP, Tripoli

A Libyan court yesterday sentenced a son and eight aides of slain dictator Muammar Gaddafi to death for crimes during the 2011 uprising, in a verdict strongly criticised by rights campaigners.

Seif al-Islam, the strongman's one-time heir apparent who is also wanted by the International Criminal Court, was tried in his absence because he is held by militia opposed to the Tripoli authorities.

Former intelligence chief Abdullah Senussi and Gaddafi's last prime minister Al-Baghdadi al-Mahmudi

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Cops foil 'plan to snatch two JMB kingpins'

8 suspected militants held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives claimed that they have foiled Trishal-style snatching of two militant kingpins in custody after arresting eight suspects of banned Islamist outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh at Uttara on Monday.

The suspects had planned to snatch Maulana Saidur Rahman, former ameer of JMB, and Mufti Jasimuddin Rahmani, chief of Ansarullah Bangla Team, claimed Monirul Islam, spokesperson for Dhaka

Metropolitan Police during a press briefing at the DMP media centre yesterday.

In February last year, an armed gang ambushed a prison van and snatched three convicted JMB militants in a well-executed plan at Trishal in Mymensingh.

Monirul said one of the arrestees of Monday, Abu Talha Mohammad Fahim Pakhi, acting ameer of a JMB faction and Saidur's son, had orchestrated another plan of prisoner snatching and communicated it to his father in jail.

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Selling hugs to raise money

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A desperate mother in China is "selling hugs" for £1 to raise money for medical treatment for her four-year-old daughter who has leukaemia.

Chen Dejuan, 28, was standing outside a subway station in Chongqing, south west China, with her daughter Nana on Friday and Saturday, according to the South China Morning Post.

She was holding a sign which read: "Selling hugs for my daughter's treatment."

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RAJON KILLING LINKS Another accused confesses

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Another accused in the Rajon killing case yesterday confessed before a court his links with the murder.

Judge Sahedul Karim of the Metropolitan Magistrate Court-1 recorded the statement of the accused, Ayaz Ali, under Section 164.

In his confessional statement, Ayaz told the court that he was not at the spot when Rajon was being tortured, said investigation officer of the case Suranjit Talukdar, inspector of Sylhet Metropolitan DB Police, quoting Ayaz.

He, however, said when Moyna Miah, another accused in the murder case, and others requested him to take Rajon to hospital, he

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NO ENCLAVE AFTER 2 DAYS

2011 CENSUS Those left out will get Bangladesh nationality

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

People of the enclaves who were left out of the joint census in 2011 would automatically become Bangladeshi citizens after the exchange of enclaves on July 31.

Deputy Commissioner of Lalmonirhat Habibur Rahman yesterday made the announcement and said they had so far found at least 135 residents in 59 Indian enclaves in the district, who could not have their names registered during the just-concluded survey since their names were not on the list made in the 2011 census.

Sources in the district administration believe the number of such people would be more than 450.

To implement the Land Boundary Agreement, Bangladesh and India launched a 10-day joint survey on July 6 in 162 enclaves -- 111 in Bangladesh and 51 in India.

The surveyors this time followed the 2011 joint census. The new names were of the children who were born after 2011 and the women who got married to enclave people in the last four years.

The people who were left out of the previous list

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Chumki Khatun of Bangladeshi enclave Poaturkuti holds her educational certificates and standing next to her is her father AB Hossain. Chumki used fake personal information and address to get into Indian institutions and take secondary and higher secondary exams. She wants to become an Indian citizen, but her future is uncertain now as she is not sure whether her certificates would be accepted in India. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: STAR

Higher education a concern for many



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Chumki Khatun, younger of the two daughters of AB Hossain of Bangladeshi enclave Poaturkuti, is a BA second year student at Vivekananda Bidya Mandir at Chowdhurir Hat in the Indian enclave Chander Kuti.

Hossain has an Indian friend, Abu Bakar, in Khatamari area, who had arranged for Chumki's studies in the Indian college using his own address. On paper, Chumki has been raised as the daughter of Abu Bakar.

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COCAINE HAUL Shipping firm manager sent to jail

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A Chittagong court yesterday sent AK Azad, a manager of Cosco (Bangladesh) Shipping Lines Ltd, to jail in the liquid cocaine haul case, rejecting his bail petition.

The court of Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md Shahenur passed the order, said public prosecutor Fakhruddin Chowdhury.

On July 12, a bail petition moved by the lawyers of Azad was also denied in a lower court.

Challenging the order, an appeal seeking his bail was filed with the Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday, said court sources.

"As the sensitive case is now under investigation and during interrogation, one arrestee Saiful Islam has given important information about Azad, so more interrogation of Azad might be needed," said Fakhruddin.

After hearing, the judge rejected Azad's bail prayer on this ground, he added.

On May 08, a container

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 29

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

We are deeply shocked at the sad demise of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the eminent scientist and the 11th President of the Republic of India, who visited us to mark our 110th anniversary on 17th & 18th October, 2014

Members of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka