



A condolence meeting for slain blogger Niladri Chattopadhyay Niloy at the capital's Shahbagh yesterday, organised by Imran H Sarker-led Gonojagoron Mancha. Speakers at the programme raised questions about the law enforcers' sincerity in arresting the killers.

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RAJIB MURDER

Delay in producing PW disappoints court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court expressed its disappointment at the public prosecutor's failure to produce any witness yesterday over the killing of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider.

Judge Sayeed Ahmed of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 of Dhaka told PP Md Mahbubur Rahman that bloggers were being killed one after another, and that he should be more serious about producing witnesses to quicken the murder trial.

The judge's remarks followed submission of an adjournment petition.

Assuring the court, the prosecutor said three to four witnesses would appear during the next

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PWDs demand separate unit at hospitals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People with disabilities (PWDs) yesterday demanded a separate unit and an interpreter at every hospital of the country to get special medical care.

Speaking at a national consultation, they also sought jobs based on their merits in both government and private sectors.

"My mother has forgotten how to laugh, being busy taking care of me. I want to give it back to her by getting a job," said Farhad Reza, suffering from cerebral palsy (CP), a movement disorder.

CP is caused by a brain injury or malformation that occurs while the child's brain is under development, and affects body movement and muscle coordination.

A 12th grader at Kaliganj Degree College in Satkhira now, Farhad went into convulsions soon after his birth but his family could not provide him advanced treatment due to poverty.

"If I had got advanced treatment, I wouldn't have to spend 21 years stuck in a wheelchair or forced to use crutches," he said.

The national consultation on "Access to Mainstream Health Services for the People with Disability in Bangladesh" was organised by Disabled Rehabilitation and

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Larger SC bench to hear contempt rule against Janakantha editor today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-member bench of the Supreme Court's Appellate Division will hold a hearing today on the contempt of court rule against Janakantha editor and publisher, and its executive editor over an article published on Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's family and a judge.

The hearing of the suo moto rule is on top of the court's proceeding list today, the SC website showed yesterday.

It issued the rule on July 29 against Janakantha Editor and Publisher Atiqullah Khan Masud and its Executive Editor Swadesh Roy for publishing an article on July 16 under the headline, "Saka Paribarer Totporota! Palabar Path Kome Gechhe" (Lobbying of Salauddin's family! Ways to escape have become reduced), written by Swadesh Roy.

Yesterday, a four-member bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said a larger bench of this court will hold hearing arguments on the rule today, as the write up is

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Police not actively looking for killers

Alleges Gonojagoron Mancha

DU CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers are not working actively to capture the killers of freethinkers including blogger Niladri Chattopadhyay Niloy, spokesperson of a faction of the Gonojagoron Mancha Imran H Sarker alleged yesterday.

Because of the negligence of police, four online activists were killed in the last five months by militants, he told a condolence

meeting for Niloy at the capital's Shahbagh.

"People want to know how the murderers escaped safely after killing Niloy at the fourth floor of his residential building. Questions were raised whether the government patronises or inspires the killers. Everyone except the powerful are anxious about their life," he added.

Well-known sculpture Rasha said the government took the maximum advantage

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SHOT BEFORE BIRTH Magura BCL leader remanded for 7 days

2 main accused still at large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Magura court yesterday remanded Bangladesh Chhatra League leader Sen Suman for seven days over the shooting of a pregnant woman and an elderly man late last month.

Police wanted to interrogate him for 10 days but the senior judicial magistrate approved seven days, said Imaul Haque, officer-in-charge of the Detective Branch of police in Magura.

Suman, vice president of Magura district BCL, was accused along with 15 other pro-Awami League activists for shooting eight month pregnant Nazma Khatun and elderly Momin Bhuiyan and hacking another man in Doyarpar area of Magura town on July 23.

They got shot during a factional clash of the ruling party's youth wing Awami Jubo League.

Momin, 65, died on the very night at Magura General

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