

UK literary

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Haider Rahman addresses a whole range of issues -- the war in Afghanistan, the rise of Muslim fundamentalism and the banking crisis. "Moreover, he also explores problematic areas of politics and finance, which are often exiled from the pages of fiction, immersing his readers, dauntingly but comprehensibly. "The novel's impressive scope is complemented by Rahman's ability to locate the personal in the political."

The James Tait Black Awards were founded in 1919 by Janet Coats, the widow of publisher James Tait Black, to commemorate her husband's love for books.

The global financial crisis of 2007-08, the consequences of the "war on terror" and racial and religious politics in the West in the last decade form the crux of the novel.

Set against the breaking of nations, the novel chronicles the lives of people carrying unshakable legacies of class and culture as they struggle to tame their futures.

One September morning in 2008, an investment banker approaching 40, his career in collapse and his marriage unravelling, receives a surprise visitor at his West London townhouse.

In the dishevelled figure of a South Asian male carrying a backpack, the banker recognises a long-lost friend, a mathematics prodigy who disappeared years earlier under mysterious circumstances. The friend has resurfaced to make a confession of unsettling power.

"In the Light of What We Know" takes the reader on a journey of exhilarating scope -- from Kabul to London, New York, Islamabad, Oxford, and Princeton -- and explores the great questions of love, belonging, science, and war.

It is an age-old story: the friendship of two men and the betrayal of one by the other.

The visitor, a man desperate to climb clear of his wrong beginnings, seeks atonement; and the narrator sets out to tell his friend's story but finds himself at the limits of what he can know about the world - and, ultimately, himself.

In a feat of imagination, Zia, who studied at Oxford and Cambridge, has telescoped the great upheavals of the young century into a novel of rare intimacy and power.

The book was published by Pan Macmillan India imprint Picador India.

Source: BBC, The Economic Times.

MK Anwar

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counsel Harunur Rashid claimed that the case was meant to harass his client. "His [Anwar] name was not included in the First Information Report."

At one stage, Anwar told the court that he had performed duties as a magistrate of the court for 13 years.

"I was also elected lawmaker for five times, minister for several times and served the government as a cabinet secretary. Is it believable that at the age of 84 I will come to Chaudhagram from Dhaka to instigate a petrol bomb attack? Do you believe that? I therefore urge you to ensure justice to me," he added.

The BNP-led 20-party alliance enforced a three-month-long blockade and series of hartals from January 6, demanding a fresh national election under a polls-time government.

A correspondent from Comilla contributed to this report.

Pranab's wife

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Suvara Mukherjee, born in Narail of Bangladesh in 1940, was admitted to the Army Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi Cantonment on August 7 with respiratory complaints.

"It is informed with deep sorrow that First Lady Smt Suvara Mukherjee passed away this morning ... She left for her heavenly abode at 10:51am," said an official statement of Rashtrapati Bhavan, the presidential palace, yesterday.

She is the first First Lady of India to die with her spouse in office.

Indian Vice President Md Hamid Ansari, PM Narendra Modi, former PM Manmohan Singh, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and cabinet ministers expressed condolences as soon as the death news broke.

An accomplished Rabindra Sangeet singer and talented painter, Suvara Mukherjee last visited her ancestral home in Narail in March 2013 with her husband during the president's 3-day state visit to Bangladesh.

Before that, she visited the home along with her daughter Shormista Mukherjee in 1995.

Suvara married Pranab Mukherjee when she was a student of history department of Kolkata University in July 1957.

President Abdul Hamid, PM Sheikh Hasina, Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Law Minister Anisul Huq and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, among others, expressed deep shock and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

In a condolence message to Pranab Mukherjee, Hasina said: "In Bangladesh, we hold her in high esteem. We are proud that she was born in Bangladesh and fondly remember her love and affection for Bangladesh. With her demise, we've lost a great friend and well-wisher."

Hasina developed close personal relations with Suvara and others of the Mukherjee family during her years in exile in Delhi following the August 15, 1975 coup that saw her father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman assassinated with most of other family members. Hasina and Rehana escaped the bloodbath as they were abroad at the time.

PM FLIES TO DELHI
Sheikh Hasina leaves Dhaka for New Delhi on a special flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines at 6:00am. She will

be accompanied by her younger sister Sheikh Rehana, daughter Saima Wazed Putal and Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali.

From the airport, the PM will go straight to the Rashtrapati Bhavan to meet Pranab Mukherjee at 8:40am, according to an itinerary issued by the Indian external affairs ministry last night.

From there, she will go to the house of Suvara's son Abhijit and lay a wreath on the First Lady's body at 9:00am.

Though the itinerary doesn't mention whether she will attend the funeral at the Lodhi Road crematorium at 10:00am, sources said she would.

Hasina will meet Modi at 11:30am at his official residence on Race Course Road. The two leaders had last met when Modi had paid his maiden visit to Bangladesh on June 6-7 this year.

After the meeting, she will leave for Dhaka at 3:00pm, according to the ministry itinerary.

There is speculation that Hasina might informally meet West Bengal CM Mamata, who last night arrived in Delhi from Kolkata to attend Suvara Mukherjee's funeral and cremation.

Thailand

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as the blast left body parts, shattered glass and incinerated motorcycles strewn across the crushed concrete of a busy intersection.

Junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha yesterday branded the bombing the "worst ever attack" on Thailand, as he said the hunt was on for the bomber filmed on closed circuit television at the shrine.

Police released images showing the man, who appeared young and slightly built, and wearing a yellow T-shirt and dark shorts, walking into the shrine with a backpack.

He sits down and places the backpack underneath a bench, then walks away from the shrine clutching a blue plastic bag while reading what appears to be a smartphone.

National police spokesman Prawut Thavorn said the man left the scene aboard a motorcycle taxi, which is common in Bangkok, and the blast occurred three minutes later.

"It is quite clear that he is the perpetrator in this case," Thavorn told local television station Channel 3, adding police were also trying to track down the motorcycle taxi driver.

Arms, ammo seized in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) recovered arms and ammunition of a murder accused in Satkania upazila of Chittagong on Monday night.

As per the confessional statement of Mahfuzul Haque alias Mahmudul Haque, a member of Eochiya union and also a vice-president of the union unit Jubo League, the CID team took him to his Chhonkhola village around 9:00pm, said Kutub Uddin, additional superintendent of the CID.

The team then recovered an AK-22 rifle, its two magazines, three light guns (LG), six bullets and seven cartridges wrapped in polyethylene bags from a ditch.

On January 8, some unidentified criminals came to Eochiya union unit Awami League leader Hafez Ahmed's house and opened fire through a window of his house in Eochiya village.

Criticism

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channel broadcast an audio record, in which "two SC judges" were heard talking about constituting a bench for hearing the war crimes case against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam at the time told the court that derogatory comments had been made about the judiciary in the talk show.

The court should not be scandalized in any manner, said a four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha.

Though the USA and the European countries promote freedom of speech, people there do not make criticisms over any pending case, it added.

The bench kept video cassettes of the TV report and the talk show in its record, and said it would pass an order after examining them.

The television channel aired the report and the talk show at a time when the Apex Court was holding the hearing on a contempt of court rule issued against daily Janakantha Editor and Publisher Atiqullah Khan Masud and Executive Editor Swadesh Roy for publishing an article over the recorded conversation.

The SC on August 13 sentenced Masud and Swadesh Roy to confinement in the courtroom for over three hours and fined each Tk 10,000 to be donated to charitable organisations in a week. In default, they would have to serve seven days in prison, it ruled.

Masud and Swadesh deposited the money to separate charitable organisations on Monday, they informed the court.

About the SC observations, the attorney general told reporters yesterday none should scandalize the court and its judges and that the state would suffer damages if the judiciary was harmed.

Anybody could make positive criticisms after the delivery of final judgment in a case, he added.

Shawkat held

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Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, when he came to Samarai Convention Centre in Panthapath to attend a media briefing around 11:15am, Jeba Khan, a BNP national executive member, told this correspondent.

The press meet was organised by Adarsha Dhaka Andolan (ADA), a Pro-BNP professionals' platform.

The Detective Branch of police detained Shawkat, also member secretary of ADA, and took him to their Minto Road Headquarters in a microbus, Jeba, who was there to attend the programme, added.

The former general secretary of Jatiya Press Club was vocal against the government in different television programmes.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told reporters that Shawkat was arrested on specific charges as he was accused in several cases.

Shawkat's spouse Ferdousi Mahmud alleged that her husband had been arrested on political grounds.

Meanwhile, Comilla district unit BNP yesterday called a daylong hartal for today in the district's Burichong and Brahmanpara upazilas protesting the arrest of Shawkat.

ADA PROGRAMME 'FOILED'
Before arresting Shawkat, law enforcers foiled the programme, organisers alleged.

The ADA, which campaigned for the BNP-backed mayoral candidates in Dhaka South and Dhaka North city corporations during the April 28 polls, was supposed to hold the press conference at 11:30am over irregularities and vote rigging in the elections.

Police first barred an ADA delegation led by BNP chief's media staff Sayrul Kabir Khan from entering the convention centre around 10:30am.

They also denied entry of ADA Convener Prof Emajuddin Ahmed and its other leaders and activists, including senior journalist Mahfuzullah and Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafullah Chowdhury, to the convention centre around 11:10am.

Law enforcers said the Samarai Convention authorities informed them that they had cancelled the permission earlier given to the ADA, and, therefore, the platform would not be allowed to hold the programme.

In the face of police obstruction, Prof Emajuddin, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, said they had submitted a letter to

Kalabagan Police Station informing them of their programme.

Mahfuzullah showed reporters a receipt copy of the letter. He claimed that they also had informed the intelligence officials earlier about the programme, and none had objected to it.

Kalabagan Police Station Officer-in-Charge (Investigation) Abidur Rahman told reporters that they did not allow the programme as the venue authorities had cancelled the booking.

Seeking anonymity, a staff of the convention centre told this correspondent that police on Monday night asked them to cancel the booking on security grounds.

Prof Emajuddin said the government had demonstrated its "utte undemocratic attitude" by not allowing even a non-political organisation to hold a programme.

"Our programme was not meant to say anything against the government. Rather we wanted to help it by showing different loopholes in the recently-held city elections from which the government could be benefited in holding more free and fair elections in future," he added.

World's oldest

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abundant in freshwater lakes in what are now mountainous regions of central and northern Spain.

It lived during the early Cretaceous period, when dinosaurs such as the Brachiosaurus and Iguanodon walked the Earth and may even have nibbled it.

The fossil was discovered more than 100 years ago in limestone deposits, but its significance has only recently become apparent after scientists look a fresh look.

Experts have now dated the weed at between 125 million and 130 million years old and have shown that despite appearances, it was a flowering plant, or angiosperm.

An aquatic plant called Archaeofructus sinensis, which was discovered in China, has also been proposed as the oldest flower ever found, but M vidalii may be older.

"This discovery raises significant questions about the early evolutionary history of flowering plants, as well as the role of these plants in the evolution of other plant and animal life," said lead scientist Professor David Dilcher, from Indiana University.

Ruling party wins

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Eight months after his shock defeat in presidential polls, Rajapakse acknowledged there would be no swift return to power in the role of prime minister.

"My dream of becoming prime minister has faded away," Rajapakse told AFP in an early morning phone interview. "I am conceding. We have lost a good fight."

Rajapakse's United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA) came second with 95 seats, while the minority Tamil National Alliance (TNA) took 16 seats.

The outcome represents another bitter blow for Rajapakse, who led Sri Lanka for a decade before he was dramatically ousted by his one-time ally Maithripala Sirisena in a January 8 presidential election.

The former health minister united a fractured opposition to pull off an unlikely victory against Rajapakse,

who has seen a welter of corruption accusations levelled against him and his close relatives since leaving office.

With none of the smaller parties committing to support a coalition government, the UNP is now expected to look to UPFA members -- several of whom are already loyal to Sirisena -- for support.

Villagers

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resist the attack and caught the two BSF men. However, the other soldier managed to flee the area.

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) later rescued the two. Lt Col Mukhlesur said they were grilling the BSF men about the incident.

Crossing the border with arms is a serious offence, he said, adding that the Indian border guards will be sent back home after a flag meeting between the BGB and BSF.

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2nd Corrigendum to Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Name of Country: Bangladesh
Name of Project: Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-III)
Credit Number: 4999-BD
IFB Title: Procurement of Laptop- 3930 Units
Package No. GD 308.01

Memo No. 38.151.180.007.113.00.374.2015-166; Dated: 17 August 2015

The Directorate of Primary Education (DPE)'s Invitation for Bids No. 38.151.180.007.113.00.374.2015-1858; Dated: 11 May, 2015 for procurement of 3930 units (Lot 1 = 1175 units, Lot 2 = 1346 units and Lot 3 = 1409 units) Laptop under Package No. GD 308.01 published in The Independent on 12 May 2015, The Daily Star on 14 May 2015 and The Dainik Amader Shomoy (দৈনিক আমাদের সময়) on 12 May 2015. The 1st corrigendum was published in The Independent on 25 June 2015, The Daily Star on 27 June 2015 and Dainik Amader Shomoy (দৈনিক আমাদের সময়) on 25 June 2015 is hereby amended as follows:

Para No.	Conditions to be amended	Previous Provision	Amended Provision
09	The deadline for the submission of bid	Date: 20 August 2015 Time: 2:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT + 6hrs)	Date: 06 October 2015 Time: 2:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT + 6hrs)

All other aspects of the Invitation for Bids will remain unchanged. This corrigendum shall be an integral part of the Bidding Document.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

২০১৫-২০১৬ আর্থিক সালে ৩১ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট চন্দনাইশ উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য কমপ্লেক্স এবং ইহার আওতাধীন দোহাজারী ৩১ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট হাসপাতাল, চন্দনাইশ চট্টগ্রামের রোগীদের জন্য পথ্য সরবরাহ/স্টেশনারী ও বিবিধ সামগ্রী সরবরাহ/হাসপাতালের রোগীদের লিনেন সামগ্রী ধৌতকরণ নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/টিকাদার ফার্ম/সরবরাহকারীদের নিকট হইতে নির্ধারিত সিডিউলের মাধ্যমে সীলগালায়ুক্ত পৃথক পৃথক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। সকল দরপত্র সিডিউল শর্তাবলীসহ আগামী ১৬/০৯/২০১৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (সকাল ৮:০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত) উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও কর্মকর্তা, চন্দনাইশ, চট্টগ্রাম কার্যালয় হইতে নির্ধারিত মূল্য ট্রেজারী চালান কোড নং ১-২৭১১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ তে সোনালী ব্যাংকে জমা প্রদানকরতঃ স্ব-স্ব এলাকার হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তার নিকট থেকে সিটিআর/প্রত্যয়নপত্র সংগ্রহপূর্বক চালানের মূলকপি দাখিলকরতঃ সিডিউল ত্রয় করা যাইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ১৬/০৯/২০১৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২ (বার) ঘটিকার মধ্যে উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, চন্দনাইশ, চট্টগ্রামে সঙ্কিত দরপত্র বাস্তব দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং ঐ দিন বেলা ১২:৩০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ কমিটি কর্তৃক দরপত্রাদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও কর্মকর্তা, চন্দনাইশ, চট্টগ্রামের কার্যালয়ে খোলা হইবে। পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন ২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ (দ্বিতীয় সংশোধন) আইন/০৯ইং এর সংশ্লিষ্ট শিরোনাম ও প্রবর্তন এর ৩ (তক), উপধারা (১) যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হইবে।

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