



Mohammad Hanif's 9th anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the ninth death anniversary of Mohammad Hanif, the first elected mayor of Dhaka City Corporation and president of Dhaka City Awami League.

On the occasion, Mayor Mohammad Hanif Memorial Foundation, AL Dhaka city unit and socio-cultural organisations will organise special prayers. They will also hold discussions on the life of Hanif, also a close associate of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in separate messages paid rich tributes to Hanif's memory.

Hanif joined politics in his student life under the tutelage of Bangabandhu. He also played a significant role in different democratic movements.

Hanif suffered splinter injuries while shielding AL President Sheikh Hasina during the 21 August, 2004, grenade attack on an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital. He died of a cardiac arrest at a city hospital in 2006.

Hanif's son incumbent Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon sought doa for his father, said a press release.



The mother of Dr Milon, along with other family members, *extreme right*, lays a wreath at his memorial near TSC of Dhaka University yesterday, marking his 25th death anniversary. Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon, joint secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association, was shot dead on November 27, 1990, by the then autocratic regime of HM Ershad in an attempt to suppress a democratic movement. PHOTO: STAR

Govt plans 195cr project to develop former enclaves

UNB, Dhaka

The government is going to implement a Tk 195 crore project for the socioeconomic development of the people of former enclaves.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has sent a draft proposal titled "Rural infrastructural development of former enclaves" to the Planning Commission for assessment.

"The approval of the draft project is under process," a senior official at the Planning Commission told the news agency preferring anonymity. According to the draft proposal, the entire fund will come from the national exchequer.

The official said 191km of concrete

roads, 23km of dirt roads, 711 metres of bridges, 15 mosques, eight community centres, seven temples, eight ghats, 12 markets, four graveyards, three crematoriums and three union parishad buildings would be constructed under the project in addition to excavating 11km of canals and building a 230 metre embankment.

The proposed project will be implemented from December 2015 to June 2018 in 13 upazilas under four districts which had enclaves.

The upazilas are Debiganj, Boda and Sadar upazilas of Panchagarh, Hatibandha, Patgram and Sadar upazilas of Lalmonirhat, Dimla upazila of Nilphamari and Phulbari, Bhurungamari, Chilmari, Sadar, Razibpur and Roumari upazilas of

Kurigram.

Following the historic swap on July 31, some 111 former enclaves situated in India became the part of Bangladesh, while 51 Bangladeshi enclaves went to the possession of India, ending nearly seven decades of sufferings of over 50,000 people.

The 111 Indian enclaves that have been transferred to Bangladesh were situated in four districts of Bangladesh -- Lalmonirhat, Panchagarh, Kurigram and Nilphamari. And the 51 Bangladeshi enclaves were in Cooch Behar district of the India's West Bengal state.

The 111 Indian enclaves in Bangladesh cover a total area of 17,160 acres, while 51 Bangladeshi enclaves in India have an area of 7,110 acres.

Widow striving

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The sacrifice of Amzad Hossain was not entirely forgotten, though.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman wrote a letter to Sufia recognising the sacrifice of her husband and sent her a cheque for Tk 2,000 as assistance in 1973.

She showed the testimonial to the Mukijoddha Sangsad but they did not put Amzad's name on the list of freedom fighters, Sufia alleged.

She said her husband, who worked at Nachol railway station in Chapainawabganj at that time, left for India with some others to train as freedom fighters. But he was caught and slain by the Pakistani army in Rohonpur-Singabad border area, she added.

Sufia's younger son, Md Sayed Ali, teaches at a government primary school.

Commander of Bhanguara Upazila Muktijoddha Sangsad Md Moksed Ali said Amzad was one of the 30 lakh martyrs; so Bangabandhu sent a donation to the family.

"He didn't fight in the battlefield. He was in service in railway... So his name was not included in the list of freedom fighters," he told The Daily Star.

Monks at Kathin Chibar Dan, one of the largest annual religious festivals of the Buddhist community in Chittagong Hill Tracts celebrated yesterday at Rajar Math in Bandarban. The festival marks the conclusion of a three-month seclusion of monks who meditate inside monasteries for self-education and atonement for mankind.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH



DB 'impersonators' rob trader of loaded firearm, Tk 30,000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A businessman was robbed of his licenced pistol, 19 bullets and Tk 30,000 in front of the capital's Matsya Bhaban early yesterday by some men claiming to be members of the Detective Branch of police.

Abdur Rahman told The Daily Star that he and his brother-in-law Abul Kalam Azad were going to their Wari residence from his father-in-law's

home in Tejgaon on a rickshaw when a microbus with tinted glasses stopped them around 1:00am.

Forcing them to board the vehicle, the eight men inside took away their cellphone batteries, tied up their hands and feet, blindfolded them and beat them up demanding debit and credit cards, he said.

The vehicle roamed the capital for around four hours before the two

were dropped off in Turag area around 5:00am, said Abdur Rahman, adding that he filed a case with Shahbagh Police Station.

Inspector (investigation) Zafar Ali Biswas said Abdur Rahman was a wholesale importer of electronic goods. Officer-in-Charge Abu Bakar Siddique confirmed the firearm was licenced and that they were trying to arrest the "muggers".

Municipality mayor's men attacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Three supporters of a municipality mayor were injured in an attack by unknown people in Gopalpur bazar area under Natore's Lalpur upazila last evening.

A gang of 10-12 stormed the office of Gopalpur Municipality Mayor Manjurul Alam Bimal and beat up his supporters with sticks and hands, said police and locals. The mayor accused his rivals in the upcoming municipality polls.

Officer-in-Charge Abdul Hai Talukdar of Lalpur Police Station said additional police were deployed in the area to prevent any untoward incident.

Muggers hack two at Barisal city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Muggers severed two fingers of a battery-run auto-rickshaw passenger while hacked another indiscriminately on Amrita Lal Dey road in Barisal city yesterday morning.

Ohab, 40, son of Abdul Hakim of Jhalakati, who lost his two fingers, and Sujon, 45, of Barisal city, were admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

The two along with other passengers were going to Nathullahad Bus Station from Barisal launch terminal when some muggers even after failing to snatch away one of their bags kept running after the vehicle and finally hacked the two.

Kotwali police are trying to arrest the gang of seven.

Two murdered in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Two persons were found dead at different fields in Jhenidah yesterday morning. Moniruddin Hossain, 45, a cattle trader of Mamunshia village, was hacked to death at Rahmatpur in Kaliganj upazila.

Meanwhile, Police recovered the body of another man, who was strangled and could not be unidentified, from Bogura village in Shailokupa upazila.

Two held with foreign liquor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Armed Police Battalion-2 arrested two alleged drug peddlers with 27 bottles of foreign wine, worth about Tk 1 lakh, in Natun Bazar area of Muktagacha upazila of Mymensingh yesterday.

Sohel Miah, 40, and Fazlur Rahman, 35, of Dhuhaura upazila, were handed over to Muktagacha police. A case was lodged.

Nine containers seized at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Customs intelligence officials on Thursday seized nine containers of import goods at Chittagong port on charge of import through false declaration to evade revenue.

JA Enterprise, Sha Amanat Enterprise and Run Enterprise imported the containers from China earlier this month declaring to import 236 tonnes of clear figured glass which required payment of 90.86 percent tax, said Customs Intelligence officials.

On information, the officials examined the containers and found that the goods were actually clear floated glass which required payment of 129.58 percent tax, they added.

The importers tried to evade taxes worth Tk 23 lakh.

Criminal held with arms in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A fugitive in many cases, including mugging and extortion, was arrested with a locally-made pistol, one round of bullets and two grammes of heroin in Chachra area of Jessore town yesterday, said police.

The arrestee is Taijel Isam, 30, resident of Bejpara area of the town. A case was filed.

Thailand keen on trade route

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on a two-day visit to the Ranong province to assess the feasibility of coastal shipping links between Ranong and Chittagong ports.

Arrest attackers immediately

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Alok was attacked for being involved in movements to ensure rights of religious minorities and that such attacks were a blow to the spirit of independence and Liberation War.

He accused police of waiting for victims' families to file cases instead of doing it themselves.

Capt (ret'd) Shachin Karmakar, Tapash Kumar Paul, Joyanta Kumar Deb and Manindra Kumar Nath also spoke.

Her internal organs sent

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Police filed a murder case on November 22 and five suspects were arrested in this connection.

The body was kept at DMC, and the decision on her reburial rests with the authorities concerned, said Abu Bakar Mia, officer-in-charge of Uttara East Police Station.

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