

Abu Sayeed murder case verdict today

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Sylhet Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal will deliver verdict in the nine-year-old Abu Sayeed killing case today.

On November 19, the court started the trial and completed it yesterday.

According to the charge sheet, Ebadur Rahman, constable of Airport Police Station, Mahib Hossain Masum, publicity secretary of Olama League Sylhet district unit, Abdur Rakib, general secretary of Olama League district unit, and Ataur Rahman Geda, a police informant, abducted Abu Sayeed, son of Andul Matin, for a ransom of Tk 5 lakh and later killed him.

Ebadur on March 12 confessed before a magistrate to the crime and two days later police recovered Sayeed's body from the attic of the building where both Ebadur and Sayeed resided.

Daily Purbanchal editor Liaquat Ali passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Purbanchal Editor Liaquat Ali died of a cardiac arrest Saturday night at Holy Family Hospital in the capital. He was 67.

After his first namaz-e-janaza in the capital his body was taken to Khulna and was kept at Khulna Medical College Hospital. He will be buried after his children and relatives arrive from abroad.

He was a Liberation War organiser, also a former chairman of Khulna Divisional Press Club Federation. The Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh issued a condolence statement, and the daily's office will remain closed tomorrow in mourning.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 27th death anniversary of Azharul Islam, a filmmaker and a playwright, says a press release. A doa mahfil will be held in his Jhitkar Kaloi village residence at Manikganj's Harirampur.

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HC seeks list of structures named after Khan A Sabur

Orders KCC mayor to submit it in 15 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered Khulna City Corporation's (KCC) mayor to submit in 15 days a list of structures under KCC named after Khan A Sabur, a collaborator of anti-liberation forces.

The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman passed the order while hearing a writ petition seeking necessary orders upon the government to change names of structures named after collaborators.

The court also fixed December 14 for passing further orders, AKM Rashedul Huq,

representing the petitioners, historian Prof Muntassir Mamun and war crimes researcher Shahriar Kabir, told The Daily Star.

He said KCC's chief executive officer submitted a report to the HC saying the authorities changed the name of Khan A Sabur Road into its previous name, Jessore Road, as per its earlier order.

In May 2012, following the writ petition, the HC asked the government to explain why structures named after collaborators of Pakistanis should not be renamed and why they should not be directed to name those after freedom fighters.

Two witnesses link four to killings

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and shot him from behind before kicking him down under the bridge, she said, adding she and others recovered and buried the body the next day. "I want justice..." said Hafiza.

In her detailed testimony, Bashona Rani Chowdhury of Sreerampur village under Gouripur upazila in Mymensingh said she was 10 years old and living with her father in their Ramnagar residence when her brother was killed.

Around 10:00am on a day in the last part of the Bangla month of Bhadra,

Paresh Chandra Sarker was working on a field near their home, from where Bashona saw that some Razakars had gathered near him, she said.

One Razakar shot Paresh and they left, said Bashona, adding that before breathing his last after being taken home, Paresh told them that Shamsuddin had shot him.

Earlier, Paresh's friend Shah Alam, the 10th witness, gave a similar description. Defence counsels completed cross-examining Hafiza and Bashona before the tribunal adjourned proceedings until today. Gazi Abdul Mannan is the fifth accused.

Thousands suffer as Ctg

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father. Finally, he got the pharmacy of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) open and bought the medicine after waiting in the queue for one and a half hours.

Belyat, who has a patient admitted in the ICU of CMCH, waiting in the queue at the CMCH pharmacy for an hour, said, "Doctors told me to bring medicine as early as possible as my patient's condition is critical. I have no choice other than waiting for my turn as all other pharmacies in the area are closed."

Another attendant, Shawkat, said, "Doctors are waiting for medicines and some surgical instruments needed for my aunt's surgery in the dental unit. Moreover, all medicines especially the instruments are

not always available here. I do not know what to do now."

Samir Kanti Sikder, president of the druggist association's district unit, said in the city some 3,000 pharmacies were closed and they had to do this as the administration did not pay any heed to their previous ultimatum and he also threatened to wage tougher movement if the case is not withdrawn.

According to Samir, their members did not attack the mobile court on that day, they only demonstrated on the street as the law enforcers "tried to seize legal medicines".

Apologising for the public's sufferings, Samir said, "We remain awake round the clock to serve the public but instead of appreciating our contribution, a section of the government officials always harass us."

Men stand for women's rights

DU CORRESPONDENT

Condemning violence against women and demanding equal dignity for females, a large number of men joined a solidarity rally in the capital yesterday.

The gathering was part of a 16-day campaign, marking International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organised it at Central Shaheed Minar with the slogan, "The family and society shall be the centre for resisting violence against women and girl child".

Activists of several social and women's rights organisations also joined the programme expressing solidarity.

Speakers hoped that man and woman would have the same dignity, and family, society, and state would give a secured environment for women.

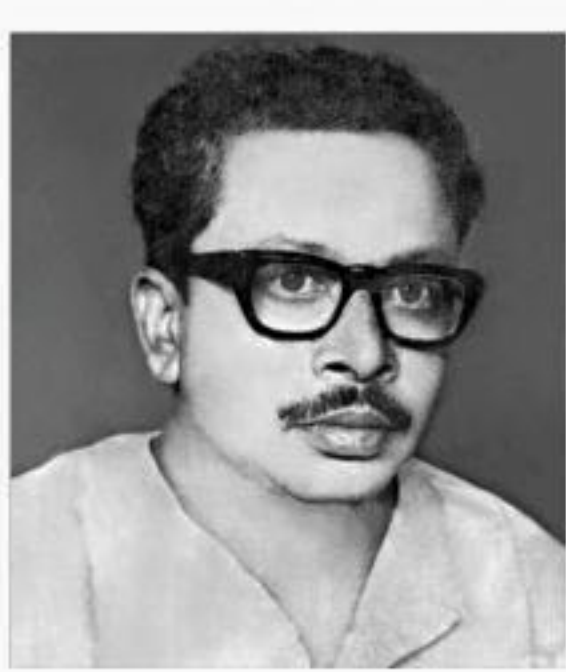
Ayesha Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, said the country's achievements were questioned when females were assaulted.

"The nation will not make progress if women, who make up half of the population, are deprived of taking part in all activities equally with men and if the ongoing violence against girls and women is not stopped," she added.

Maleka Khanam, general secretary of Mahila Parishad, said men had to come forward to eliminate violence against women.

The data of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) shows that 87 percent of females are assaulted at home by their husbands. Theatre personality Ramendu Majumder, Trustee of Liberation War Museum Mofidul Haque, and cultural personality Bhaskar Bandyopadhyay also spoke.

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Syed Mahbubul Haque's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 16th death anniversary of Syed Mahbubul Haque (Benu Mia) will be observed today.

A valiant freedom fighter and leading businessman in Magura, Mahbubul Haque died of colon cancer on November 30, 1999 at the age of 72.

A doa will be offered followed by feeding of the destitute after Zohr prayers at his home in Magura.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the doa and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

ASK concerned

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Urging the government to refrain from enacting contradictory laws, the human rights body said reducing the minimum age of marriage of girls to 16 will increase child marriage and create health hazards.

Uphold BDR carnage case

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arguments, Deputy Attorney General AKM Zahid Sarwar Kazal told The Daily Star.

Afterwards, the HC will hold hearing on the appeals filed individually and collectively by 567 convicts, he said.

The killings occurred during the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) mutiny on February 25-26, 2009 at the force's Pilkhana headquarters in Dhaka.

In November 2013, a Dhaka court sentenced 150 soldiers of BDR, now Border Guard Bangladesh, and two civilians to death, and jailed 161 for life for their involvement.

It also gave rigorous imprisonment, ranging from three to 10 years, to 256, mostly BDR soldiers. The remaining 277 were acquitted.

A total of 844 people, 823 of them BDR personnel, stood trial in Bangladesh's biggest criminal case in terms of the number of accused and convicts.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 27th death anniversary of Anwara Khatun, a member of



erstwhile Bengal Legislature Assembly, says a press release.

A pioneer of Muslim women's education campaign, Anwara obtained LLB in British India, says a press release.

She was a close associate of Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, Maulana Bhashani and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Anwara, was one of the founders of Awami League, was actively involved in the 1952 Language Movement.

Petition filed

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saying that five local people's names were included in the first information report (FIR) but were dropped from the charge sheet.

The five are Yasin Miah, Aminul Haque, Hasmat Ali, Iqbal Hossain and Anwar Hossain, said Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir.

After a brief hearing yesterday, the HC fixed tomorrow for resumption. Petitioner's lawyer Montu Ghosh told the court that more information could be known, if principal accused Nur Hossain, who had been brought back to the country from abroad, was interrogated.

Seven people including Nazrul were abducted from the Dhaka-Narayanganj link road on April 27, 2014 and their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya river a few days later.

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