

APPEAL AGAINST DEATH PENALTY Quasem's counsel ends arguments

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The counsel of war criminal Mir Quasem Ali yesterday concluded arguments on an appeal filed with the Supreme Court by Quasem challenging his death penalty for crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

During yesterday's hearing, SM Shahjahan, a lawyer of Mir Quasem, told the Appellate Division that the prosecution witnesses' statements were not credible as they did not corroborate each other.

When Quasem was on trial, the prosecution witnesses had given their statements to the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-2 on charges brought against him. But most of them did not give the same statements to the investigation officer of the case, Shahjahan told the court.

He also prayed to the court for his client's acquittal.

After concluding yesterday's hearing, the five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha fixed February 23 to hear legal aspects from the attorney general.

The defence counsel could give its rejoinder to the prosecution arguments once the attorney general's argument was completed, the court said.

The SC started hearing the appeal on February 9 this year.

On November 2, 2014, the ICT-2 sentenced Quasem to death after finding him guilty on 10 charges of abduction, and confining and torturing people during the war.

Around four weeks later, he filed an appeal with the SC, challenging the tribunal's verdict.

Bangabandhu trust bill passed Ctg, Rajshahi medical universities' bills placed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The House last night passed in voice vote "Bangabandhu Science and Technology Fellowship Trust Bill, 2016".

With its head office in Dhaka, the trust will have a 13-member trustee board headed by either the minister or the state minister.

Other members include the secretary, one representative each from the information and communication technology, education and public administration ministries, cabinet, finance and legislative and parliamentary affairs division, BCSIR, and UGC, and two public university science professors nominated by the government.

"The Chittagong Medical University Bill, 2016" and "Rajshahi Medical University Bill, 2016" were also placed.

Birdem upgrades eye treatment Eight separate units introduced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Birdem Hospital in the capital has expanded its eye treatment service by adding advanced technologies to its eye department and introducing new units.

To provide its patients with better eye treatment, the hospital has divided the ophthalmology department into eight units--cataract, glaucoma, vitreous, retina, cornea, neuro-ophthalmology, paediatric ophthalmology, uveitic and oculoplasty.

"Some 32 specialists are now providing modern treatment of eye diseases in all eight units, which have recently been introduced," said Prof Dr M Nazrul Islam, head of the ophthalmology department, at a press conference held on the hospital premises yesterday.

"Every day typically 350 patients suffering from eye diseases receive treatment from the hospital, but with the service being expanded, the eye department is now capable of providing treatment to nearly 700 patients, he added.

"Thirty percent of the hospital's patients are provided treatment for free. The cost of eye treatment is also minimal as 80 percent of the patients don't need to stay here before and/or after their surgery," said Nazrul.

Prof Dr Shuvagata Chowdhury, director of laboratory services, Brig Gen (ret) Shahidul Haque Mallick, director (hospital & admin), Prof Dr Mirza Mahbubul Hasan, director (clinical services), were also present at the press conference.

Protect Gulshan lakes: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the authorities concerned of the government to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to stop dumping of sewerage and human waste into the Gulshan-Mohakhali and Gulshan-Baridhara lakes in the capital.

The HC also ordered the government to submit a report on the steps taken for sewerage and waste management of the lakes.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Alam and Justice Zafar Ahmed came up with the rule and order following a writ petition filed by two residents of Gulshan and Baridhara.

Shima Haider Chowdhury and Omar Sadat on February 16 filed the writ claiming that sewerage and wastes are being dumped into the lakes, polluting the environment and affecting the health of the locals.

Taramon Bibi shifted to Dhaka CMH

STAR REPORT

Freedom fighter Taramon Bibi, who was undergoing treatment at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), was shifted to the Combined Military Hospital in the capital yesterday for better treatment, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.

Taramon, 68, who was awarded Bir Protik for her outstanding contribution to the Liberation War, was admitted to the coronary care unit (CCU) of MMCH on Monday noon due to severe respiratory and lung diseases. She was taken to the hospital from her village home in Rajibpur of Kurigram.

She was sent to Dhaka by an ambulance with oxygen support, said Dr SK Apu, resident physician at the CCU.

Taramon was first taken to the National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital (NIDCH) in the morning and later shifted to the CMH on doctors' advice, official at NIDCH told our staff correspondent in Dhaka.

She was able to speak but suffering from severe chest problems, said NIDCH physicians.



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Death Anniversary

Today is the Fifth Death Anniversary of Ali Ul Islam, former chief selector, Manager & former captain of Abahoney of Bangladesh Cricket Board and also the owner of Alees Marketing. On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at his work place today. C-130

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Shamsun Nahar Rahman Paran, founder of Ghasful, an NGO working for Chittagong's most vulnerable population since 1972.

Born in 1940, Nahar, more known as Paran Apa, began her social work in her mid-30s after completing her bachelor's degree and while raising five children.

Her organisation soon became a well-known NGO working on women empowerment and meeting the basic needs of vulnerable children.

Nahar played a significant role in seeking funds, medicines and materials from people to help the freedom fighters during the 1971 Liberation War. She also inspired youths to join the struggle.



Dr Habibur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 5th death anniversary of Dr Habibur Rahman, former dean of the faculty of pharmacy of Dhaka University, says a press release.

He died at the age of 50. He was also chairman of Pharmaceutical Technology department of DU and director of Drug Administration. On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his village Kichak in Shibganj of Bogra.



Chaiti Roy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 4th death anniversary of Chaiti Roy, a student of Vicarunnis a Noon School and College, says a press release.

She was the eldest daughter of Shipra Roy and Rabindranath Roy, a public relations officer of the primary and mass education ministry. She was a student of class-nine.



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