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PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Everyone thought she was dead and so was kept with dead bodies at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. But she survived proving doctors and rescuers wrong.

Even after 13 years into the horrifying grenade attack on an Awami League rally, Rashida Akhter Ruma

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PM critical of CJ's remarks

'Comparison with Pakistan unacceptable'



It's no use issuing threats to me
Usurping state power won't be allowed
People's court is the biggest court

UNB, BSS

Coming down heavily on the chief justice for comparing Bangladesh with Pakistan, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said she was not at all scared of "such a threat and this was not tolerable either".

"This is very disgraceful that Bangladesh has been compared with Pakistan. This is not tolerable at all," she said.

The PM was speaking at a discussion at the city's Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh, marking the gruesome grenade attack at Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004.

"Why will Bangladesh be compared with Pakistan? Why will a comparison be made with the Pakistani prime minister? There will be no use issuing such a threat to me," she said without naming the CJ.

The PM made the comments referring to some statements made by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha during the hearing of a case in the Supreme Court on Sunday.

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RAZZAK (1942-2017) NAYAKRAJ exits the scene

FAHMIM FERDOUS and SHAH ALAM SHAZU

After the disappointment of the commercial failure of his first cinemascope Urdu film "Bahana" in the mid-60's, Zahir Raihan wanted to bounce back with "Behula". But most of the leading actors of Dhaka's cinema were uninterested in playing the lead. Why would they? The lead was dead for most of the film. But one of his assistant producers, one Razzak, stepped in.

The film starring Suchanda alongside him brought the limelight on Razzak. His days of playing minor roles and being an assistant producer came to an end and the rise of "Nayakraj" began.

The curtain of his illustrious career came down yesterday, August 21. He was 75.

The undisputed emperor of Bangladeshi cinema, who reigned for decades, passed away at the capital's United Hospital at 6:15pm following a heart attack. He was admitted there earlier in the day after falling sick, family sources

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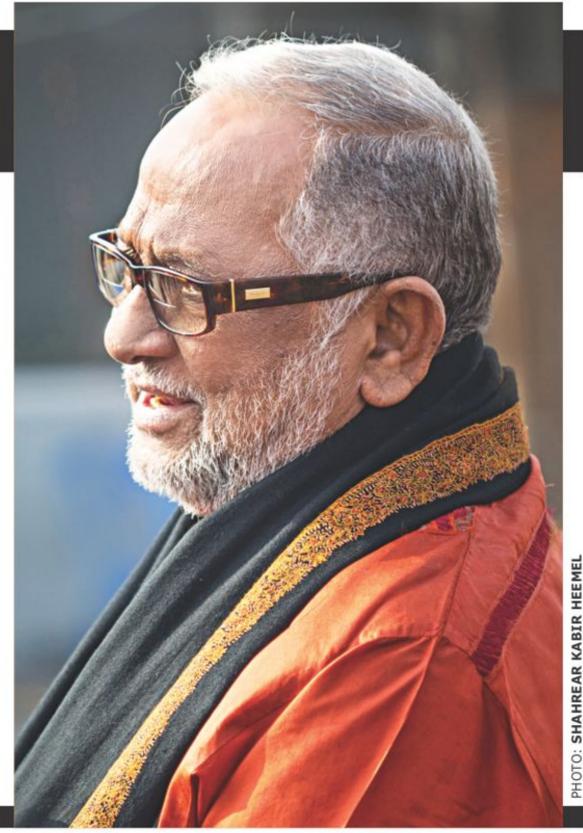


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Flood threatens the capital

Four rivers around city show rising trend; several nearby low-lying areas inundated



A man wades in front of his partially flooded home in Narisha of Dhaka's Dohar on Saturday. Flood water has entered many low-lying areas of Dhaka and its neighbouring districts, leaving thousands of people marooned.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

STAR REPORT

Ravaging the northern and northeastern Bangladesh, the flood now threatens the capital as all the rivers surrounding the city are showing rising trend.

The water levels in the Buriganga, Balu, Turag and Shitalakkhya have increased and many areas in the city would get inundated if the rains continued, says the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC).

Though the flood situation in the northern districts improved yesterday, it worsened in the central part of the country.

Many low-lying areas in Dhaka and its neighbouring districts, including Narayanganj, Munshiganj and Gazipur, have already been flooded, causing sufferings to thousands of people there.

The FFWC said floodwater would enter the capital if the water level in the Balu river increased by another 27 centimetres crossing the danger mark.

The Tongi canal has also swelled. Its water level was just 38 centimetres below the danger mark, showed a FFWC flood map.

Nearly 100 villages have been inundated in Dohar in Dhaka and Sreenagar and Lohajang in Munshiganj as the water level of the Padma has increased, report our correspondents after visiting the areas.

The mighty river has been eroding houses and other establishments.

"The river devoured a house at night. Those inside somehow managed to escape. But they could not take

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75pc passport seekers had to bribe police

Finds TIB survey, although graft decreases at passport offices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday said 75.3 percent of new passport seekers had to bribe police for their clearances.

A staggering 76.2 percent of them also had to deal with irregularities and corruption while having their police verifications and document attesta-

tions done.

Revealing the findings of its survey titled "Good Governance in Passport Services: Challenges and Doings" at a press conference at its office in the capital, the global anti-corruption watchdog said a new passport seeker had to pay police on average Tk 797 bribe for the clearances.

The TIB conducted the countrywide

survey between September 2016 and May this year on 1,453 passport seekers.

In the case of service seekers at the passport offices, 55.2 percent of the participants had become victims of irregularities, harassment and corruption.

They on average paid Tk 2,221, in bribes and to brokers.

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TOP QUOTE
"We feel for the people of Bangladesh with the amount of rain they have had. There are a lot of people in this country struggling because of the rain so the thoughts are with them."
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DARREN LEHMANN
ABOUT RAIN-INDUCED PLIGHT OF PEOPLE

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On behalf of the members of Monno Family, we express our sincere appreciation & gratitude to all for their kind participation at the ceremony.



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