



A scene from a movie starring the evergreen pair of Bangla cinema -- Nayakraj Razzak and Kabori Sarwar. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Nayakraj exits the scene

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said. He had been suffering from various complications.

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Finance Minister AMA Muhiith, Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, and Law Minister Anisul Huq expressed grief at his demise.

The country's film fraternity has also collectively decided to suspend all shooting for the next three days to mourn Nayakraj.

His body would be taken to Bangladesh Film Development Corporation around 11:00am today for the fraternity and well-wishers to pay him tribute. Later around 12noon, the body would be taken to the premises of the Central Shaheed Minar.

His namaz-e-janaza would be held at Gulshan's Azad mosque after the Asr prayers. The actor would be buried at the Banani graveyard later in the evening, said family sources.

Born in 1942 in Nagtola (near Kolkata's Tollygunge), Razzak was the youngest among three brothers and three sisters. Despite losing his father Akbar Hossain and mother Nisarunnesa at a young age, he went to study in Kolkata, became a part of Rongo Shobha Natya Dal (led by

Chhabi Biswas), and even went to Mumbai to get a diploma at the Filmalaya film institute in 1961.

But the beginning of his dream was not so smooth.

Though he did a few films in Kolkata, times were still hard for him. He decided to come to Dhaka in search of a better life.

He found work at prominent director Abdul Jabbar Khan's Iqbal Films, and assisted in Kamal Khan's "Ujala".

But it was not easy working on TV series "Ghoroa" and being the assistant director for films and doing minor roles in "Akheri Station" and "Tero Nombor Feku Ostagor Lane".

He began working as Zahir Raihan's assistant before "Behula" happened.

Despite tough competition from established lead actors like Khan Ata, Khalil, Rahman and Anwar Hossain, Razzak became popular with films like "Abirhab", "Moynamoti", "Taka Ana Pai", "Dorpochorno" and "Jibon Theke Neya".

He carried on this momentum after the Liberation War with films like "Manusher Mon", "Ora Egaro Jon" and "Osru Diye Lekha".

By the time Razzak became the first action hero of the country with Zahirul Haq's "Rongbai" in 1974, his title "Nayakraj", affectionately given by Chitrali editor Ahmed Zaman Chowdhury had stuck.

Even though Razzak was at the

height of his popularity, he kept pushing his limits, playing the role of a security guard in "Oshikkhito" in 1978 and of a school assistant in Azizur Rahman's "Chhutir Ghonta". This was highly unusual for an industry-ruling lead actor.

Razzak made his directorial debut in 1977 with "Ononto Prem", which he ended with the lead characters kissing, unthinkable at that time. The film was eventually released without that final scene.

As his hero days were ending in the mid-80's, he went on to act and direct films, many under his own production company Rajlakkhi Productions, which he named after his wife.

He went on to become the first Bangladeshi actor to be a UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador, and founded the Bangladesh Film Artistes' Association. All along he kept his presence on the silver screen.

With five National Film Awards to his name, Razzak on January 23 (his birthday) this year told The Daily Star that he was looking forward to doing more films, as much as his health permitted.

"I still have dreams of creating something memorable and wonderful. I can never imagine my existence without films, and I pray to Almighty that I pass through this world still working," he said.

Razzak was the "king" who never paused.

Sons of US defector to N Korea confirm his death

AFP, Seoul

The only US soldier known still to be living in North Korea after defecting more than five decades ago died last year pledging loyalty to the "great leader Kim Jong-Un", his sons said.

James Joseph Dresnok was among just a handful of American servicemen to desert following the 1950-53 Korean War, crossing the heavily fortified Demilitarised Zone in 1962.

He went on to appear in North Korean propaganda films and was believed to be the last US military defector in the country, the others all having died or been allowed to leave.

In a video interview posted on the state-run Uriminzokkiri website, Ted and James Dresnok, his two adult sons, confirmed that their father suffered a fatal stroke in November last year.

"Our father was in the arms of the republic and received only the love and care of the party until his passing at age 74," said Ted Dresnok, the elder of the two.

Brown-haired and hazel-eyed, he wore a Korean People's Army uniform in the video like his brother, adorned with a badge depicting the North's founder Kim Il-Sung and his son and successor Kim Jong-Il.

Both men were born in North Korea and spoke Korean with a thick Northern accent.

"Our father asked us to render devoted service to our great leader Kim Jong-Un," said Ted Dresnok, who also goes by the Korean name Hong Soon-Chol.

Their comments were similar to those of ordinary North Koreans, who normally only ever express officially approved sentiments when speaking for a foreign audience.

It was the brothers' second appearance on the programme, after they praised the country in a May 2016 interview.

Their mother is said to have been Doina Bumba, a Romanian whose family say she was kidnapped by Pyongyang.

In a searing 2014 report on human rights in North Korea, a UN commission of inquiry said: "Women abducted from Europe, the Middle East and Asia were subjected to forced marriages with men from other countries to prevent liaisons on their part with ethnic Korean women that could result in interracial children."

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Citing different grounds, they prayed for their clients' acquittal.

On January 16, a Narayanganj court found 35 people, including 25 former Rapid Action Battalion members and expelled Awami League leader Nur Hossain, guilty of abducting and murdering seven people on April 27, 2014 and destroying evidence.

The court sentenced 26 accused, including 16 former Rab members, to death and nine others to jail.

Bodies of the seven victims, including then Narayanganj City Corporation councillor Nazrul Islam and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker, were found floating in the Shitalakkhya.

Thais to deploy 4,000 police for ex-PM Yingluck verdict

AFP, Bangkok

More than 4,000 police will guard Thailand's Supreme Court on Friday when judges announce a verdict in the case of ousted prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra, accused of negligence over a costly rice subsidy policy.

Thailand's first female prime minister, toppled by a military coup in 2014, faces up to ten years in prison if convicted and a life ban from politics under the new military-drafted constitution.

Thousands of supporters are expected to turn up outside the court in northern Bangkok for the ruling in defiance of the junta's calls for people to stay at home.

Some 3,000 protesters are expected, deputy Bangkok police commissioner Major General Panurat Lakboon told reporters yesterday.

"Police will deploy anti-riot forces to provide security... the total will be 4,000 officers," Panurat said.

Supporters would not be allowed to "invade the court vicinity" but would be permitted to gather nearby.

Yingluck's previous court appearances have seen increasingly large crowds gather outside the court, showing her with roses and chanting -- a rare sight in a nation where political gatherings remain outlawed.

But her flagship rice scheme, to pay farmers nearly twice the market rate for their crop, was one of the policies which prompted large-scale protests against her administration.

The scheme handed billions of dollars to her rural voter base but also allegedly led to massive graft as brokers sold sub-par rice or declared inflated inventories to get the subsidy.

It left Thailand with huge stockpiles of unsold rice.

Throughout her trial Yingluck defended the scheme, saying she acted in good faith to raise the incomes of the poorest and was the victim of "a subtle political game".

The military and prosecutors say she must take personal responsibility for the scheme, in what is an unprece-

dent move to punish a Thai leader for a policy.

Analysts say the junta and its establishment allies are bent on crushing the political machine led by Yingluck and her billionaire brother Thaksin Shinawatra, who was himself ousted in a 2006 coup.

The siblings are beloved in Thailand's poor northeast but loathed by Bangkok's traditional elite, who hit their governments with coups or court rulings.

"Though a verdict against Yingluck would legally spell the end of her participation in Thai politics, such a ruling would draw Shinawatra supporters increasingly together against the junta," Paul Chambers, a Thai politics expert at Naresuan University, told AFP.

UK sets out Brexit wish list on goods sold to EU

AFP, London

British goods placed on the market before Brexit should be sold in EU countries under current conditions even after the UK leaves the bloc, the British government said yesterday.

The government also emphasised that current negotiations about the divorce are "inextricably" linked to future trade arrangements and should therefore be discussed at the same time.

In a paper ahead of the next round of UK-EU talks next week, the government said: "We want to ensure that goods which are placed on the market before exit day can continue to be sold in the UK and EU, without any additional requirements or restrictions."

"This means that where products have gone through an authorisation process prior to exit, for example a type approval for a car, this approval should remain valid in both markets after exit," it said.

Biman gets nod

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flights till August 28," Abdul Jalil said. "Now we don't have any uncertainty over sending the rest of the pilgrims to Saudi Arabia."

Earlier, Biman had permission for 14 additional hajj flights.

As of 8:00am yesterday, Biman and Saudi Arabian Airlines -- the two designated airlines to carry pilgrims -- have sent a total of 90,409 aspirant hajjis to Saudi Arabia, Shakil Meraj, general manager (public relation) at Biman, said through an e-mail.

In 24 hours from 8:00am yesterday, Biman is scheduled to run nine hajj flights, including two from Chittagong, carrying over 3,200 pilgrims, he added.

Meanwhile, visa applications of the remaining 300 pilgrims were sent yesterday, the deadline for completing

visa process of hajjis, Saiful Islam, director of the Hajj Camp, told this correspondent last night.

"With the sending of visa applications of 300 pilgrims, we have completed visa process of all the intending hajjis," he also said.

Saiful added names of 600 to 700 people were cancelled on various grounds, including death and illness, which is a common phenomenon every year.

The Saudi government set a quota of 1,27,198 people for Bangladesh for sending people to perform the annual ritual of Muslims this year.

There was an uncertainty over getting visas for all the pilgrims for the last several days due to delay and irresponsibility on the part of a section of hajj agencies.

Police shoot dead suspect

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Police had received two separate tip-offs on sightings of the fugitive -- one from a police officer patrolling a train station and another from an individual who "was sure it was him".

The witnesses had also noticed that the suspect was covered up despite the searing summer heat.

"A police patrol that was working in the rural zone left their vehicle, started walking and saw a person and got nearer to identify them," recounted Trapero.

"That person opened his jacket... and appeared to have what looked like a suicide belt, but it was fake. That's when (police) used their weapons and shot dead the suspect," said the police chief, who added that Abouyaaqoub shouted "Allahu Akbar" and was armed with knives.

Earlier, the authorities raised the death toll to 15, confirming that Pau

Perez, a 34-year-old man found stabbed to death in a Ford Focus outside Barcelona on Friday, was killed by Abouyaaqoub.

Investigators believe that Abouyaaqoub had hijacked the car from the victim to make his getaway.

The police had fired at the car as it forced its way through a checkpoint shortly after the Barcelona carnage, and later found Perez in the vehicle.

On Sunday, Trapero said the suspected jihadists had been preparing bombs for "one or more attacks in Barcelona".

The Catalan police chief also mentioned that 120 gas canisters and traces of TATP -- a homemade explosive that



Younes Abouyaaqoub

is an IS hallmark -- had been found at their bomb factory.

The accidental explosion in the house in Alcanar, south of Barcelona, may have forced the suspects to modify their plans.

Instead, they used a vehicle to smash into crowds on Barcelona's Las Ramblas boulevard, killing 13 people and injuring about 100.

Several hours later, a similar attack in Cambrils left one woman dead. Police shot dead the five attackers, some of whom were wearing fake explosive belts and carrying knives.

Hundreds of Muslims rallied yesterday in Barcelona, holding slogans like "No to terrorism" and "We are Muslims, not terrorists".

A complicated return

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Al Gore, a former Democratic vice president, advised Trump to "resign." Mitt Romney, a recent Republican presidential nominee, urged the president to "acknowledge that he was wrong" and "apologize."

Parts of the business world are now openly voicing exasperation with Trump, as members of his own Republican party -- long "off the record" -- grow more audible and assertive.

"The president has not yet been able to demonstrate the stability nor some of the competence that he needs to demonstrate in order to be successful," Republican Senator Bob Corker uttered in one chiseled phrase, capturing the growing sentiment that Trump's unpredictability cannot sustain his four-year presidential term.

With his return to Washington, number one on the president's to-do list is tax reform.

Delivering on that campaign promise would mark Trump's first significant legislative achievement since his January swearing-in.

His verbal attacks on top members of Congress have cooled relations between the White House and Capitol Hill, but lawmakers with next year's midterm elections on the mind also fear an open clash.

Ryan and Mitch McConnell "recognize Trump for what he is, and there's no love lost," said Larry Sabato, a politics professor at the University of Virginia.

"But they have to protect their members on the ballot in November 2018," he told AFP.

"They have no choice but to work with Trump, and Trump knows that and enjoys playing with them as a cat would a cornered mouse."

A NATION ON EDGE
Friday's ouster of Steve Bannon, Trump's controversial former chief strategist and key campaign ally, from the White House could be seen as a turning point for an administration in turmoil.

But the timing was disastrous, capping one of Trump's most catastrophic weeks yet after his series of ambiguous remarks on the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, which ended with the death of a counter-protestor at the hands of a suspected Nazi sympathizer.

Bannon's departure does offer a semblance of clarity concerning the balance of power in the White House, where John Kelly, a retired Marine general, now reigns as the president's chief of staff.

But the president's true agenda remains unclear, and Bannon's status change from White House power player to outsider has policy experts asking what will remain in the admin-

istration of his extreme anti-establishment views.

The 45th US president will have an opportunity on Tuesday to set the tone for his return from holiday at a Phoenix, Arizona rally, which could potentially play out in a tense climate.

The city's Democratic mayor, Greg Stanton, urged the president to delay the campaign-style rally considering that "our nation is still healing from the tragic events in Charlottesville."

Local officials fear Trump will take advantage of being surrounded by his supporters to grant a pardon to Joe Arpaio, a former sheriff and deeply divisive figure known for his strong-arm methods and zeal against unauthorized immigrants.

He was recently convicted for criminal contempt of court.

"If President Trump is coming to Phoenix to announce a pardon for former Sheriff Joe Arpaio, then it will be clear that his true intent is to enflame emotions and further divide our nation," Stanton said in a statement.

The increasingly isolated Trump will have to strike the right balance between arousing cheers from his base, a task at which the former reality TV star excels, and sending a message of unity after a week that rattled a nation already on edge -- and perhaps permanently stained his presidency.



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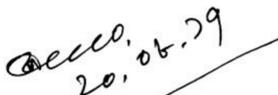
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