



Freedom fighters paying their last tribute to Ferdousi Priyabhashini at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday. Inset, she was also given a guard of honour there. PHOTO: STAR

8,000 flats for insolvent FFs

Ecneec okays seven projects

The government is going to construct 8,000 flats throughout the country for distributing those among insolvent freedom fighters free of cost.

Yesterday, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) at a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, approved the project involving the construction of the multi-storey buildings at district and upazila levels at a cost of Tk 2,273 crore.

After the meeting, the planning minister said the project has been taken to rehabilitate insolvent freedom fighters. It will be completed by 2020, he added.

According to the planning ministry proposal, all insolvent freedom fighters are elderly and unable to earn; therefore, it is not possible for them to buy flats. In fiscal year 2010-11, the Liberation War affairs ministry took a project to construct 2,971 residential houses on its own land with government funds. The work of the project is going on.

In continuation of the project, the government has taken the new initiative to construct 532 buildings, each five-storey, through acquisition of land in different districts and upazilas. Of those, the size of each of the flats will be 982 square feet with three bedrooms, one drawing-cum-dining, two bathrooms and a balcony.

Yesterday, a total of seven projects were approved by the Ecneec involving a cost of Tk 7,466 crore.

The Ecneec also okayed another project for the 2nd phase of "Important Urban Infrastructure Development" involving Tk 3,465 crore. Under the project, small infrastructures like roads, culverts and drains will be developed in 281 municipalities.

The Ecneec also gave nod to another project for building climate-tolerant infrastructures in 20 upazilas of Satkhira, Bhola and Barguna districts at a cost of Tk 662 crore.

Female college teacher found dead

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A female college teacher was found dead at her residence in Taherpur municipality of Rajshahi's Bagmara upazila yesterday.

Shamsunnahar, 33, was a teacher of Islamic history at Taherpur Degree College.

"She was lying on a bed..." said Nasim Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Bagmara Police Station.

No sign of torture or attack was found in her body, he said, citing the inquest report.

Police detained her husband Saiful Islam, 40, a businessman and convenor of the municipality unit of Jatiyatabadi Swachhshabak Dal.

Quoting the husband, the OC said following an argument between the couple the previous night, the husband left the house.

On Thursday morning, Saiful called her younger daughter, who was at a relative's house, to go home to check her mother's wellbeing.

Upon arrival, she found the gate locked. Later, other relatives came and discovered Shamsunnahar dead.

Quader regrets public suffering during AL rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday expressed regret over the public sufferings caused due to disruptions in public transport system during the party's rally at Suhrawardy Udyan on Wednesday.

He also thanked the city dwellers for their cooperation in holding the programme successfully.

Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, said this in a statement of the party.

The AL organised the rally marking Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic 7th March speech that was registered as the World's Documentary Heritage by Unesco last year.

Thousands of people suffered traffic snarl-ups due to the rally.

Throughout the day, traffic interruptions were observed in areas around Suhrawardy Udyan as police closed down Shahbagh, Kataban, Bangla Motor, Farmgate, High Court, Mirpur, Segunbagicha, Bijoy Nagar, Kakrail and some other intersections to facilitate the passage of the arriving AL supporters.

This also caused severe tailbacks along Manik Mia Avenue, Mirpur Road, Karwan Bazar, Bijoy Sarani, Paltan, Moghbazar and other adjacent areas in Dhaka. Buses carrying AL activists were seen parked haphazardly on the roads around the venue.

An icon laid to rest

Rich tributes paid to Priyabhashini

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Swadhinata Padak recipient Ferdousi Priyabhashini was a pioneering representative of the tortured women of the country's Liberation War. She held the conscience of 1971 in her heart which also reflected in her life struggle and art.

Her death is an irreparable loss to the field of sculpture and her contribution to the Liberation War will be remembered forever.

That was how the noted sculptor and freedom fighter was remembered yesterday.

Priyabhashini was laid to eternal rest beside the grave of Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard.

Prior to that, people from all walks of life paid their last tributes to her at Central Shaheed Minar. She was also given a guard of honour there.

Artists, political leaders and activists of different socio-cultural organisations converged on the area to bid her farewell. A memorial programme will be held on the premises at 4:30pm on March 13.

Priyabhashini's elder son Karu Titas, also a noted artist, said she adored her artworks like her children. He said his mother's works should be preserved properly.

Mafidul Haque, writer-researcher and one of the trustees of Liberation War Museum, said, "She is immortal and will always be with us."

"Priyabhashini had a determined soul to establish Biranganas as freedom fighters. She worked like an authentic artist giving up fame and money," said renowned artist Prof Nisar Hossain, dean of fine arts faculty at Dhaka University.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said, "She frequently faced assaults and fought back to protect the honour of women."

"She is an icon of our time. She created a unique school of art that carries a strong message and is beamed with nature and her elements. Without having a deep love for nature, no one can become such a great artist," said internationally acclaimed artist Monirul Islam.

Prof Muntasir Mamun said, "Ferdousi Priyabhashini freed all the persecuted women of the 1971 war from disgrace and social stigma. She played a great role in accelerating the process of trying the criminals."

"She will be remembered as a courageous woman -- the lone voice of war-time persecuted women -- who later faced intolerable humiliation... As an outstanding sculptor, her contributions will also remain as a great source of inspiration for the forthcoming artists," said renowned thespian Ramendu Majumdar.

ATTACK BY BCL MEN

Ehsan Rafiq leaves for India for treatment

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Ehsan Rafiq, the Dhaka University student assaulted by several Bangladesh Chhatra League men last month, has left for India yesterday for eye treatment.

Ehsan and his father Rafiqul Islam left their village home in Narendrapur of Kaliganj upazila yesterday morning.

They would go to Shankar Netralaya in Chennai for the treatment of Ehsan's right eye, Rafiqul told this correspondent.

On February 6, some BCL activists of Salimullah Muslim Hall unit beat up Ehsan, 20, a second-year student of disaster management and science department at DU, causing severe injury to his right eye as he asked BCL activist Omar Faruk to return a calculator that the latter had borrowed from him three months back.

Omar and his accomplices punched Ehsan numerous times in the eye, resulting in damage to the cornea of the eye.



Artists at Kolakham in India's Kalimpong yesterday to take part in Neora Valley Art Camp organised by Galleri Kaya. The artists are Ranjit Das, Ahmed Shamsuddoha, Sheikh Afzal Hossain, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Aloptogin Tushar, Anisuzzaman, Kamaluddin, Shohag Parvez, Ruhul Amin Tarek and Shahanoor Mamun.

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Tender Reference No.	ID No.	Name of work	Last selling & security submission date	Tender submission last date/opening date.
47/e-GP/EE/Mkg.Rd/2017-2018	173799	Painting & supplying fitting-fixing new G.I. pipe on Road Divider of 8 Nos. old curve and Road side Guide post at different Km. of Dhaka (Mirpur)-Utholi-Paturia-Natakhol-Kashinathpur-Bogra-Rangpur-Beldanga-Banglabandh Road.	21-Mar-2018 up to 17:00	22-Mar-2018 11:30:00
48/e-GP/EE/Mkg.Rd/2017-2018	172159	Supplying spare parts of J.M. Road Roller No. 04 under Manikganj Road Division, Manikganj maintained by 1st Line workshop Sub-Division under Manikganj	21-Mar-2018 up to 17:00	22-Mar-2018 12:00:00
49/e-GP/EE/Mkg.Rd/2017-2018	172160	Supply spare parts works of Vibromax soil compactor No. 1103 under Manikganj Road Division, Manikganj maintained by 1st line workshop Sub-Division, Manikganj	21-Mar-2018 up to 17:00	22-Mar-2018 12:30:00
50/e-GP/EE/Mkg.Rd/2017-2018	172810	Sub-soil investigation for proposed RCC/PC Girder Bridge of Gajikhali Bridge, Fakurhati Bridge, Nilambori Bridge & Jhitka Bridge under Manikganj Road Division	21-Mar-2018 up to 17:00	22-Mar-2018 13:00:00
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52/e-GP/EE/Mkg.Rd/2017-2018	173800	Sign, Symbol, guide post, repair & painting of new jersey barrier at different km of Dhaka (Mirpur)-Utholi-Paturia-Natakhol-Kashinathpur National Highway (N-5)	21-Mar-2018 up to 17:00	22-Mar-2018 15:00:00

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ACC to inquire about

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the blame for the embezzlement onto the former management of the bank.

The ACC investigators first interrogated him on December 4.

According to a Bangladesh Bank inquiry, about Tk 4,500 crore was siphoned off the state-run bank between 2010 and 2013 when Bacchu chaired its board.

On July 14, 2014, the central bank sent a report on the scam to the ACC, detailing how people embezzled money from the bank through shell companies and dubious accounts.

The BB found that Bacchu illegally influenced all activities of the bank, leaving the once-sound institution in a grave state. In 2015, the ACC had filed the 56 cases over the scam. However, Bacchu was not made accused in any of the cases.

Evidence found against

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sought three months time from the tribunal to scrutinise the documents. And, if found satisfactory, they will press charges against the accused for initiating a trial.

Hannan said Golap and his father late Matiur Rahman was supporters of the Convention Muslim League. And in 1971, Golap was Razakar commander of Gaznaipur Union under Nabiganj Police Station and his father was a member of the union's Peace Committee.

Convention Muslim League, Razakar Bahini and Peace Committee -- all worked against the Liberation War.

After the Liberation War, Golap was elected as chairman of Gaznapur Union Parishad and in 2013, president of Nabiganj upazila AL, Hannan said.

In last Union Parishad election in 2016, he contested as an independent candidate and was defeated, Hannan said. Local Awami League wrote to the central committee to expel him from the party.

Jamal Uddin too was a supporter of Convention Muslim League and a close associate of Golap, Hannan said, adding that Jamal is a supporter of BNP now.

Giasuddin was the convener of Gaznaipur Union Peace Committee in 1971, and as a supporter of the Convention Muslim League, he played a key role in forming Razakar Bahini and Peace Committee in the union, Hannan said.

Now involved with Jamaat-e-Islami, Gias fled to London after investigation into the case started in February 16, 2016, said Hannan.

Hannan Khan said a total of 31 cases are now at investigation level while 28 cases are pending before the lone tribunal.

But disposal rate of the cases is slow because it is not possible for a single tribunal to dispose of more than four to five cases in a year, he said.

The number of tribunal has to be increased to dispose of all the pending cases, he added.

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e-Tender Notice

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This is to notify all concerned that the following tender has been published through e-GP Portal.

Tender ID, Package No. & date of publishing	Name of goods	Last selling and closing date & time
Tender ID: 161752 Package No: G9 Published on: 06-03-2018	Supply and installation and commissioning of Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer (FTIR) with Attenuated Total Reflection (ATR) for the Dept. of Physics.	20-03-2018 16:00pm. 21-03-2018 15:00pm.

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package reference No.	Name of work	Last date & time of selling	Date & time of closing and opening
01	172387	RBRTC e-GP WD(1-12)	Construction of A. Office Building, B. Semi-pacca Barrack, C. Garage, D. (i) Pump House, (ii) Deep Tube well, (iii) Underground water reservoir, (e) Nursery shed & Nursery bed, G. (i) Boundary Wall, (ii) Drain, (iii) Road & land development work etc. Establishment of "Regional Bamboo Research and Training Center (RBRTC)" at Domar, Nilphamari under Bangladesh Forest Research Institute.	8 April 2018 at 16.00	9 April 2018 at 12.00

The other necessary information for submission of e-Tender are as follows:
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