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Kangalini Sufia in ICU

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Noted folk singer Kangalini Sufia has been shifted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of Enam Medical College Hospital in Savar after her health conditions deteriorated.

She was hospitalised on Tuesday with throat pain.

Prof Dr Moeen Uddin Ahmed, head of the cardiology department at the hospital, said she is suffering from multiple complications including throat pain, kidney disease, irregularities of blood circulation in the brain, and heart problems.

"We are having trouble treating her heart because there is a restriction on the use of drugs on a kidney patient," he said. "We are trying our best."

Although she has been in ICU since Thursday, her condition became critical on Saturday.

"She is improving now, but not out of danger," Dr Moeen said.

Talking to this correspondent at the hospital, Sufia's daughter Pushpo Begum said, "We were scheduled to go to India's Howrah this month to perform in a three-day stage show. Visa processing is almost complete, but mother fell sick all of a sudden."

"Doctors told us that she is not out of danger. I request all to pray for my mother," said Pushpo, also a member of Sufia's eight-member music team. "So far, we spent Tk 60,000-70,000 on her. We collected most of the money by borrowing," she said. "Dr Enamur Rahman MP, owner of the hospital, assured us of bearing the treatment cost, but we are still on our own."

Pushpo sought the prime minister's help for her mother's treatment.

Meanwhile, Baul Jahangir, a disciple of Kangalini Sufia, said, "I'm very shocked that no singer has come to see my guru although she has been in hospital for six days."

Sufia, now 70, was born to Hindu parents Khokon Halder and Tulu Halder in Rajbari. At the age of 14 or 15, she began singing at village functions and was received with applause. The singer married Subhir Halder, and three years after the Liberation War, converted to Islam and took on the name Sufia Khatun.

In the early years of her career, Sufia emulated Ustad Halim Boyati and Aynal Boyati of Faridpur, but she soon grew her distinctive style. Mustafa Monwar, former director general of Shilpakala Academy, christened her "Kangalini Sufia".

Sufia was a regular artiste of Bangladesh Betar and BTV as well as private stations. She also performed in the UK, South Korea, Qatar, Italy, Hong Kong, the US, Thailand, China and India.

Sufia has some of the most popular folk songs to her credit including "Poran-er bandhob re, buri hoilam tor karone," "Narir kachhe keu jaiyo na," and "Konba pothey Nitaigonje-jai." She was also a playback singer for three films: "Darodi Shatru," "Agun," and "Raj Shinghason".

Kangalini Sufia has received at least 30 national awards including Shilpakala Padak 2017 and 10 international awards, said her daughter Pushpo.

Fair against child marriage in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

To prevent child marriage and increase awareness among youths, a daylong "community fair" was held at Savar Upazila Parishad yesterday.

Reproductive Health Services Training and Education Program (RHSTEP), an NGO; Savar upazila administration and upazila women affairs office organised the event.

The fair was also organised to generate awareness on the negative impacts of drug addiction, said organisers.

Pranob Kumar Ghosh, assistant commissioner of land in Savar, inaugurated the fair, chaired by Khaleda Akter, the upazila women affairs officer.

Valerie Ann Taylor, founder and coordinator of CRP, Mashudul Haque, consultant of RHSTEP, were present as special guests.

Man held for spreading anti-state propaganda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab yesterday arrested a man from Segun Bagicha in Dhaka for allegedly spreading anti-state propaganda.

The arrestee is Sheikh Riad Mohammad Nur, 39, acting editor of online news portal "Dainik71.com," said a Rab press release.

He has spread anti-state propaganda, distorted the history of the Liberation War and made indecent remarks on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman using the online portal as well as four Facebook pages, Rab claimed in the press release.

In primary interrogation, Nur said he started running the portal after obtaining a trade license.

EVM demo begins in Khulna

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday started public demonstration of electronic voting machines (EVM) at four centres of ward 22 under Khulna City Corporation.

The demonstration will continue till December 12 to create voter awareness on EVM as the machine will be used to cast votes in all 157 polling centres of Khulna-2 (Sadar and Sonadanga) constituency during this year's national polls. A total of 720 booths will be equipped with EVM in the Khulna-2 constituency.

Sathkira-2 (Sadar) is the second constituency in Khulna division where EVM will be used in its 178 centres. Helal Hossain, returning officer and district magistrate of Khulna, said nine EVM experts will display and explain functions of the EVM to audience at the four centres [every day] from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm till December 12.

"Voters shouldn't worry about the EVM since it's really easy [to use] and takes only 20 to 25 seconds for a person to cast vote on it," he said.

Mazharul Islam, senior district election officer and assistant return-

officer, said the EC primarily selected four centres -- Khulna Zila School, Pioneer Girls' High School, Abu Hanif Karatul Madrasa and Fatima Girls' High School -- in Khulna-2 for the EVM demo.

Demonstrations of the machine will soon be arranged at all other centres in the constituency so voters can get a hands-on experience through mock voting ahead of the elections, he also told The Daily Star.

When asked for his comments on the EVM, Awami League's Khulna city unit Office Secretary Mahbul Alam Shohag said his party is not against its use at elections. They are keen on seeing the technology introduced to all constituencies in the country.

Anticipating that a small number of people, who are unable to read or write, might have difficulty in casting vote on the EVM, the AL leader said, "Several of such voters have already expressed their concerns and uninterest regarding the EVM, saying that they were feeling reluctant to go to polling stations because of the EVM."

Life skills training can reduce child marriage: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at discussion yesterday said measures like training adolescent girls on life skills at schools and empowering them can reduce the number of child marriages in the country.

They said rural parents tend to marry their daughters off as soon as they reach puberty.

They were speaking at a roundtable on "Situation of child marriage in Bangladesh", jointly organised by Prothom Alo and UNFPA, held at Pragati Bhaban in Dhaka.

Experts, researchers and social activists from government and non-government organisations took part in the discussion.

Prof Nehal Karim, chairman of sociology department of Dhaka University, said, "Poverty alleviation, fulfilling basic necessities, and raising awareness will save underprivileged girls from child marriage."

Farida Yasmin, deputy commissioner of Victim Support Centre, said, "We find majority cases filed for rape, abduction and exploitation of young brides to be due to dowry."

"When we receive information on a child marriage about to happen, we notify police to prevent it. But laws against child marriage do not allow us to arrest the parents who

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BRAWL OVER LUGGAGE CHECKING AT TAMABIL Ctg customs officials protest BGB 'attack' on peers



Employees of Chattogram Customs House demonstrate on its premises yesterday.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Protesting the "attack" on customs employees by the members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) at Tamabil Land Port in Sylhet, officials of Chattogram Customs House held a demonstration yesterday.

On Thursday, three customs staffers were injured in a brawl with BGB members in Tamabil Land Port area over checking luggage of passengers.

Pijus Kanti Biswas, organising secretary of Chattogram-Cumilla-Sylhet Executive Officers' Association, told The Daily Star, "We will wear black badges for the next two days, demanding punishment for the BGB members involved in the attack."

If their demand is not met, they would abstain from work from Wednesday, he added.

On Thursday, three Indian students, studying at a Sylhet medical college, arrived from Meghalaya at the port. BGB men intercepted them, claiming that they were carrying Indian liquor. When the checking began, the students reported the incident

to the customs officials.

They rushed to the spot and got locked into a brawl with BGB men, said Shipon Kumar Das, assistant revenue officer of the port.

Shipon claimed that it is the duty of customs officials to check luggage, but BGB men often do it with an intention to get some bribe. "When the customs officials went to the port area in the evening to settle the issue, BGB men beat them up," he claimed.

Lt Col Shah Alam Chowdhury, director of 48 Border Guard Battalion in Sylhet, termed the claim baseless. BGB has the authority to check suspicious baggage. "On Thursday, soldiers had an intelligence report that the passengers were carrying illegal liquor."

When they found the liquor, customs officials snatched the bags and also assaulted a female soldier, he claimed.

On instruction of their top officials, they came to apologise in the evening, but locked into an altercation with the soldiers, he said, adding, "The BGB men acted in self-defence, which may have caused minor injuries to one or two of them."

Fazle Rashid's death anniv

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Today is the 12th death anniversary of Advocate ABM Fazle Rashid Chowdhury, a politician, businessman and social worker, says a press release.



A Qurankhwani, doa mahfil and distribution of food among the poor will be held at his residences in Dhaka, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar.

Fazle Rashid was the eldest son of AKM Fazlul Kabir Chowdhury, a former leader of opposition, East Pakistan Assembly.

Demonstrate

FROM PAGE 3 present at the programme. TIB Chairperson Sultana Kamal presided over the ceremony.

In the cartoon competition, awards were given in two age groups. Under group A (age 13-18), the winners are Isaiiah Tripland Heaven (first prize), Md Tauhidul Hasan (second), and Sumaiya Akter (third). Under group B (age 19-25), Md Mashud Al Mamun, Ashraful Islam and Prosun Halder won the first, second and third prizes respectively. In the photo contest, the award recipients are Mohammad Asad (first), Nazrul Islam (second), and Rehman Asad (third).

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Sl No.	Description of item	Tender ID No.	Tender type	Tender document last selling	Tender closing date and time	Last date and time for tender security submission
1	Establishment of Fire Service and Civil Defense Stations in 156 important upazila/places of the country one A Type Fire Station at Baroiarhat, Chittagong. (Sub-Head: Construction of functional building in/c internal sanitary & electrification, kitchen cum dining, external water supply and sanitary deep tubewell, UGWR, pump house etc. external electrification, drain road, boundary wall, site development, flag stand, fuel, stand solar panel etc.)	259832	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	01-01-2019 17:00	02/01/2019 10:55	01/01/2019 17:00

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256574	Pack: No:- 03	Supply of Engineering & Others Tools.	26/12/2018 17:00pm	27/12/2018 12:00	27/12/2018 12:00
259607	Pack: No:- 04	Supply of Office Equipment	26/12/2018 17:00pm	27/12/2018 12:00	27/12/2018 12:00
256573	Pack: No:- 05	Supply of Furniture	26/12/2018 17:00pm	27/12/2018 12:00	27/12/2018 12:00

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Invitation tender for Vehicle of (03) three 16 Seat Microbuses

1	Ministry/Division		Ministry of Foreign Affairs		
2	Agency		Ministry of Foreign Affairs		
3	Procuring Entity Name		General Service's wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
4	Procuring Entity District		Dhaka, Bangladesh		
5	Invitation for		Tender for Procurement of Govt. Vehicle (Microbus).		
6	Invitation Ref No		শম/সিএস/সে-২/১৬৮/১৮		
7	Procurement Method		Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
8	Budget and Source of Funds		Revenue Budget of 2018-19.		
9	Tender Package No/S		04/2018-2019		
10	Tender Package Name		Purchase of Government Vehicle.		
11	Tender Publication Date		10/12/2018		
12	Tender Last Selling Date		19/12/2018		
13	Tender Closing Date and Time		19/12/2018 Time: 14:00 PM		
14	Tender Opening Date and Time		20/12/2018 Time: 14:30 P.M		
15	Name & Address of the office(s)		S.M. Mazharul Islam, Assistant Secretary (GS-1) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka		
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)		Assistant Secretary (GS-1), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka		
	- Receiving Tender Document		Tender Opening Committee (TOC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka		
	- Opening Tender Document				
16	Eligibility of Tenderer		Well reputed and financially solvent Tenderers (authorized distributors) having office establishment, repairing manpower, logistic support, stock position, good performance qualification and past experience of supplying new and quality vehicles in Government sectors within assigned time.		
17	Brief Description of Goods or Works		Vehicle (16 Seat Microbus), latest (2018), modern, international standard, good quality, brand new, fitted with modern amenities, High efficiency engine (EFI/MPFI/ECI-Multi), CBU with country of origin, assembling with detail specifications (supported by original catalogue/brochure).		
18	Price of Tender Document		TK.1,000/- for each lot		
19	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks/ Months
	01	Microbus-03	Dhaka	2,00,000/-	04 Weeks
20	Name of Official Inviting Tender		S.M. Mazharul Islam		
21	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Assistant Secretary (GS-1)		
22	Address of Official Inviting Tender		MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DHAKA		
23	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Tel. No: 9562953 Fax No: 9572259 Gs1@mofa.gov.bd		
24	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. Number of Vehicle to be procured may decrease				

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