

NEWS IN brief

7th death anniversary of Kamal Khan observed

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The 7th death anniversary of Advocate Al-Haj Kamaluddin Ahmed Khan, known as Kamal Khan, a former member of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association, was observed yesterday, says a press release.

He was awarded "The Governor of Bengal Medal" in 1942 for his service in Assam during World War 2. He also founded Patharghata Girl's High School, the first such school in the area.

A philanthropist by heart, Kamal was responsible for organising the Eid congregational prayers and for setting up a graveyard in the city.

Kamal was born in Chattogram city on February 19, 1927. He passed his BA from Chittagong College in 1947 and obtained an LLB Degree in 1962 from Chittagong Law College.

On the occasion, relatives, friends and well-wishers were requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

IUBDC wins DU debate tournament

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Independent University, Bangladesh Debating Club (IUBDC) has become the first private university to win DU IV Debate Tournament 2019, says a press release.



The team consisted of Aaqib Farhan Hossain and Zobayer Ahmed. IUBDC defeated teams from IBA, Dhaka University and North South University in the grand finale.

Aaqib was the second-best speaker of the tournament, and Zobayer was crowned the best speaker in the finale.

Organised by Dhaka University Debating Club, the tournament took place from July 26-27 at the Teacher-Student Centre of Dhaka University.

Twenty-eight teams from 15 leading public and private universities participated in the competition.

Maj Gen Abdul Latif passes away

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Maj Gen Mohd Abdul Latif, psc, passed away at Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka on July 27, says a press release.



His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Uttara-3 mosque after the Fazr prayers and the second one at Signal Mosque, Dhaka Cantonment on July 28 after the Zohr prayers.

Abdul Latif was a RAOVA member. He was buried at military graveyard on that day.



Ignoring "no parking" signs, motorcycles have been parked on Gulshan-Mohakhali road in the capital. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

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Climate change

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monsoon has increased, whereas it has decreased in Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts.

If this continues, it can affect crop cultivation negatively, he added.

The report was prepared based on data collected from six upazilas, two each from three CHT districts -- Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari. About 400 households were surveyed while the research team also held a number of focus group discussions.

According to the report, landslides appeared to be the biggest environmental risk in the hilly areas. Deforestation, jhum cultivation, commercial logging and hill cutting has escalated risk of landslides in hill slopes, it says.

Addressing the programme, noted climate expert Ainun Nishat said if temperature increases it will greatly harm crop cultivation in the hilly region.

On the other hand, change in weather will increase frequency of cyclones, which will result in excessive rainfall in the hills. Subsequently, this will increase possibility of landslide because vegetation there has already been reduced, he added.

MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said people of the hill tracts have been forcibly displaced, and their lands were grabbed illegally, while they also faced natural disasters like landslides.

"There are laws in Bangladesh related to forest and environment. Aren't these laws effective there?" she asked.

Sudatta Chakma, additional secretary (development) of CHT Affairs Ministry, said the government has taken different initiatives to bring prosperity in the region.

DB arrests 61 in one day

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posters, banners and leaflets on different occasions like police week and August 15," said Baten.

During interrogation, Tipu said he used to deliver letters while working in a private firm. He learned techniques of letter delivery and used it for forgery, Baten said.

The DB North team also arrested three people -- Jakir Hosen, Shanta Akhter, and Momtaj Begum -- on charges of making fake Indian currency. The DB team also recovered 26 lakh fake Indian rupees, a laptop, a printer and currency counterfeiting materials, said Baten.

On the other hand, four people were held with fake Bangladeshi notes of Tk 40 lakh by two teams of DB East and DB West. The arrestees are Lal Mia, Shahidul Islam, Abida Sultana and Al Amin.

They were targeting to use the fake notes to cheat cattle traders and buyers ahead of Eid-ul-Azha rush, said the additional

commissioner.

In another drive, a team of DB East arrested six people who used to mug people by identifying themselves as detectives. They also recovered three pistols, 10 rounds of bullets, 2,100 pieces of yaba tablets and a microbus with a police sticker, said Baten, adding they used to pick up people in the microbus and loot valuables by threatening to trap them in false cases.

Another team of DB East arrested one person from Hatirjheel in possession of 10 kilogrammes of cannabis.

DB West also arrested seven members of a robber gang with four sharp weapons, said Baten.

On the other hand, multiple teams of DB held 40 members of a doping gang from different places in the city. They have been looting people by offering them tea, coconut water, other drinks and biscuits at places like bus stands, railway stations, cattle markets and shopping malls, he added.

Treat

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Gabtoli Bus Terminal, had been suffering from high fever for last two days there.

Two street children and an official of non-government organisation Pathway brought Nahid to Suhrawardy Hospital on Tuesday for treatment.

Hospital authorities gave him primary treatment and tested his blood.

The authorities also said Nahid's blood test report would be given on Wednesday.

Talking to The Daily Star, Nahid yesterday alleged although he was diagnosed with dengue virus, hospital authorities denied to admit him at the hospital for treatment.

The NGO later admitted Nahid at Al Helal Specialized Hospital at city's Mirpur-10 on Wednesday.

Nahid said he earns his livelihood through selling scrap metal and plastic items and he has no contact with his parent.

Director of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital Uttam Kumar Barua told this correspondent that they have formed a five-member investigation committee to probe the incident.

Don't harass, arrest 4 Feni

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Solaiman Hazari Dalim and Moyeen Uddin Patwari -- appeared before the HC bench for anticipatory bail in the cases.

Their lawyer DM Kamal Hossain told reporters that police filed nine criminal cases with four police stations in Feni on charge of vandalism and subversive acts before the general election on December 30 last year and in the cases, the names of journalists were not mentioned.

Later on, their names were included in the charge sheets of the cases after they made reports on the then Superintendent of Feni Police SM Jahangir Alam Sarkar's negligence in discharging duty over the murder of madrasa student Nusrat Jahan Rafi, he said.

Assistant Attorney General Shahin Mridha represented the state.

Spearhead movement

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"At times, you may think the government compromises with communal forces but in future, they will have to come under strict rules and regulations; an inclusive educational system will be established," he said.

Rekha Chowdhury, acting movement secretary of Mahila Parishad, presented a six-point recommendation to modify controversial content from textbooks.

With Mahila Parishad President Ayesha Khanam in the chair, Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee President Shahriar Kabir, columnist Abul Momen and Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha Executive Director Rokeya Kabir spoke at the discussion.

Uber partners with Brac

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system, thereby ensuring a better and safer experience for everyone," he said.

Kamran Ul Baset, head of Brac Road Safety Programme, said, "Safety and security on roads has been a prime concern in Bangladesh for quite some time and it's great to see that ride-sharing companies like Uber are coming forward to arrange short training for their driver partners."

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