

Santosh Gupta's death anniv today

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Today is the 15th death anniversary of Santosh Gupta, an eminent journalist and writer, says a press release.

Santosh Gupta started his career as a journalist at the daily Azad in 1957. He was also senior assistant editor of the daily Sangbad where he worked for 35 years. His post editorial under “Aniruddha” pen name made him one of the most popular journalists at home and abroad.

He was involved in left politics before starting journalism. In 1971, Santosh made significant contributions to the Liberation War.

Santosh wrote 18 books on arts, poem, politics, literature and journalism and edited more than 15 books.

For his contributions to journalism and



literature, he was awarded Independence Award (posthumously). Besides, he was given many other awards including Ekushey Padak and Sher-e-Bangla Padak.

Santosh Gupta was born in 1925 at Runshi village in Jhalakathi. He died on this day in 2004, aged 80.

To mark his death anniversary, Santosh Gupta Smriti Parishad will place wreaths at his memorial at Postagola crematorium at 9am.

Free school for poor children



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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

With an aim to provide education to underprivileged children, “Jagoron Pathshala” initiated its journey in Rajshahi yesterday.

All for One Foundation, a volunteer organisation, set up the free school as part of its child development centre programme in the city’s Seroil Colony area.

Social worker and the city unit Awami League vice president Shahin Akter Reni inaugurated the school by distributing books, schoolbags, notebooks, pencils and other equipment among 70 enrolled students.

“I urge the city’s authorities to support the school so that it can function without any hindrance,” she said.

Most of the students are from low-income families, some from Harijan community while some were either victims of trafficking or born in brothels, said school authorities.

They said their aim is to develop skilled manpower through education.

Besides experienced teachers providing primary education for free,

the students would also get opportunity to engage in cultural activities and computer trainings.

“We won’t let any enrolled student drop out. It’s our responsibility,” said Kamrunnesa Mira, chairperson of All for One Foundation.

“There are also option for technical education for those who want to explore other skills. We are also trying to increase the number of students.”

The foundation would run the school with financial support from its members.

Shamima Akter, a mother of two from Hazra Pukur area, said, “At first, I hesitated to send my children, thinking about expenses. But they [school authorities] offered to teach them for free.”

Rozina Begum of the same area echoed her. “I feel relieved and happy that this school opened and my children will attend classes there.”

Meanwhile, children -- in bright outfits, holding new schoolbags and books -- were ecstatic and looking forward to go to school.

Technology can make roads safer: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday discussed various ways to make roads safe, including the use of technology.

They also suggested that government and private sectors should work together in the implementation of technology to improve road safety.

Prothom Alo organised the discussion titled “Integrated initiatives needed for road safety” at their office, in association with ridesharing service Uber.

Mohammad Tabarak Ullah, superintendent of police in charge of National Emergency Service (hotline 999), said, “We have integrated all ridesharing apps into our service, to provide prompt rescue service for passengers and drivers in danger.”

“We are installing devices in all patrol cars of police stations and vehicles of fire service, to track their location and distance from a victim of accident or danger, in order to save them swiftly.”

Iravati Damle, Uber’s head of public policy for West India, East India and Bangladesh, said technology provides an incredible opportunity to improve road safety in new and innovative ways. “Bangladesh is growing and will do better in road safety and we express solidarity with government to make roads safer.”

Country Lead of Uber Bangladesh Zulquar Quazi Islam said, “Information of passengers and drivers are kept in ridesharing apps’ database, and that is why both riders and drivers feel safe using the service.”

Ahmed Nasmul Husain, director of Brac’s road safety programme, said, “To achieve SDGs, the government has to reduce road accidents by 50 percent but it can’t -- due to lack of awareness, illegal drivers, unfit vehicles etc.”

Assistant Prof Kazi Md Saifun Newaz of Buet’s Accident Research Institute, said the government should fix road engineering mistakes on a priority basis.

SUDIPTO MURDER

AL leader Masum remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chattogram court yesterday placed an Awami League leader of Chattogram city unit on two-day remand, in a case filed over killing Bangladesh Chhatra League leader Sudipto Biswas.

The court of Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Salem Md Noman passed the remand order for Didadrul Alam Masum, acting General Secretary of Lalkhan Bazar ward AL, after police produced him before the court.

Masum was arrested from Dhaka by Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) on Monday night.

Assistant Commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police Kazi Shahabuddin Ahmed said police sought a 10-day remand.

“The court also ordered to examine Masum’s health as his lawyers told the court he is unwell,” Shahabuddin said.

During hearing, Shahabuddin told the court that one of the accused in Sudipto murder case, Md Mizanur Rahman, mentioned Masum’s involvement and gave a confessional statement before the magistrate.

Masum plotted the murder and gave directives to his fellows to execute the plan, he said, adding that Masum had two firearms -- licences of which were recently cancelled by the home ministry.

“Before Sudipto’s murder, the killers fired two rounds of blank shots. Masum should be interrogated to find whether the bullets were fired from his guns,” Shahabuddin told the court.

Chittagong District Bar Association president Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury, general secretary Ayub Khan and Kazi Salauddin Lavlu represented Masum, and opposed the remand prayer.

Advocate Lavlu told journalists that

Ex-Sonagazi OC seeks bail again

Says he will face trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former officer-in-charge (OC) of Sonagazi Police Station, Moazzem Hossain, has again sought bail from the High Court in a case filed on charges of recording a statement of madrasa student Nusrat Jahan Rafi and circulating the video on social media.

Moazzem submitted the bail petition to the HC on July 31 through Advocate Rana Kawser, in the case filed under the Digital Security Act.

In the bail petition, Moazzem stated that he is unwell, will not leave the country and will face the trial proceedings of the case if he is granted bail, Advocate Rana Kawser told The Daily Star.

He said the HC may hold hearing on the bail petition today or tomorrow.

On April 15, Supreme Court lawyer Syed Sayedul Haque Suman filed the case with Dhaka Cyber Tribunal against Moazzem under Digital Security Act, for recording the statement of sexual assault victim Nusrat on camera without her consent, and circulating it on social media.

Form special tribunal for expats’ cases: HRPB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), a rights organisation, has demanded that the government form a special tribunal for settling cases filed by Bangladeshi expatriates over their land and harassment.

“If the problems of Bangladeshi expatriates are not solved, their future generation will become detached from the country, which will have an adverse effect on the country’s economy,” said Manzill Murshid, president of the human rights watchdog.

He made the remarks at a seminar organised by the UK Unit of HRPB at Brady Arts Centre in East London on July 31, said a press release.

Advocate Manzil Murshid told the seminar that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

and other government officials are eager to solve the problems of Bangladeshi expatriates.

However, there is lack of progress due to bureaucratic obstacles, Murshid added.

He urged officials to be more sincere in solving the problems of Bangladeshi expatriates.

At the seminar, some expatriates spoke about different problems regarding their land, harassment due to false cases, and national identity cards.

Mokabbir Khan, lawmaker from Bishwanath-Osmani Nagar constituency in Bangladesh; Croydon Council’s Mayor Humayun Kabir; Newham Council’s Deputy Speaker Barrister Nazir Ahmed, and Tower Hamlets Council’s Deputy Speaker Ahbab Hossain spoke at the occasion among others.

Family of four burned after AC catches fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A family of four, including two children, suffered serious burn injuries after an air conditioner caught fire in their house at Kathalbag in the city early yesterday.

The injured are Moniruzzaman Liton, 42, a magician; his wife Maria Ferdous Tumpa, 27; their daughter Laiva, 8, and nine-month-old son Livan.

They were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Partha Sankar Pal, resident surgeon of the burn unit.

Of them, Liton’s condition is critical as 50 percent of his body has been burnt, and admitted at the intensive care unit. Tumpa suffered 25 percent, Laiva 17 percent and Livan seven percent burn injuries.

Raihanul Ashraf, senior station officer at Mohammadpur Fire Station, said the fire originated from the air conditioner around 5:15am due to a short circuit on the second floor of a four-storey building.

However, the AC did not explode. The windows or doors would have been smashed if an explosion had occurred, he added.

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

Ex-NHRC chief criticises govt report to UN panel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former National Human Rights Commission chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday criticised the government’s recent position on occurrence of enforced disappearance in the country before the UN Committee Against Torture (CAT).

At a meeting marking International Day of World’s Indigenous Peoples in Dhaka, Prof Mizanur said the law minister during the ongoing 67th CAT session in Geneva said the term “enforced disappearance” is not recognised by Bangladesh law.

“We can be fooled... but the experts who are in the UN committee -- are they fools as well?” questioned Prof Rahman. “Can this be a proper explanation, a proper reason?” he asked, criticising remarks made by the law minister.

Prof Mizanur Rahman also said when people live in such an environment, they are left with choice but to worry.

During the ongoing session that will continue till August 9, Bangladesh as a state party has submitted its initial report, which was overdue since 1999, to the committee under article 19 of the Convention against Torture, according to the website of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Bangladesh has been a signatory of the convention since 1998.

Sheikh Kamal’s 70th birth anniversary observed

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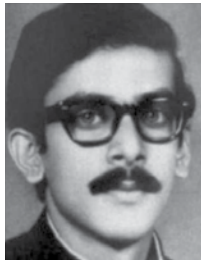
The 70th birth anniversary of Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was observed yesterday.


Awami League, its associate bodies and different political, socio-cultural and sports organisations drew up elaborate programmes marking the day.

Leaders and workers of Awami League and its associate bodies paid tribute to Sheikh Kamal by placing wreaths at his portrait on Dhanmondi Abahani Club premises at 8am.

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader; AL Joint General Secretaries -- Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Advocate Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Abdur Rahman; AL Publicity Secretary and Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud, and Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun

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JOURNALIST SHIMUL KILLING

Suspended municipal mayor denied bail

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A Rajshahi court yesterday denied bail to suspended Shahzadpur municipality mayor Halimul Haque Miru in a case filed for killing journalist Abdul Hakim Shimul.

Judge Anup Kumar also sent him to jail and set August 8 for charge framing, said public prosecutor Entajul Haque. The court, however, granted bail to 37 other accused in the case.

On February 2, 2017, Shimul, Shahzadpur correspondent of the daily Samakal, was shot in the head from a gun used by Miru, while covering a clash between two groups of Chhatra League in the municipality. He died the next day.

Shimul’s wife filed a case with Shahzadpur Police Station accusing Miru and 17 others in the FIR and 25 others. Miru was arrested the same year after being suspended as mayor.

On May 2 the same year, police pressed charges against Miru, his brother Mintu, and 36 others.

No cattle market beside highways: Ctg SP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

Police will not allow cattle markets beside roads and highways in Chattogram district in a bid to avoid traffic gridlock ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

Chattogram district’s Superintendent of Police Noor-e-Alam Mina revealed the decision yesterday at a meeting between police and transport stakeholders at a local community centre in the port city.

Police will also act strictly to prevent extortion and mugging on highways, the SP said.

Some 3,000 officers will be on duty round the clock during Eid, he added.

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বেসরকারি আইনজীবী প্যানেল নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সরকারি স্বার্থ রক্ষার্থে আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান বিভাগ, অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়ের পক্ষে ও বিপক্ষে বিজ্ঞ আর্টার্নি জেনারেল এর মাধ্যমে মহামান্য সুপ্রিম কোর্টের আপিল বিভাগ ও হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ এবং প্রশাসনিক ট্রাইব্যুনাল, ঢাকা ও দেওয়ানী আদালতে মামলা পরিচালনায় সহায়তা প্রদানের জন্য ০২ (দুই) জনের একটি বেসরকারি প্যানেল তালিকাভুক্ত করার লক্ষ্যে আগ্রহী আইনজীবীদের নিকট হতে নিম্নোক্ত শর্তে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

- (১) আবেদনকারী আইনজীবীকে ঢাকায় স্থায়ীভাবে বসবাসরত হতে হবে;
- (২) আবেদনকারী নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, বয়স, মোবাইল ফোন নম্বর, ই-মেইল ইত্যাদি উল্লেখসহ পূর্ণাঙ্গ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত দিতে হবে;
- (৩) আবেদনের সাথে সদ্য তোলা ০২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি দিতে হবে;
- (৪) আবেদনের সাথে জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, বার কাউন্সিলের সনদপত্র, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সকল সনদপত্র এবং বার কাউন্সিল প্রদত্ত পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- (৫) মহামান্য সুপ্রিমকোর্টসহ হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ ও আপিল বিভাগের এডভোকেট হিসেবে কমপক্ষে র‌্যমেট ১০ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ প্রশাসনিক ট্রাইব্যুনালে মামলা পরিচালনায় অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে;
- (৬) দেওয়ানী আদালতে মামলা পরিচালনার জন্য দেওয়ানী আদালতে এডভোকেট হিসেবে কমপক্ষে ৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে;
- (৭) মনোনীত আইনজীবীকে সরকার কর্তৃক সময়ে সময়ে নির্ধারিত হারে ফিস/স্বামী পরিশোধ করা হবে এবং এ ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য উৎসে আয়কর, ভাট কর্তনসহ সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত সংশ্লিষ্ট বিধি বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে;
- (৮) অন্য কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে আইনজীবী হিসেবে নিয়োজিত থাকলে তা আবেদনপত্রের সাথে উল্লেখ করতে হবে;
- (৯) আবেদনকারীর বয়স আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখে ৬০ বছরের অধিক হতে পারবে না;
- (১০) আইনজীবী হিসেবে নিয়োগের মেয়াদ ০২ (দুই) বছর হবে। তবে সংশ্লিষ্টজনক কর্মদক্ষতার ভিত্তিতে চুক্তির মেয়াদ নবায়ন করা যেতে পারে;
- (১১) কোন আইনজীবী অব্যাহতি গ্রহণ করতে চাইলে ৩০ দিন পূর্বে নোটিশ প্রদান করতে হবে এবং আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান বিভাগ ৩০ দিন পূর্বে কোন কার্যন দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে নোটিশ প্রদানের মাধ্যমে প্যানেলভুক্ত কোন আইনজীবীকে অব্যাহতি প্রদান করতে পারবেন;
- (১২) আগামী ২৯/০৮/২০১৯ তারিখের মধ্যে প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রসহ আবেদনপত্র উপসচিব (লিটিগেশন), কক্ষ নং-২৪২, ভবন নং-৩, আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান বিভাগ, অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয় (সদস্য-সচিব, আইনজীবী প্যানেল নিয়োগ কমিটি) বরাবর ডাকযোগে পৌছাতে হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনগ্রহণ করা হবে না; এবং
- (১৩) অসম্পূর্ণ/ত্রুটিপূর্ণ আবেদন সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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