

## 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 Postgola 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 Kamrunnisa 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.

## 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 Manzill 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 Ahabab Hossain spoke at the occasion among others.

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## Technology can make roads safer: speakers

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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 Zulqar 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 Nasrul 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.

## 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.

## SUDIPTO MURDER

## AL leader Masum remanded

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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 Saleem Md Noman passed the remand order for Didarul 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.

Sudipto, 28, was the assistant general secretary of BCL's Chattogram city unit. He was beaten to death near his house in the city's South Nalapara on October 6, 2017.

Police suspected an intra-party feud behind the murder and started arresting the suspects. Some friends of Sudipto also blamed the followers of Masum for the murder.