

Shegufta Bakht Chaudhuri passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former governor of Bangladesh Bank Shegufta Bakht Chaudhuri passed away at a city hospital yesterday. He was 86.



He had been suffering from old-age complications, according to a press release issued by Bangladesh Bank. He left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of admirers and well-wishers. Chaudhuri was the fourth governor of Bangladesh Bank, between 1987 and 1992.

Black marketeers

Bangabandhu pays an unscheduled visit to rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam today and spends about half an hour at his government-allotted Dhanmondi residence. He enquires about the welfare of the ailing poet and also his needs from his daughter-in-law, who looks after him. Bangabandhu is informed that the general condition of the poet has seen appreciable improvement since his arrival in Dhaka last May from Calcutta at the invitation of the Bangladesh prime minister. He is further informed that the poet, who previously could not move without aid, can even walk down to the ground floor from the first floor of his residence nowadays.

DR MALIK'S TRIAL BEGINS TODAY
The trial of Dr AM Malik, governor of the then East Pakistan, will begin tomorrow before Special Tribunal-1 in Dhaka headed by Session Judge Abdul Hannan Chowdhury. The former governor was first produced before the tribunal on October 6 when he made a prayer for adjournment of the hearing in his case on the ground that he required some time to prepare his defence. Dr Malik will face trial on charges of collaboration with the military regime of Pakistan and waging war against the Liberation Movement of Bangladesh. **SOURCES:** November 13, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

BSF returns 2 Rab men

members and druggies attacked the Rab team, leaving its members dispersed.

Chased by the attackers, Shyamal and Abu Bakkar crossed into India and took shelter in the house.

Acting on information about the incident, a BSF team went to the house around 2:00pm on Tuesday and took the two into custody.

As the news of the incident spread in Saraswatipur village, senior officials of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), police and the civil administration went there in the evening and took initiatives to bring the two Rab men back.

The BSF handed the two Rab men to the BGB through a flag meeting around 10:45pm on Tuesday.

A member of Punatri Union Parishad in Chirirbandar upazila said the Saraswatipur village was controlled by drug dealers, druggies, their family members and relatives.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, Lt Col Ashik Billah, director of Rab Legal and Media Wing in Dhaka, said the five-member Rab team conducted the raid in the village based on specific information.

The BSF rescued them after the two Rab men took shelter in the house of an Indian national, he added.

Chirirbandar OC Subrata Sarkar said they were yet to receive any complaint about the attack as of 3:00pm yesterday.

This correspondent phoned the commanding officer of Phulbari BGB 29 Battalion for comments, but he did not answer the phone.

BRTA moves to implement

may be conducted, along with other issues in this regard.

"We have to hold more meetings. We are giving the highest priority as it's a directive from the PM," he added.

Delivering her speech on October 22 to mark National Road Safety Day, Hasina directed the authority concerned to bring drivers under a dope testing system.

"We need to know whether those who are driving [vehicles] use drugs. They need to undergo dope testing. This test is absolutely essential for each driver. You must do it," she said.

The premier gave several other directives on this occasion.

On October 27, the Road Transport and Highway Division held a meeting with all the heads of the agencies concerned to discuss how to implement the directives and the BRTA was asked to call a meeting over this issue, sources said.

WHY IS THE TEST IMPORTANT?

Kazi Md Shifun Newaz, assistant professor of Accident Research Institute of Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology, said a driver can feel drowsy after taking drugs and they may lose control over the steering, causing accidents.

In many cases, a driver may feel overconfident and try to dangerously overtake other vehicles after taking drugs, he added.

"In order to ensure road safety, dope testing is important so that an addicted driver or a driver under the influence of alcohol cannot run a vehicle," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

There was a move last year when a transport leader said the authorities will start running random drug tests on motor vehicle drivers at different points across Dhaka city from December 1st 2019.

Mobile courts will conduct drives because almost half of the public vehicle drivers in the capital are believed to be addicted to various drugs, and the addiction has become the main and primary reason for accidents in the capital, Khondaker Enayet Ullah, general secretary of Dhaka Road Transport Owners' Association, said at a joint meeting between transport owners and workers on September 18 last year.

"We came to know about it by talking to bus company owners, workers and by making field visits," he added.

However, they could not start the dope testing programme, despite wanting to, as transport workers had started a demonstration against the Road Transport Act-2018, he said.

Duty-free benefits to continue for Bangladesh

making sure that the world's poorest countries can continue to take advantage of the opportunities that free trade offers them by allowing them to export their products to the UK at preferential rates," said UK's International Trade Secretary Liz Truss.

She said this would assist developing economies in establishing strong industries, creating jobs and help them reduce their reliance on overseas aid in the long term.

The UK left the European Union on January 31. Britain is now in an 11-month period, known as the transition, that keeps the UK bound to the EU's rules. The transition (sometimes called the implementation period) will end on December 31, 2020. It cannot be extended beyond that date, BBC reports.

After the US and Germany, the UK is the third largest export destination for Bangladesh. Currently, more than 700,000 Bangladeshis live in the UK. Demand for Bangladeshi apparels, vegetables, pharmaceutical items and processed foods is growing there.

Bangladesh exported goods worth \$4.83 billion to the UK in the fiscal 2018-19. Garment products constituted 93 percent of the exports. But the pandemic hurt the businesses in the next fiscal.

"I think the only benefit is that we will continue to enjoy the same preferential treatment, that is duty free access by complying single transformation process," said Rubana Huq, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) on the UK's decision.

"Since the UK may not change its tariff regime after Brexit, this will save a market of \$3.17 billion dollars..." Huq told The Daily Star in a WhatsApp message.

The UK takes around 11.3 percent of our garment exports, so the continuation of existing tariff structure would keep

the employment and export earnings of this sector protected to a significant extent, she said.

Britain imported approximately £8 billion-worth of textiles and apparel products from eligible countries last year. This accounted for 30 percent of all textile and UK apparel imports, according to the statement from the UK Department for International Trade.

The country also imported approximately £1 billion-worth of vegetables from eligible countries, accounting for around 8 percent of all vegetable imports. It is planning on improving the scheme to better support developing countries, the statement said.

More details will be announced next year. British importers will continue to pay zero or reduced tariffs on everyday goods such as clothing and vegetables from the world's poorest countries, the statement said.

The UK's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) will cover all the same countries that are currently eligible for trade preferences under the EU's GSP, it added.

Liz Truss said the scheme would also help British businesses continue trading seamlessly after the UK leaves the EU, as well as giving British consumers continued access to some of their favourite products at affordable prices.

UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said globally Britain is a partner of choice for developing countries.

"As today's announcement demonstrates, we take a liberal approach to trade, recognising that many developing countries want to trade their way to greater prosperity," he said.

"We back that up with the integrity of the investments UK businesses make, and our commitment to be a force for good in their communities through our support for green jobs, climate change mitigation and programmes to deliver girls education," he added.

Off-season spike

Experts say the dengue season's longevity is increasing and it is not a seasonal virus anymore.

The dengue issue is critical as the country has reported having more than one lakh cases of the disease last year. Mosquito species like Aedes Aegypti Albopictus transmit the dengue virus into humans through bites.

Most cases in the country are reported in June due to monsoon, high temperature and humidity. The World Health Organisation says dengue outbreaks can occur any time that mosquitoes are active.

High temperature and humidity favour the insect's survival, increasing the likelihood of transmission.

Pigeon message

town of Colmar, is recounting German military exercises in the area.

Father, son found dead

(DMCH) for autopsy, said the SI.

"We found the hanging bodies of Khairul and Shaharat tied to ceiling fans with a piece of cloth in their rooms," said the police official.

SI Selim further said Khairul's wife Najmun Nahar Nupur, who had gone out for shopping, found the house door locked from the inside after she returned home in the afternoon, and then informed police.

The police official said Areen was a differently abled boy, while his father Khairul developed a mental illness six months earlier due to the loss of his business. He was being treated at a hospital.

Khairul, hailing from Ramganj of Laxmipur, used to live in the rented flat in Nayatola area with his wife and son, said the police officer.

Police suspected that Khairul may have killed himself after killing his son, said the SI, adding that the exact cause behind their deaths will be known after getting the autopsy reports.

HC seeks

ordered the special judge's court-7 of Dhaka, which had sentenced Haji Salim, to send all relevant documents of the case by December 7.

The HC bench of Justice Md Moynul Islam Chowdhury and Justice AKM Zahirul Huq also fixed December 7 for rehearing the appeal filed by Haji Salim challenging the trial court verdict.

The bench came up with the order following a prayer moved by the Anti-Corruption Commission's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan for fixing a date for rehearing the appeal.

Lawyer Sayeed Ahmed Raza appeared for Haji Salim.

The ACC filed the case against Haji Salim with Lalbagh Police Station on October 24, 2007, on charge of amassing illegal assets. On April 27, 2008, the special judge's court-7 of Dhaka convicted Haji Salim and sentenced him.

Haji Salim filed the appeal with the HC on October 25, 2009.

Following the appeal, the HC on January 2, 2011, acquitted Haji Salim.

The ACC then appealed against the HC verdict before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. The Appellate Division on January 12, 2015, scrapped the HC verdict and directed the HC to rehear Haji Salim's appeal and to dispose of the appeal again.

The ACC recently took an initiative for rehearing the appeal of Haji Salim after Irfan Salim, son of Haji Salim, was arrested in connection with beating up a navy officer.

Nothing will stop power

Taking questions from the media for the first time since his victory, Biden was asked what he would say if Trump were watching. He said: "Mr. President, I look forward to speaking with you."

Some 80% of Americans, including half of Republicans, say Biden is the rightful winner, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Tuesday.

21st death anniversary of Hasna Hena

CRY DESK

Today is the 21st death anniversary of Hasna Hena Qadir, one of the founders of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee.



To mark the day, a milad mahfil will be held at her elder son's residence in the capital, a press release said.

Hasna Hena Qadir was the wife of martyred freedom fighter and intellectual Lt Col Abdul Qadir, who was killed by the Pakistani army during the Liberation War, and the mother of eminent journalist Nadeem Qadir and US-based IT expert Naweed Qadir.

Missing JnU

According to her family members, Tithy went missing on October 25 morning after leaving her Pallabi home for the local police station. Her elder sister Srity Rani Sarker filed a missing persons report with Pallabi Police Station on October 27.

However, Tithy's family was not informed of her arrest. The news took them by surprise when they were contacted. "Around 8:00pm in the evening, Tithy's friends told me that her Facebook account showed 'active' status. We have been wondering what happened. Now we know."

Tithy was suspended from the university on October 26 as well as from her post as the office secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Odhakar Parishad's JnU unit on October 23.

Some screenshots of Tithy Sarker's Facebook posts and comments that allegedly hurt religious sentiments went viral on social media that day.

On the same day, Tithy filed a general diary with Pallabi Police Station, stating that her Facebook account had been hacked.

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1	FWA of ICT Hardware	IFT/SCI/BDCO/FY-20/(manual)09	17/11/2020 at 11.00 AM https://zoom.us/j/94005319798?pwd=MGV6T0JESGtFskjnK044eDA3azdzdz09	December 02, 2020 at 03.00PM
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Senior Manager, Procurement & Supply Chain

Akbar's

area of Companiganj upazila in Sylhet, said police sources.

At Meghalaya, he took shelter at one Naresh Singha's house for a couple of days and then on October 18, he moved to one Gopal Das' house at Silchar of Assam. Gopal is a relative of one Panna, who is a friend of Naresh.

Through a source, police found out that Akbar is at Gopal's house. They contacted Gopal through the source and cut a deal with him -- Gopal will hand over Akbar to Bangladesh police in exchange for 10 lakh rupees.

Gopal agreed. As per the agreement, Gopal brought Akbar to Meghalaya's Dona bordering area and handed him over to Khasi people, who were there working with Bangladesh police.

The money was also given to Gopal via the Khasi people. They then brought Akbar to the bordering area of Kanaighat upazila.

There, one Rahim Uddin, a resident of Kanaighat, and some locals crossed the border on behalf of the law enforcers and received Akbar from Khasi people.

They then handed him over to the district police around 9am on Monday.

According to the officials of Sylhet

district police, the Khasi people made several videos of Akbar while quizzing him. They did not know these videos would cause such issues afterwards, police added.

The officials also said Rahim later claimed to have found Akbar using his own connections just to get reward for detaining him as declared by some expatriates.

"Tracking down Akbar in India and then bringing him back to Bangladesh involved a joint effort of police and many trusted friends in both the countries," SP Farid Uddin told The Daily Star.

"It was Sylhet district police's operation from the very beginning... but we are not discrediting anyone who helped us detain Akbar. We are grateful to all of them," he said.

An official said Sylhet district police paid the money to Gopal, while Rahim and some others involved also got small monetary rewards.

On October 11, Rayhan, a 33-year-old resident of Akhalia Neharipara area in Sylhet city, was allegedly detained and tortured by police.

He died at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital at 7:50AM. His wife filed a case with Kotwali Police Station accusing several unnamed people the next day.

Most students

There should be mapping on how effectively distance learning is reaching students, and the government can plan according to that, she said.

Education Minister Dipu Moni said the government has taken various measures, and telecom operators are offering different packages, so students can get internet access.

আব্রাহ প্রকাশের আহ্বান
Request for Expression of Interest

(EOM/CO/2020/001)

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