

Harun-ar-Rashid no more

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Former principal information officer Harun-ar-Rashid passed away at a city hospital on Saturday, aged 75.



He left behind two sons and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers to mourn him. Harun was diagnosed with Covid-19, reports BSS, citing a press release.

In a condolence message, President Abdul Hamid prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members, according to a PID handout.

Harun served as war correspondent of the Mujibnagar Government in 1971, and later joined Bangladesh Civil Service as an information officer. He was appointed as the Principal Information Officer in 1998.

According to a Facebook post by his brother journalist Aziz Ur Rashid, Harun served as journalist at Dainik Azad before the country's independence.

During the Liberation War, he was a war correspondent at the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra.

Empowering the differently-abled Nor'wester

Prerona Foundation to launch platform 'Kriya'

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Prerona Foundation under its "Amra Shikhi, Amra Pari" programme has partnered with institutions working for the welfare of differently-abled individuals, to create sustainable livelihood generation opportunities by empowering them with skills and providing them with the right platforms to showcase their products, said a press release.

Plans to launch its newest initiative Kriya, which will be the country's first e-commerce platform for showcasing products exclusively made by differently-abled people. Kriya would open a new window of opportunity in the socioeconomic development of the differently-abled communities in the country.

Recently, Prerona Foundation organised a three-day workshop on Product Development for teachers of its partner schools and institutions. The objective of this workshop was to introduce the teachers to new skills, techniques and ideas, which

they can incorporate in their vocational training lessons for differently-abled students. In doing so, Prerona Foundation is helping in the capacity development of the differently-abled communities.

The products made by the differently-abled students have already garnered sizeable attention. At PFDA - Vocational Training Centre, the students make high-quality masks amongst other products. Students from Society for the Welfare of Autistic Children (SWAC), Amar Joti Special School, One Culture Foundation and Beautiful Mind School are also making saree, scarf, jewellery and other accessories and home décor items as well.

The philosophy behind "Kriya" was announced at the closing ceremony of the workshop of Product Development.

Dr A M Parvez Rahim, chief coordinator of autism and NDD cell at Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Mubina Asaf, director of governing body at Prerona Foundation were present at the event as special guests.

FROM PAGE 3 The middle of February for holding 348 LED lights on the four-kilometre road, which goes from the city to Chapainabwanjari.

The corporation spent Tk 5.22 crore for installation and procurement of lights.

RCC officials began working to restore the poles immediately after the storm was over, and hoped that they would restore all the fallen poles within that night.

Meanwhile, a huge street billboard was uprooted at Seroil area, halting movement on the street. Firefighters were working to remove the billboard at the time of filing this report.

Hail also accompanied the storm in Puthia and Bagha upazilas, causing harm to mango orchards, farmers said.

Youth arrested in Ctg for stabbing madrasa student

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Police arrested a youth for stabbing a madrasa student and looting cash and mobile phone in the hilly parts of port city's Akbarshah area early yesterday.

The arrestee is as Nur Nabi Babu (19), a local of the area.

The injured student Saiful Islam (18) has received treatment at a hospital, said police.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Jahir Hossain of Akbarshah police station said Saiful went to visit the Harbatoli-Nandan Pahar area of Akbarshah on Saturday evening with his friends.

A group of local youths cordoned off Saiful and his two friends and snatched their valuables on the top of the hills.

"As Saiful tried to resist, Nabi stabbed him in the leg," added the OC.

"Coming down from the hill, Saiful's friend informed the matter to police. A team of police then conducted a raid in the area and detained Nabi. But his other associates managed to escape," said the OC.

'Shonge Achi' launches stipend for female students

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Shonge Achi Foundation has launched education stipends for poor and brilliant female students of schools and colleges at Nalchhity upazila of Jhalakathi as part of its women empowerment initiatives.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Rumpa Sikder handed over the stipend money to selected students at her office auditorium on Friday, said a press release.

Md Jasim Uddin Khan, president of the foundation; Ahmed Parvez Shamsuddin, its treasurer; and local representative Md Feroz Howlader attended the event.

Hefajat activists

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On information, police went to the spot and fired five shots to disperse the mob. Police also arrested five persons from the spot, said OC Md Mizanur Rahman of Kuliarchar Police Station. At least 10 people, including five policemen, were injured during the incident, he said.

SI Saddam Hossain of the police station lodged a case in connection with the attack on government offices and police, accusing over 500 people, of whom 30 were named, the OC added.

On Saturday evening, AL men kept Mamunul confined to a resort in Narayanganj's Sonargaon upazila. They alleged that Mamunul went to a room of the resort with a woman with whom he was having an affair.

On information, police went to the resort. But by the time they arrived, a large number of Hefajat men gathered there, broke the main gate and stormed into the resort. They took Mamunul with them, according to witnesses and locals.

At that time, Hefajat men vandalised the resort and parked vehicles. They later blocked Dhaka-Chattoogram highway, staged demonstrations and vandalised some vehicles.

Meanwhile, a Hefajat activist has filed a complaint with Sonargaon Police Station against some Jubo League and Chhatra League men in connection with "assaulting" Mamunul at the resort, said police.

Make sure

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hinder the country's progress to some extent, Bangladesh will be able to recover from it. "Bangladesh is marching forward and will continue to do so."

The PM thanked NSI members for playing a role in fighting the first wave of Covid-19 pandemic, and them to play a more significant role this time.

PM's Security Affairs Adviser Tarique Ahmed Siddique was also present at the event, moderated by PM's Principal Secretary Dr Ahmad Kaitaus.

NSI Director General Maj Gen TM Jobaer delivered the welcome speech.

On January 17, 2015, the PM laid the foundation stone of the 20-storied NSI head office.

Century-old

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'DROP ME A FLOWER' While visiting the garden, this newspaper also came across the tomb of Narendra Narayan, which is near the pond on a lawn in the south-east corner. One of his family members is also buried there.

Piles of rubbles were found in front of the tombs, tarnishing the serenity of the atmosphere.

It is well-known that Narendra loved to spend time at the garden. He along with his family members would sit beside Sankhanidhi and enjoy the tranquility of the liquid landscape brightened by the aquatic flowers.

It was the camellias of the Balaha Garden that inspired Rabinranath Tagore to compose the poem "Camellia" during his visit there in the late 20s.

There is also an epitaph engraved on Narendra's worn-out tomb, which reads: "I am a passionate lover of nature! With all her phases -- my joy for ever! ... With all her best wishes for thee, Passer-by drop me a flower! -- Goodbye! Sincerely yours, N Roy."

Narendra's true passion was nature and its conservation. All he ever wanted was that his garden, an important part of Dhaka's rich history, would be looked after and loved by all.

The reality, however, remains quite the opposite.

Homebound

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The deceased were inside the auto-rickshaw, which had six passengers. The injured were being treated at a hospital in Dhaka.

Abdul Karim, sub-inspector (SI) of Sirajdikhan Police Station, said on information, police went to the spot and found the auto-rickshaw twisted and smashed. Among the dead, only driver Uzzal (40) could be identified.

In Panchagarh, a motorcyclist was killed at Mandulpara village on Panchagarh-Bangladesh highway in Tetulia upazila on Saturday night.

No one witnessed how the accident occurred. Police suspect that the wheel of this motorbike might have caught the strap of his backpack.

The victim was identified as Ripon (32), a resident of the upazila, who worked under the Grameenphone distributor of Tetulia.

Tetulia Highway Police Station OC Rabiul Azam said on information, the highway police rescued the injured youth, who was lying unconscious beside the road, next to his motorbike.

After police brought him to Tetulia Upazila Health Complex, on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Family sources said the youth got married on March 26.

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Bill placed FROM PAGE 3 action couldn't be taken against irregularities in many cases. While placing the Bill, the state minister said it was seen when the government makes a move against any agency, it brings a stay order from the High Court challenging it.

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