

Qamrul Huda passes away

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Md Qamrul Huda, former managing director of Pubali Bank Limited, passed away at a Dhaka hospital on Friday while undergoing treatment.

He was the bank's MD from December 1994 to November 2000, said a press release.

The board of directors of Pubali Bank and all executives, officers and employees have expressed profound grief over his death.

They prayed for the salvation of his departed soul and also conveyed their sympathy to the bereaved family members of Qamrul Huda.

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Still bogged down by cases

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A number of robbers who surrendered between 2016 and 2018 narrated their sufferings while talking with The Daily Star at the event premises.

"I hardly earn around Tk 26,000 a month driving an auto-rickshaw in Dhaka, but almost Tk 22,000 of that go into dealing with six cases filed against me," said Jahangir Shikari, head of the once-notorious Jahangir Robber group, who surrendered to Rab with 48 associates in 2017.

He also claimed to have taken around Tk 2.5 lakh in loans from a number of people, all to address the case expenditures.

"We do not want any monetary aid, but we need assistance for the cases," he said.

Mustafa Sheikh, another former head of a gang, said, "The government promised to withdraw the cases within a year at the time of surrender, but even after 3 years, I remain accused in mine."

Yesterday's programme started around 11:30am, with the guests handing over

houses, grocery stores, boats, and nets to the former robbers. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was present as chief guest.

Among others, Khulna City Corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleq, chair of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Home Affairs Shamsul Haque Tuku, Khulna-2 MP Sheikh Salauddin, and IGP Benazir Ahmed were also present.

Director General of Rab, Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun presided over the event.

The home minister said, "All your cases, except murder and rape cases, will be withdrawn. Directives has already been given in this regard."

The IGP said, "We will provide legal assistance to you for the cases."

Under the supervision of Rab, from May 31, 2016 to November 1, 2018, 328 members of 32 gangs surrendered with 472 weapons and a large quantity of ammunition.

AL-backed 'looters' hiking

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are high. When the supply of goods is sufficient, the prices of essentials are being hiked only in the interest of the Awami-looters' syndicate," he said.

He was speaking at a programme organised by the Dhaka district unit of BNP in front of Jatiya Press Club, protesting the soaring prices of daily essentials.

The BNP leader said people are facing serious crisis due to the growing price hike of the daily essentials.

Speaking at the same event, BNP senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir

Rizvi bemoaned that the major cities in Bangladesh, including Dhaka, have become poisonous-gas chambers due to widespread pollution.

The BNP leader alleged that the prime minister went to the Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, after destroying the trees, fish and water of Bangladesh.

Rizvi said all parties, environmentalists and civil society organisations opposed coal-fired power station at Rampal upazila of Bagerhat near the Sundarbans, but the government gave permission to set it up.

Rule violators

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discipline is being prepared, Quader said.

"No wrongdoer would be spared. If anyone is elected uncontested in the elections, it would be considered as an act of breaching the party discipline," he added.

He also said BNP is the patron of the country's communal and communal forces.

The country's people know better who practice the communal politics and use religion as a tool of politics, said the minister.

Mentioning that BNP depends on communal forces to assume power and sustain it, he said the party in 1991 came to power in collusion with the communal forces.

Quader said the religious extremism emerged in the country during the BNP regime.

In the spirit of the Liberation War, Awami League wants to build a non-communal Bangladesh, Quader further said.

However, BNP in association with defeated forces of the Liberation War wants to destroy the country's communal harmony, the AL general secretary added.

MORE NEWS

HC issues rule over refunding e-commerce customers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking authorities to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to refund the money halted at the payment gateways that customers paid for purchasing products from e-commerce organisations. The HC asked respondents to show causes as to why their failure, inaction should not be declared illegal.

The commerce secretary, BB governor, GM of payment system department and director of WTO cell under commerce ministry, different mobile financial services and payment gateways were made respondents to the rule.

Bangladesh seeks Russian investment in railway sector

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan yesterday sought Russian investment in Bangladesh's railway sector.

The minister said this when Russian Ambassador Alexander Mantytski visited the Railway Bhawan in Dhaka.

"We are procuring new coaches and engines. New rail tracks are being constructed... Russian investors could invest in these sectors and establish a training institute jointly with Bangladesh," said the minister.

SC upholds stay on land allotment for Cox's Bazar civil service academy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld till further directive a High Court order that stayed the government decision to allocate 700 acres of land at Cox's Bazar's Jhilonia forest area to build a civil service academy.

Justice Obaidul Hassan refused to pass any stay order on the HC directive during hearing a petition filed by the state.

The HC on October 11 stayed the government decision to allocate the land to save the protected forest.

Alimur Rahman Khan no more

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Alimur Rahman Khan passed away yesterday morning at his Gulshan residence due to old-age complications.

He was 86 years old.

Alimur left behind his daughter Runa Khan, founder and executive director of Friendship, an international NGO, her sibling Barrister Ayesha Taashin Khan, and his son Farid Khan, who currently resides in Canada.

Born in 1935 in the Balia Zamidar family of Manikganj, Alimur collaborated with various organisations for the welfare of people and society.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Asr prayers. He was laid to rest next to his mother's grave at Banani Graveyard.

5-year-old

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which made all four fall on to the road," said the deceased's uncle Nazrul Islam. Rihan was declared dead around 1:30am, said SI Nazrul Islam of Gulshan Police Station.

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