



Recent photos of what's left of the Suchi Shilpo School -- established at Tangail's Santosh by Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani -- and several furniture that are collecting dust at the Bhasani Museum, inset, also at the same location.

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Bhasani memorabilia left to decay

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The historical memorabilia of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani and different establishments set up by the legendary political leader are lying in ruins at Santosh in Tangail.

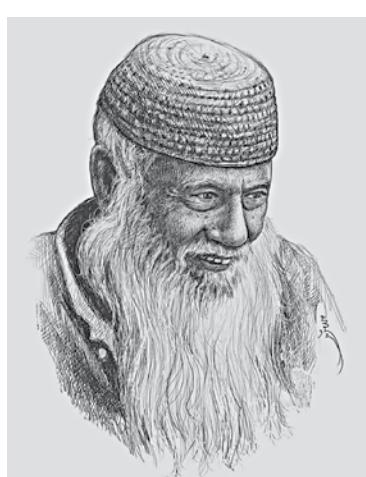
The nation observed the 45th death anniversary of the leader, also known as 'Majlum Jananeta', on November 17.

Born in 1880 in Dhangar village of Sirajganj, Bhasani was vocal against the oppressions and injustice committed by the Pakistani rulers. He passed away on November 17, 1976.

His grandson Azad Khan Bhasani, a leader of Bhasani Parishad, said Maulana Bhasani founded a total of 17 institutions, including educational institutions, at Santosh and most of those have been decaying without proper care and preservation.

The Rabeya Basri hostel that Bhasani built for students of Islami University Girls' High School is lying in an abandoned state now.

The Suchi Shilpo School that he established for poor woman had



also been closed and its tin-roofed structure has collapsed already.

Bhasani's Darbar Hall -- a symbol of communal harmony -- where people from all walks of life, faith and creed used to gather to freely voice their opinions, also needs urgent maintenance and care, Azad added.

Built between April and August in 1970, the Darbar Hall has four-tiered tin roofs supported by

wooden pillars and surrounded by three feet brick walls. It has an audience capacity of 500 and a two-foot-high dais from where Bhasani used to give speech.

The first all-party conference that called to establish an independent Bangladesh was held in the Darbar Hall on January 9 in 1971. During the Liberation War that year, the Pakistani occupation forces tried in vain to burn down the historical hall.

On March 8, 1975, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman paid a visit to Santosh and had meal with Bhasani in Darbar Hall. Bhasani was laid to rest beside the hall after his death.

During a recent visit, decaying wooden pillars and frameworks were seen inside the Darbar Hall. Many of the Bhasani memorabilia, preserved at the Bhasani Museum, established beside the hall in 1986, were also found in a deplorable condition.

Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) was made the custodian of both the Darbar Hall and the museum

in 2003.

After laying the foundation stone of MBSTU in 1999, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed the authorities to preserve the memorabilia of Maulana Bhasani, said several followers of Bhasani.

Development works worth hundreds of crores of taka were done at MBSTU over the years, but not much was done to preserve the establishments and memorabilia of Bhasani, they also said.

MBSTU staff member Mamun Kabir, who is responsible for looking after the Bhasani Museum, claimed that he was doing the best that he could to protect and preserve the Bhasani memorabilia.

Mawlana Bhasani Research Centre Coordinator Syed Irfanul Bari, who was a close aide of Bhasani and is a part-time teacher of Bhashani Studies at MBSTU, said the Bhasani memorabilia, including the museum and the Darbar Hall, need proper care and preservation for the sake of the country's history and tradition.

Hope they'll take back Rohingyas

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said every country wants a peaceful solution to the Rohingya crisis. "It's great news for us that all the countries want the Rohingyas to go back to their country," he said.

Momen said Myanmar has said that they would take back the Rohingyas and they have signed an

agreement with Bangladesh.

He said Myanmar needs to create a conducive environment so that the Rohingyas can go back to their country on a voluntary basis. "But it's the 5th year and they didn't pay any heed to their words."

Momen said Bangladesh has

decided to relocate some Rohingyas from Kutupalong camp to Bhasan Char in a bid to reduce the deaths caused by natural disasters.

Around 20,000 Rohingyas have been relocated to Bhasan Char.

Bangladesh has a plan to relocate 1 lakh Rohingyas to Bhasan Char in phases.

Rakibuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Fatullah Model Police Station, said Linckon was arrested as there was an arrest warrant against him.

"Of the four accused in three cases, two are on bail and another is on the run," he said.

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Rittenhouse faced five charges -- one count of intentional homicide, one count of reckless homicide, one count of attempted intentional homicide and two counts of recklessly endangering safety.

Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman and others senior journalists gave them a warm welcome.

Among others, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq, Planning Minister MA Mannan, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid, attended the programme.

The newspapers are the leading English and Bangla dailies in the country.

Simeen Rahman, Transcom Group CEO, at the programme said Latifur Rahman wanted Prothom Alo to become the voice of the people of this country through honest and objective journalism. Latifur had a dream that the newspaper will cross a century, Simeen said.

The way Prothom Alo is working with professionalism, this dream of Latifur Rahman will be fulfilled, she said.

At the programme "Ironman" was screened, which was on Mohammad Shamsuzzaman Arafat a triathlete, ultra distance runner and long distance swimmer. He raced from Teknaf to Tentulia, to

Calls for calm

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supporters of Rittenhouse outside the Kenosha courthouse after the verdict.

Several opponents marched around beating drums and chanting "Guilty, guilty, the whole system is guilty as hell."

Protestors also marched in Chicago and New York, while in Portland demonstrators clashed with law enforcement and damaged buildings.

Rittenhouse testified during the two-week trial that he shot dead two men and wounded another with his AR-15 semi-automatic rifle after being attacked.

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Armed Forces Day today

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place wreaths at "Shikha Anirban" in the morning on behalf of their respective forces.

Later, the three chiefs will pay courtesy calls on the president at the Bangabhaban and the PM at the Armed Forces Division at the Dhaka Cantonment.

On the occasion, Hasina will host a reception and meet the family members of the Bir Shresthas and other gallantry award-winning freedom fighters at Army Multipurpose Complex virtually.

The premier will host another reception at 4:00pm at Sena Kunja of the Dhaka Cantonment.

The chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force will also accord receptions to the award-winning freedom fighters of their respective forces and their descendants.

Meanwhile, programmes have been drawn up to observe the day at all army garrisons, naval ships and establishments and air force bases throughout the country.

Specially decorated Navy ships will remain open for visitors at Sadarghat in Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Chandpur and Barishal from 2:00pm till sunset.

Bangladesh Television will air a special programme titled "Special Anirban" after its 8:00pm bulletin today highlighting the significance of the day.

Bangladesh Betar will broadcast "Special Durbar" programme at 7:30pm.

The national dailies will publish special supplements on the occasion.

Besides, essay and drawing competitions will be arranged online in educational institutions.

Myanmar Navy detains

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Bangladesh territory and later the fishermen get released for ransom.

"We filed compliant with our Coast Guard and BGB (Border Guard Bangladesh) about the matter today [Saturday] and requested immediate measures for the release of the fishermen and trawler," he said.

Teknaf upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Parvez Chowdhury said, "We have talked to

the Coast Guard and BGB."

Contacted, Lt Khandaker Munif Taki, media officer of Coast Guard HQ, said, "We have already informed this matter to our senior officials and necessary measures have already been taken to have the boats and fishermen released."

The officer, however, could not confirm how many fishermen and trawlers were detained.

They duped people

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Once the trio got the full sum through mobile financial service, they destroyed the numbers and took down the ads from the site.

Sometimes, the gang members used to call buyers posing as courier staff to gain trust, Sharkeer added.

The trio's cheating ways came to the police's notice after they used the ID card of police constable Shariful Islam, now serving at Dhaka Range unit.

On Friday, a police team conducted a drive in Mymensingh and arrested the trio, said Mohidul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of police's detective branch (DB).

Police also recovered 12 cell phones, 279 SIM cards, 16 booking books of Sundarban Courier Service, 10 rubber stamps of the courier company, two laptops and details of 720 Gmail accounts from their possessions.

Contacted, Hafizur Rahman Pulok, proprietor of Sundarban Courier Service, said he was not aware of the trading of his company's booking receipts by a third party.

"We will definitely inquire and take action," he said.

Eshita Sharmin, managing director of bikroy.com, said the platform keeps the full database and documents of its paying members.

For individual users, the platform verifies the mobile number and the e-mail address.

"However, we always give caution in site for the interested buyers that they must make the payment by verifying the product and sellers. We also have a separate team that works closely with law enforcers to take steps against such activities," Sharmin said.

The correspondent managed to speak

with Shikhon as the police were taking him to Dhaka court in a case filed with Mirpur Model Police Station under the Digital Security Act on November 18.

Shikhon said that he has embezzled about Tk 7.8 lakh through fake advertisements.

Asked how they managed to get the police officer's ID, Shikhon said that Islam once provided the ID while purchasing a mobile phone from them. "We later used the ID to convince the other sellers," he said.

Arrestee Biplob said that he got involved through his relative Al Amin. "I was tempted after seeing Al Amin become the owner of a car, a motorcycle and a one-story building," he said.

Muhammad Shariful Islam, the deputy commissioner of DB's Cyber and Special Crime Division, said they are trying to bring book those who sold pre-registered mobile numbers.

"We are also investigating whether any bikroy.com or Sundarban Courier staff were involved with the gang."

Joint command

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Retaining infantry and recoilless rifles in a defensive position, the Indian tanks were sent forward to ambush the oncoming Pakistani charge. A fierce battle ensued in the next couple of hours which resulted in heavy casualties on both sides. Eight Pakistani Chaffees were destroyed and three captured. An Indian Army tank led by Colonel TS Sidhu was destroyed by Pakistani fire, wounding him, and Major Daljit Singh Narang was killed.

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