

Saidul Haque Chunnu passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Md Saidul Haque Chunnu, a senior leader of Pabna district unit Awami League and former administrator of Pabna Zila Parishad, passed away early yesterday.

He was 72. He left behind his wife, a daughter and son. Chunnu was undergoing treatment at Dhaka's United Hospital.

A former vice president of Pabna district unit AL, he was a leading cultural organiser of the district who played a vital role in reservation of Suchitra Sen's ancestral home.

Chunnu was buried at Arifpur graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at Shibrapur Eidgah after Zohr prayers.

United Hospital launches Gastro Liver Centre

CITY DESK

United Hospital has launched a Gastro Liver Centre that offers comprehensive Gastro Liver services in treating complications of gastrointestinal, liver and pancreatic disorders.

Dedicated doctor, nurses and patient counselor will work at this centre where both out-patients and in-patients can take services, said a press release.

Mohammad Faizur Rahman, managing director and CEO of United Hospital, inaugurated the centre.

Among others, Dr Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, director, medical services of the hospital; Pioneer Therapeutic & Interventional Gastroenterologist Prof Dr AQM Mohsen; Dr Mohammed Mahbub Alam, director, Gastro Liver Centre, and other physicians, nurses and higher officials were present at the event.

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Primary teachers under the banner of "Jatiya Karankrita Prathamik Shikshak Mahajot" gathered in front of the capital's Central Shaheed Minar yesterday, protesting the government decision to withdraw the "timescale facilities" that include salary increment for 48,720 teachers.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Place bill on EC

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Menon said the president agreed with them, saying that enacting the law is a must.

"The president agreed that controversy arises every time during formation of the Election Commission, in absence of the law. This creates a lack of confidence in the EC," he said.

Criticising the present Election Commission for failing to hold free and fair elections, Menon said the present EC is "inactive".

"They even termed the UP polls festive," he added. "We want an EC that will be able to use its power vested on it. We want a powerful and independent EC that will control the administration to hold free and fair polls," Menon said.

He also alleged that politics has moved away from the hands of politicians.

In its six-point proposal to the president, WPB also suggested that the president exchange views with civil society representatives, media personalities and intellectuals on EC's formation.

A seven-member delegation of WPB, led by Menon, joined the dialogue around 4:00pm.

According to a release issued by Bangabhaban, the president welcomed the delegation and said, "Politics is meant for people's welfare. If quality is not ensured in politics, it will be difficult for politicians to do politics in the future."

Starting the current round of dialogues with Jatiya Party, the main opposition party in parliament, on December 20, President Hamid has so far met leaders of six political parties.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal and Communist Party of Bangladesh have declined to participate in the dialogue. BNP yesterday said they will also not participate, even if it is invited.

The country has 39 registered political parties, according to the EC website, and only nine of them have representation in parliament.

RMG workers protest 'assault' on colleague

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Workers of an RMG factory in Ashulia yesterday demonstrated inside the premises over an alleged incident of sexual assault of one of their female co-worker.

Hundreds of workers of Yagi Bangladesh Garments Ltd in Jamgora area started demonstrating inside the factory around 8:00am after hearing news that the female worker, aged around 20, was sexually assaulted a couple of days ago, said SI Samiul Islam of Ashulia Police Station.

"Police are investigating the incident," he said.

The agitated workers said on December 23 during lunch break, an unidentified person approached the female worker and introduced himself as a medical worker.

The female worker is new to the factory, joining just five days ago on December 18, which is why she doesn't know that many people at the workplace, her colleagues said.

After she told the unidentified person she wasn't feeling very well, he told her she needed to be administered an injection and took her aside for it. She soon lost consciousness, at which point she was allegedly sexually assaulted, they claimed.

She would remain at home ever since the incident, only returning to work yesterday. After coming in, she told her co-workers of the events, which triggered the demonstration.

The workers have demanded immediate identification of the culprit. Contacted, Md Elias Patwary, managing director of the factory, said, "There is no chance for such a heinous incident to take place inside our premises. However, I have asked factory officials and police to investigate."

He further said they are suspecting that a group might have spread rumours regarding the incident to create unrest among workers and damage the factory's goodwill.

10 brick kilns demolished in Dhamrai

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Department of Environment (DoE) demolished 10 brick kilns and fined the owners Tk 42 lakh for causing severe environmental pollution in Dhamrai's Kalampur and Mohudanga area yesterday.

Modina, MSB-2, MS/Faruk, Nur Bricks, Tuhin Bricks and Marks Bricks were fined Tk 6 lakh each as they did not have necessary documents, while Mokka-Modina and Khan bricks were fined Tk 5 lakh each over the same allegation.

Rahat Bricks and Kalampur Bricks were fined Tk 2 lakh each as they could not provide some documents but lacked full clearance, said Tamzid Ahmed, executive magistrate of DoE.

Law says that no brick kiln is allowed within 1.5km of residential areas, educational institutions and hospitals, which made the demolished kilns illegal in the first place.

Drive against illegal brick kilns will continue, Tamzid added.

According to experts, over 200 illegal brick kilns are currently operating in Dhamrai and Savar, contributing to the deteriorating air quality in the country.

He was never afraid

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soon after, he told me that as a journalist, it was imperative for him to remain connected to newspapers, which is why he re-entered the industry to start the Financial Herald," said Reaz.

Journalism and the media industry meant just as much to him as his family -- if not more, Reaz said.

Of note, Financial Herald is yet to launch commercially. Mozammel Hossain Monju, acting editor of daily Samakal, pointed out that one of the defining features of Ahmed's leadership was his quiet charisma. "He was not the type to brandish loud slogans. Instead, he focused on how to present practical solutions."

Monju also talked about Reazuddin's plight for freedom of press since even before the liberation.

During his speech, Jatiya Press Club vice president Saiful Alam said at a time when the journalist community is fraught across political lines, he was an undivided leader. The current chairperson of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists Omar Faruk also reiterated the same.

Reazuddin was elected to lead an undivided journalists' union four times, pointed out AK Azad, president of NOAB. Farida Yasmin, president of the Press Club, reminded everyone that Reazuddin had led the club for several years. Speakers also lamented how divisions among journalists hinder achieving goals that can benefit the community.

Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, whose career started at the same time as Reazuddin's, spoke about how the deceased veteran journalist spearheaded the sphere of economic reporting.

"Reporting on economic affairs is mandatory for all media organisations today, but it was Reazuddin who started it," said Chowdhury, who was a former information adviser to the prime minister.

ASM Shahidullah Khan Badal, chairperson of New Age's editorial board and vice president of NOAB, also spoke at the event, while Dewan Mahmud, editor of Bonik Barta, moderated the event.

Reazuddin, who served as the deputy editor of The Daily Star during 1991-1992, received the Ekushey Padak in 1993 for his contribution in journalism.

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