



Mahbub Jamil no more

JAGARAN CHAKMA

Mahbub Jamil, the man who made home appliance maker Singer a household name, is no more.

He was 83. A special assistant to the chief adviser of the last caretaker government and a cultural personality, Jamil breathed his last early yesterday.

He was suffering from various old-age complications and had been undergoing treatment at the Evercare Hospital since October 26, his son

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Young artistes performing a dance piece on the occasion of Nabanna Utsab in the capital's Shilpakala Academy yesterday. The Nabanna is a harvest festival, usually celebrated with food, dance and music in Bangladesh and some Indian states. The festival is joined by people from all walks of life, irrespective of their faith.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Quader must not be in JP decision making

Court bins his appeal against injunction

RASHIDUL HASAN

A Dhaka court yesterday said the injunction barring Jatiya Party chief GM Quader from making any political decision of the party would remain in force.

Rejecting the application filed on behalf of Quader for lifting it, Judge Md Masudul Haque of the First Joint District Judge's Court of Dhaka said the JP chief could not make any political decision, said Harun Sardar, bench assistant of the court.

Md Kalimullah, a lawyer of Quader, told The Daily Star that they would challenge the order with the higher court.

Talking to this correspondent, a top JP leader said the party would certainly plunge into crisis due to the order.

"This is the government's efforts to keep the Jatiya Party under their control ahead of the next general election," the leader said, wishing anonymity.

Asked, Quader said efforts were going on to control the JP. "Through this order, the government might think that the Jatiya Party will remain under their grip."

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G20 breathes new life into UN climate talks

AFP, Sharm el Sheikh

A pledge by G20 leaders, whose countries account for most global CO2 emissions, to pursue the most ambitious target against global warming breathed new life into fraught UN climate talks in Egypt yesterday.

Analysts and campaigners welcomed the final communique from the G20 meeting in Bali, Indonesia, which comes as negotiators in Egypt are struggling to agree on key issues before COP27 is supposed to end tomorrow (Friday).

"The positive signals from the G20 summit should put wind in the sails of the climate talks in Egypt, which are entering their final days," said Ani Dasgupta, CEO of the World Resources Institute.

The Group of 20 text promises to "pursue efforts" to curb global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, a safer limit according to scientists.

"The outcome from Bali has been surprisingly positive," said Fionna Smyth, head of global policy and advocacy at Christian Aid.

Give their share of global emissions, "what they do will play significant role in how we tackle the climate crisis," she said.

The G20 document also addresses the

main source of tensions at COP27 talks: a debate on funding to help developing countries least responsible for global emissions cope with here-and-now impacts of climate change, or "loss and damage".

The communique urges all parties to "make progress on loss and damage at COP27, which is being held in Africa", without laying out a specific way forward for the contentious issue.

After dragging their feet for years over concerns it would create a reparations mechanism, the United States and the European Union agreed to have loss and damage on the formal agenda at COP27.

But Western powers and a major group of developing nations allied with China presented widely different views of how to achieve this at the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

The G77+China bloc of more than 130 developing nations presented a document saying the need for a special "loss and damage" fund was "urgent and immediate".

The United States and the European Union have suggested that expanding current channels for climate finance might be a more efficient approach than creating a new one.

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Govt forces another SP to retire

Public interest cited again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday sent Ali Hossain Fakir, a superintendent of police and former commanding officer of the Armed Police Battalion, into retirement, citing public interest.

The Public Security Division of home ministry issued a circular to that end yesterday afternoon.

According to the circular and police sources, Fakir was last attached to Rajshahi Range Police.

Coming from the 15th BCS, he was supposed to retire on April 4, 2027.

At least two of his batchmates now hold the rank of additional inspector general of police, the second highest post in the force.

Earlier, the ministry sent two additional deputy inspector generals and three SPs into retirement on October 18 and October 31.

On October 16, the government also showed the information and broadcasting secretary Mokbul Hossain the door on the same grounds.

Like the previous orders, yesterday's circular too invoked section 45 of Bangladesh Service Rules, 2018.

According to the section, upon the president's approval, the government can send an employee, who has completed 25 years of service, into retirement in public interest, without showing any specific reason.

2013 contempt of court law discriminatory

HC observes; releases full text of its verdict after 9 yrs

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The High Court yesterday released the full text of the judgment that scrapped the Contempt of Court Act, 2013, and restored the Contempt of Court Act, 1926, nine long years after the pronouncement of the verdict.

In the 38 page full verdict, the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain observed that the crux of the 2013 contempt law was to protect the government servants and journalists while disregarding the other citizens of the country. This is absolutely discriminatory when article 27 of the constitution stipulates that all the citizens are equal and deserve equal protection of law.

HC also disqualified the attorney general's office from appearing at court for any person alleged to be in contempt of court.

"Within the ambit of the instant [current] statute in question, it appears to have been made to protect a certain class of persons, those who are trying to bypass this provision of the constitution. It is also noteworthy that when a contempt proceeding is drawn against any particular

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FARDIN MURDER

Bushra back in jail; no link found yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investigators are yet to find any involvement of Amatullah Bushra in the murder of Buet student Fardin Noor Parash.

A friend of the deceased, Bushra was named as the prime accused in the first information report (FIR).

Rajib Al Masud, deputy commissioner of Motijheel division of the Detective Branch of police, which was tasked with the murder investigation, told The Daily Star yesterday they are yet to find any links between Bushra and Fardin's death.

"What she said during interrogation has so far been found to be true."

The official, however, did not disclose what Bushra said during her five-day remand.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday rejected her bail plea and sent her to jail after she was produced there following the remand.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Ataullah passed the order.

In the forwarding report, Md Mojibur Rahman, the investigation officer of the case and a DB inspector, said Bushra was interrogated intensively about the killing following the higher court directives and the information she gave was being verified.

As such, she needs to be kept in jail until the investigation is complete. "If she gets bail, she may tamper with the investigation or go into hiding," the IO added.

The defence, however, submitted a bail petition, saying their client was implicated in the case on vague allegations.

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A business to give back

4 Jashore youths initiate instalment sale of beef for the poor



MOHSIN MILON

In the small Kazipara village of Jashore's Sadar upazila, people even from the poorest of the families are now being able to afford beef amid continuous price hikes of commodities.

This became possible only when four young men joined forces to help their people.

Nahid Hasan, Lalon Hasan, Zahid Hasan, and Abu Syed, all aged between 25 and 35, were trying to find their calling and passions. They had decided to start a business but were in a fix about what it should be.

After seeing the plight of the poor in their village, especially with the price hikes of food and other

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

A street dog in the capital's Gulistan wrapped up in a "gamchha" by his human friend, who is asleep under a blanket next to him. With winter at our doorstep, nights and early mornings are beginning to get chillier. Even though those living on the streets can barely provide warmth for themselves, many do not forget about their four-legged friends. The photo was taken yesterday.

Trump to run for White House in 2024

AGENCIES

A combative Donald Trump launched into the 2024 White House race on Tuesday, setting the stage for a bruising Republican nomination battle after a poor midterm election showing by his hand-picked candidates weakened his grip on the party.

"America's comeback starts right now," the 76-year-old former president told hundreds of supporters gathered in an ornate American flag-draped ballroom at his palatial Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida.

"In order to make America great and glorious again, I am tonight announcing my candidacy for president of the United States," Trump said, minutes after filing the official paperwork for his third presidential run.

Trump's unusually early entry into the race is being seen in Washington as an attempt to get the jump on other Republicans seeking to be party flag-bearer -- and to stave off

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