

## Hedayetullah passes away

STAR REPORT

SHedayetullah, managing director of Taj Jute Backing Ltd and chairman of Vincent Group, passed away on March 31, said a press release.

A resident of House-4, Road-59, Gulshan-2, Dhaka, Hedayetullah was one of the founder presidents of Gulshan Club Dhaka Ltd and past president of Rotary Club of Dhaka North.

He also held the position of executive committee member of the Gulshan Society Mosque and a senior member of Gulshan Society.

He left behind his only son S Rumi Saifullah, two granddaughters, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers to pray for his departed soul.

Hedayetullah was buried in Banani graveyard following a namaz-e-janaza held at Gulshan Society Mosque, Road-63 after the Zohr prayers yesterday.



"Nana Halim" is a name well-known not just among Khulna locals, but also people from the outskirts. Since 1993, Hazrat Ali has been serving hot pots of halim at a rate of Tk 300 per kilo, serving a lot of 130-140 kilos of halim per day. This photo was taken in Khulna's South Central Road recently.

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## Sutang in death grip Tk 750cr project

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Katakali village under Habiganj Sadar upazila, said, "Rice seedlings die when we use the river water to irrigate paddy fields. Even, our cattle are infected with disease, if we fed them the river water."

"Stench emits from the river water round the clock. We have to use face masks when we come nearer to the river," said Alauddin, former chairman of Rajiura Union Parishad in Sadar upazila.

"We have informed the matter to the district administration. But no effective action has been taken so far," said Abdul Kaium, a resident of Shahpur area in Madhabpur upazila and an environmental activist.

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## Dhaka seeks

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former MCCI president Barrister Nihad Kabir and Secretary General Farooq Ahmed.

During the day, the delegation held several meetings at the Dutch Foreign Ministry where the two sides discussed wide-ranging issues, including the extension of EU GSP facilities towards Bangladesh apparel sector beyond graduation as an LDC, collaboration on the implementation of transformative projects under Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP), facilitating Dutch investment financing in the private sector, especially across diverse sectors of Bangladesh agriculture, and innovative Dutch water solutions to Bangladesh.

He also met with representatives of leading Dutch financial institutions and the Eindhoven-based Brainport.

## Drug dealer

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Abdur Rob fled to Cox's Bazar after injuring a DB policeman on March 18. There are 4 cases against him, including 3 drug cases in Chattogram and Barguna.

On March 18, when a DB Police team went on a drug raid in Munsirhat area of Barguna's Patharghata around 2:30pm, drug dealers attacked them with sharp weapons. Md Prince, 30, a member of the DB Police, and 3 people were injured in this.

A case was filed against 3 people, including Abdur Rob in Patharghata police station.

## How music galvanised the struggle

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renowned cultural organisations which played a vital role in all future movements, including the Liberation War, were formed at that period."

"Chhayanat Sangeet Vidyanieta was established in 1961, Kranti Shilpi Goshthi in 1967, and Udichi Shilpi Goshthi was formed in 1968," she added.

Shabnam analysed the massive influence of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra in organising the Liberation War and in keeping up the morale of the freedom fighters by performing a wide range of songs.

She found out in her research that besides patriotic and war songs, folk songs played an equally important role in encouraging rural populace to join the Liberation War.

For instance, Bangladesh Mukti Shangrami Shilpi Shangstha, which was later featured in the famous documentary "Muktir Gaan", used to travel to places such as refugee camps, camps of the freedom fighters and places of unoccupied Bangladesh and performed folk and patriotic songs.

The research also sheds light on the influence of music during the mass uprising of the 90s and during the recent protest for the capital punishment of the war criminals, known as Shahbagh movement.

Shabnam said, "Shammilito Shangkritik Jote was formed in 1984 and played a vital role in organising demonstrations against the then dictatorial government of General Ershad. Various pop songs such as 'Rail Line Er Oi

Bostite', 'Emon Ekta Ma De Na' and 'O Sokhina' depicted the struggles of exploited, impoverished people."

"Although publicised as pop songs, these songs silently became the weapons of protests and demonstration for the young generation at that time," she opined.

"Similarly, during the Shabbagh movement, the young generation became united by the songs of Kabir Shuman and Mahmud Selim. Various musical bands also performed at 'Gana Jagoron Mancha' to express their solidarity with the movement. More than 122 songs were composed and performed during the Shahbagh movement, which need to be preserved as historical assets," Shabnam mentioned.

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## Historical Sindurmoti Mela held in Lalmonirhat

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Traditional Sindurmoti Mela was held at surrounding the historical Sindurmoti pond at Sindurmati village of Panchagram union in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila on Thursday and Friday. Thousands of devotees from different areas of greater Rangpur and other parts of the country, along with people from India took part in the fair.

Hindu people prayed at temple and took bath in the pond water. Devotees believe that bathing in the pond water brings peace and wipes away sin.

Bidhubhuson Roy, member of Sindurmoti Fair Celebration Committee, said the fair started around 300 years ago. A local religious leader introduced the fair and since then, it's being held in Chaitra or on the first week of every Bangla year.

Devotees' attendance this year was higher than any other year, he said.

Chandra Bala Roy, 69, said, "I've been attending Sindurmoti fair for the last 45 years to seek divine blessings."



Debendra Nath Roy, 75, who came from Baro Nachina village under Dinhatata Police Station of Cooch Behar district in West Bengal, said, "A large number of devotees came from India to celebrate the historical fair."

"We've been attending the fair for the last twenty years. We feel great after bathing in the water of Sindurmoti pond," he said.

Besides Hindus, Muslims of the region also gather at the fair for the festivities. They exchange greetings with their neighbours and purchase different items from the fair.

Mahir Uddin, 55, said, "We come to the fair because we enjoy it. Besides, we can meet and greet our Hindu friends during the festival."

Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ershadul Alam said law enforcers took adequate security measures to ensure peaceful celebrations. Sindurmoti fair is historical and it is the biggest fair in the region, he added.

## Patients find

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breaking their fasts with food provided by DMCH, passing plates.

One attendant, Joyal Kazi, spoke about how he and his family observed fast and bought food from outside to share with others. He had admitted his sister with gastric issues.

DMCH sources estimated that the total number of attendants and patients during Ramadan would exceed 10,000. To cater to this demand, makeshift shops selling Sehri and Iftar items were set up, along with

restaurants and hotels.

Street vendors like Abdul Jalil were taking advantage of this surge in demand.

He said, "We used to sell regular foods at other times. But as it's Ramadan time, there is an increase in customers, so we started selling these items."

DMCH Director Brig Gen Nazmul Haque said that there were over 3,500 patients admitted to the hospital at present. As most patients could not fast due to their physical conditions, the hospital doesn't provide extra food for Sehri or Iftar.

## Plagued with

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About bringing all the health check-up centres under the ministry's supervision, he said, "We have no contact with the GHC. But we will work on it."

"There is no uniformity of the medical centres that serve the migration workers. As a result, some are taking the opportunity. The government should come forward to ensure

accountability here," said Brac Head of Migration Shariful Hasan.

Recently, the ministry of expatriates has published a guideline to establish health check-up centres for migrant workers in the country on its website.

The GHC authorised health centres are yet to be brought under the guideline, according to the officials.

## Man arrested over rape of 11-year-old

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Rab in Mymensingh arrested a man from Munshiganj's Gazaria area on Friday night for allegedly raping an 11-year-old girl nine days ago.

The arrestee was identified as Kamal Mia, 42, a motor mechanic in Mymensingh city's Thanarghat area.

Md Anwar Hossain, senior assistant director of Rab-14, said Kamal, a neighbour, with the help of another neighbouring woman named Payel raped her in the city's Khaghdahor Gunti area on March 24.

Kamal also threatened her with life if she disclosed the matter.

After returning home in the evening, she became sick and narrated the whole incident to her family.

Later, she was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

The victim's mother filed a case with Kotwali Police Station against Kamal and Payel on March 28. The medical test of the girl was conducted at MMCH that day, police said.

Meanwhile, a Mymensingh court sent Kamal to jail after police produced him before it yesterday afternoon, said Officer-in-Charge Shah Kamal Akanda.

## Fatehpuri

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Committee (Committee for Commissioning Books on Architecture).

The committee Chairman Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, also former vice chancellor of Dhaka University, presided over the meeting.

He said Nuruddin Fatehpuri enlightened the society by spreading knowledge of stone inscription and architecture.

Dr Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, president of ARCASIA Council, a platform of the presidents of National Institutes of Architects in Asia, said Nuruddin Fatehpuri used to visit historical mosques in both town and urban areas for deciphering ancient stones with inscriptions.

He unveiled a new horizon of stone inscription in Bangladesh, viewed Sayeed.

Mohammad Mosharrif Hossain, former director of the Department of Archaeology, said Nuruddin Fatehpuri played a vital role in advancing the country's archaeological sector through his research and works.

Despite being a madrasa teacher, Nuruddin Fatehpuri had a great contribution in deciphering ancient stone inscriptions.

Several academicians, researchers, and journalists, among others, also spoke at the programme.

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