

3rd death anniv of Imamul Kabir

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Today is the third death anniversary of Imamul Kabir Shanto, founder chairman of Shanto-Mariam Foundation, Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology and Sundarban Courier Service (Pvt) Ltd.

Imamul Kabir Shanto, also a freedom fighter and social worker, died from Covid-19 at Combined Military Hospital on May 30 at the age of 66.

In remembrance, Chairman of Shanto-Mariam Foundation, Dr Md. Ahsanul Kabir, his family, the Foundation, Sundarban, and all his established entities, their staff, and well wishes sought salvation of his departed soul.



Marking International Day of UN Peacekeepers, Barishal Metropolitan Police brought out a procession in the city yesterday.

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Girl abducted again by same

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her captivity and returned home, said her father.

On June 10, 2020, her father filed a case against Arif with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station, on charges of abducting and raping his daughter.

Two days later, Arif was arrested. Police submitted the charge sheet before a court against Arif on September 27, 2020. The case is currently under trial in court.

However, Arif got bail after seven months. The victim stopped going to school since then, her father told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, Arif continued to stalk her whenever she went out of her house. On May 10, she was going to a relative's house, when Arif and his

cohorts abducted her again. "Some locals, who witnessed the incident, told us that Arif and his men abducted my daughter again. She has remained traceless since then," said the victim's father, who filed a written complaint with the same police station on May 12.

"We are in a state of constant anxiety. We want her back and we want justice," said the victim's mother.

Local union parishad member Abdus Salam confirmed the incident and said, "Arif used to stalk the girl. We arranged social arbitration on two occasions last year and warned Arif against this behaviour. However, he did not pay any heed to us."

Contacted over the phone, Arif's wife declined to comment on the matter. Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Ershadul Alam said they have received the complaint and are currently trying to rescue the girl and arrest the accused.

The district's Superintendent of Police Shaiful Islam said police are seriously looking into the matter and will take legal action upon investigation.

Teesta Degree College's principal Abdus Salam said he did not know whether Arif served in prison over a rape charge and informed this correspondent that Arif is currently on leave.

"I will take departmental action if anyone files a written complaint with me," he added.

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in front of the Dhaka Bar Association. They also brought out a procession and chanted slogans for withdrawal of the case against the couple.

The witnesses who testified are: Imran Ahmed, principal officer of AB Bank's Elephant Road Branch; SM Musa Karim, senior vice-president; and Obaidur Rashid Khan, senior assistant vice-president of AB Bank's head office.

The court fixed today for next hearing. Earlier, three prosecution witnesses, including the complainant, gave their statements before the court on different dates.

On September 26, 2007, the ACC filed the case with Kafrul Police Station against the two and Zubaida's mother Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu, on charges of amassing assets worth Tk 4.82 crore through illegal means and concealing the information of Tk 2.16 crore in their wealth statements.

However, trial proceedings against Zubaida's mother were cancelled.

Pro-BNP

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Meanwhile, ruling Awami League backed lawyers' organisation - Bangabandhu Awami Ainjibi Parishad - held a "peace meeting" on the Supreme Court Bar Association office premises protesting the "anarchy" by pro-BNP lawyers.

SCBA secretary Md Abdun Nur Dulal led the programme.

Addressing the rally, he said, "We, Awami League, have the capacity to take down any finger that is pointed against Sheikh Hasina."

When the two groups of lawyers came face to face, they shouted slogans against each other, creating tension on the apex court premises. However, no untoward incident took place as additional law enforcers were deployed there.

On May 21, Taposh, also member secretary of Bangabandhu Awami Ainjibi Parishad, at a programme at the SCBA said, "We had even taken down a chief justice."

"The civil society members, who want to preach to us, we will bundle them in a sack and throw them into the dark water of the Buriganga," he said in continuation of his speech.

On May 24, Amir-Ul-Islam, a veteran lawyer and one of the framers of the constitution, placed the comment, which was reported on a Bangla daily newspaper, before the SC for a decision.

Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique, who was leading the SC bench, did not give any decision but said, "We will look into the matter."

EC to get

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have the opportunity to be satisfied or dissatisfied," she said.

Asked if CCTV cameras will be set up during the upcoming national polls, Rashida said, "We are concentrating on the rest of the city polls. After holding these we will focus on national polls. Let the time come, I cannot say anything in advance."

BNP leader

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bandaged, appeared before the HC bench for bail.

The accused BNP leader, who has been admitted in the Islami Bank Hospital, went to the HC by an ambulance in the morning.

Sumon Miah, a local AL activist, filed the case with Keraniganj Model Police Station on May 27 after the clash that left around 50 people injured.

More drama centring Barishal

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BNP Moniruzzaman Khan said, "We have not sent the letter yet. The list has been prepared by the central committee, so it will take the decision accordingly."

He admitted that Rupon does not hold any post in the party and he was not involved in BNP's politics in Barishal.

"However, he was involved with Chhatra Dal at some point in the past. Moreover, he introduced himself as a BNP man during his electoral campaigns. The centre may have added his name for this reason," Moniruzzaman told The Daily Star.

Rupon's father Ahsan Habib Kamal was the president of the Barishal City unit BNP and the fisheries affairs secretary of the central committee. He was elected Barishal's mayor as a BNP candidate in the city corporation elections in 2013.

BNP has a large vote bank in Barisal. Apart from Kamrul Ahsan, at least 20 current and former BNP leaders are running for the councillors' offices, ignoring the party's decision to boycott the polls.

Of them, several aspirants are incumbent councillors and the rest of

them are strong contenders in their respective wards.

If pro-BNP voters go to the polling centres, being convinced by the councillor aspirants from BNP, Rupon may appear as a strong contender in the mayoral race.

When asked about the recommendation, Kamrul Ahsan Rupon told this newspaper, "I'm a member of the BNP family, a

Or Rashid [ward 9] and Shah Mohammad Aminul Islam [ward 19], members of city BNP's convening committee Salim Howladar [ward 8], Jahana Begum [ward 2], Selina Begum [ward 8] and Rashida Parveen [ward 10].

Other leaders, who hold party posts and have been listed, are - Ziaul Haque, member secretary of ward 18; joint convenors Monirul Islam and Kazi Mohammad Shaheen; and Chhatra Dal's former district joint convenor and organising secretary of Swechhashebak Dal Jobair Abdullah Sadi.

Those who do not hold any current position but had different posts in the past are - current councillor of ward 3 and former general secretary of BNP in the same ward Habibur Rahman; Siddiqur Rahman [ward 15]; Jasmin Samad [ward 22]; Firoz Ahmed [ward 24]; Farid Uddin Howladar [ward 26]; Humayon Kabir [ward 28]; and Khairul Mamun [ward-30].

The names of Majida Borhan, a former member of city unit BNP [ward 6] and Yunus Mia, former deputy child affairs secretary of city BNP [ward 4] is expected to be added to the list, said party sources.

"I'm a member of the BNP family, a former member of Dhaka University unit Chhatra Dal in 2004. However, I currently don't hold any post in BNP, so how will they punish me?"

KAMRUL AHSAN RUPON
Independent candidate

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The listed BNP members who are running for the councillors' offices are - joint convenors of Barishal city unit BNP Habibur Rahman [ward 6], Mohammad Harun

Dev projects get all focus

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the treatment of vehicles at intersection points is the most important aspect for increasing the capacity of a road.

"However, we tend to just widen the roads without removing bottlenecks at the intersections," he said.

He opined that flyovers should be at the periphery

of a city. Yet, when it comes to planning our flyovers, many were built inside the city, proving to be nothing but counterproductive.

In addition, he said developing MRTs (Mass Rapid Transits) or BRTs (Bus Rapid Transits), without integrating them with the feeder roads will not yield the desired outcome.

Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri emphasised taking lessons from the workshop and implementing those in the development projects.

DCA Executive Director Shabiha Pervin and Nirapad Sarak Chai Chairman Ilias Kanchan also spoke at the workshop.

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By order of the Board
Sd/
Md. Monirul Islam
Company Secretary

Dated, Dhaka
May 29, 2023.

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Mercantile Bank Limited

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