

Fakhrul Munshi no more

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AL advisory council member and former deputy minister A F M

Fakhrul Islam Munshi passed away at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 76.

Fakhrul Islam, former member of parliament, had been undergoing treatment at United Hospital and breathed his last yesterday morning, said his son and a member of parliament, Razeq Mohammad Fakhrul.

He was put on life support after a stroke on October 9.

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Child drowns in pond

UNB, Dinajpur

A five-year-old drowned in a pond at Chiribandar upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

Raiyan Islam Rasim, son of Khademul Islam of Krishnanagar Munshipara under, used to live at his uncle's house in Hariharpur.

Nur Alam Babu, sub-inspector of Chiribandar Police Station, said Rasim suddenly fell into a pond when his uncle was catching fish in the water body in the morning.

22-DAY BAN ON NETTING HILSA

15,000 FISHERS passing days in hardship

They are yet to get govt assistance



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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Around 15,000 fishermen in Patuakhali district are passing days amid hardship as they're yet to receive government's assistance although 12 days of the ongoing 22-ban on catching hilsa have already passed.

The ban has been in place since October 12 to create a safe breeding ground for mother hilsa, leaving about one lakh fishermen in Patuakhali unemployed during this time.

Even the registered fishermen are not getting rice on time. Also, only 25kg of rice is allocated for 22 days per family, which is much

less than their needs, they said. The fishermen also said they needed cash assistance along with rice.

"With no income during these 22 days, I am finding it difficult to survive with my family of five without getting any government assistance. I am bearing the expenses by borrowing money," said Abdur Rashid, a fisherman of the Itbaria area of Patuakhali.

Abu Hanif of Barabighai area of the Sadar upazila and Harun Chowkidar of Chhota Baishdia area of Rangabali upazila, echoed the same.

"I got 20 kg of rice which will hardly be enough for these 22

days. We will also need oil, salt and vegetables to eat with rice. With no income at present, how will I buy these?" said Mamun Howladar, another fisherman from Rangabali upazila.

Contacted, Mahfuzur Rahman, senior fisheries officer in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, said all fishers will get rice within the next two days.

Md Anisur Rahman, field assistant at Baulf upazila fisheries office, said, "Around 6,000 of the 7,000 listed fishermen in the upazila received rice as all could not be brought under government assistance due to low allocation."

Kamrul Islam, Patuakhali district fisheries officer, said, "Around

65,771 of the 85,000 registered fishermen in Patuakhali district got 25 kg of rice each while names of 10,000 more have been sent to higher authorities for approval."

Regarding cash assistance, he said it is a matter of government policy.

"Initiatives have been taken to further increase government assistance including re-registering fishermen who are out of list. The amount of assistance is also being gradually increased while steps are on to create alternative employment for the fishermen," said Nripendra Nath Biswas, deputy director of the Department of Fisheries in Barishal division.

Oct 28 will be the end of BNP Says info minister

AGENCIES

BNP's movement to topple the government will drown in the Buriganga on October 28, said Information Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday.

While addressing an event at Chattogram Shilpakala Academy, he said October 28 will be the end of BNP.

Mentionable, BNP will hold a grand rally in the capital on October 28.

"BNP wants to start the journey to topple the government on October 28. But on December 10 last year, they wanted to do the same from in front of the Nayapaltna office. But their movement died at Golapbagh cattle market," he said.

In fact, BNP wants to hold a picnic on October 28 in the name of movement, he added.

BNP got permission for its December 10 rally last year in Golapbagh field – a ground which was not its first choice by any means. The permission came at the cost of a life, injuries to around 100 people, and arrest of dozens of party stalwarts.

BNP out to create anarchy over polls Says home minister

BSS, Dhaka

BNP is trying to create anarchy in the country centring the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad polls, said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday.

"They (BNP) have now become an isolated political party. People witnessed their atrocities and killings. So, they are not responding to BNP's call," he told journalists after attending a view exchange meeting with government officials at Raipur upazila here.

"So, if BNP wants to do something like arson and killings, the countrymen will resist them. The government has all the preparations to deal with any situation," said Kamal.

In a separate event, he said since Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina came to power in 2008, the number of puja mandaps has been increasing every year.

This year, about 32,400 puja mandaps have been set up in the country, he said.

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It is with deep sorrow and heavy heart that we announce the passing of Dr. Zahidul Hasan Mushfequr Rahman, a brilliant rocket scientist whose contributions to space exploration have left an indelible mark on the world. Dr. Rahman took his last breath on Monday, October 16, 2023 at the Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, USA. He was 67 years old. He was the youngest brother of Mr. H N Ashfaqur Rahman MP, Honorable Chairman of Meghna Bank PLC.

Dr. Rahman, who originally hailed from Mithapukur, Rangpur, was born in Jessore, Bangladesh. Dr. Rahman was the beloved son of Hamida Khatun and Abdur Rahman. In 1920s, late Abdur Rahman was the only Muslim Student in MSC in Science Faculty of Dhaka University. Dr. Zahidul Rahman inherited his father's spirit of intellectual pursuit and embarked on an extraordinary journey in the field of science and technology.

Dr. Rahman completed his undergraduate education at the prestigious Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). He pursued his passion for knowledge relentlessly, earning his PhD from Washington State University. Later, he continued his research as a post-doctorate fellow at Texas A&M University, USA.

His professional journey led him to the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Dr. Rahman's work during last 31 years with NASA was nothing short of remarkable, contributing to several groundbreaking space programs, including the Mars Rover. In recent time NASA took over the expedition of sending the Rover on a great voyage to the Mars. In manufacture, design & collation of details of the Rover, Dr. Rahman was engaged in an active role joining the rank of prominent scientists & engineers. The Rover Perseverance was launched on 30 July 2020 and traversing the long distance of 23 crore miles, reached Mars on 18 February 2021. And Rover started transmitting regularly data & pictures to the earth. In the exploration and conquest of the limitless space, this is indeed a milestone.

While his professional accomplishments were remarkable, Dr. Rahman's family was his true passion. He is survived by his loving wife Rumana, his beloved daughter Anika, his cherished son Mehran and a big host of admirers.

Dr. Rahman was also an avid traveller, a supportive brother, son, husband, father, a caring uncle and a loyal friend to many. His presence in the lives of those who had the honor of sharing it was a source of inspiration and warmth.

May his soul rest in peace, and may his memory continue to shine brightly in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In Memoriam:
Dr. Zahidul Rahman
1956-2023

Won't allow anarchy

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League was out of power, the people of Bangladesh saw no change for their betterment.

"Those in power were busy to change their own fate. They did nothing for the people of the country. The people's condition started improving only after Awami League came to power," she said.

Reunited after 35yrs

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his mother's womb. He said his family learnt about his father's condition after he sent a letter from Pakistan's Karachi in January this year.

In the letter, Jabbar mentioned he could not return home as he had no valid documents, said Kamal, who is the youngest among three siblings and hails from Barishal's Bakerganj upazila.

Later, Kamal

MRT police

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coverage to additional stations as the metro rail network expands up to Motijheel," Shafiqul Islam added.

On October 9, the MRT police assumed control of Uttara, Uttara Centre, and Uttara South metro stations, and on October 13, they took over Agargaon, Shewrapara, and Kazipara metro stations, said officials.

A team of 11 MRT police personnel, led by an inspector, has been deployed in three phases to provide round the clock security to each of these metro stations.

The specialised unit with 231 personnel, led by a deputy inspector general of police, was approved by the government on May 21 this year.

DMP commissioner Habibur Rahman went for a visit to observe the MRT police activities at stations yesterday.

The MRT police unit will be fully operational after Motijheel metro rail station is inaugurated on November 4, said the DMP chief.

Custodial torture

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following an alleged complaint filed on February 11, 2019, by an Indian national named Sri Krishna Mandol, accusing Rajib of embezzling Tk 11.58 lakh.

In it, Mandol claimed he gave the money to Rajib to buy gold for him. So, SI Mizan and SI Jalil went to recover the gold without the complaint being first registered with the police station.

The report, submitted on January 22, 2022, said there was no instruction or signature of the officer-in-charge on the copy of the complaint.

Moreover, the raid was not noted in the GD and no seizure list was prepared regarding any recovery of gold.

Meanwhile, the accused police officers claimed they recovered the gold and handed it over to the Indian citizen, who agreed to "withdraw the complaint" against Rajib, later leading to his release into the custody of his two relatives.

In a statement made on August 2, 2019, SI Sumon Chandra Nath, the then duty officer at

Kotwali Police Station, said SI Mizanur told him not to note down Rajib Kar's name on the custody register.

"You [SI Mizanur] conducted an illegal raid, detained Rajib, brought him to the police station, and tortured him in lockup," the report said.

There was no mention of Rajib being handed over to his relatives in the GD either. While SIs Mizan and Jalil claimed they had informed the OC about the above matters, the OC denied it in his statement.

Following the initial complaint filed by the Indian citizen, all subsequent actions, including conducting the raid, apprehending Rajib, recovering the alleged gold, and attempts at reaching compromises, were carried out in an unlawful manner.

DMP deputy commissioner (Lalbagh Division) Zafar Hossain said he informed the Police Headquarters on October 13, 2022 regarding the departmental action taken against the three after the National Human Rights Commission inquired about the matter.

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