

Fazle Rabbee's anniversary of death today

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Today is the 52nd death anniversary of Shaheed Dr. Fazle Rabbee, a revered professor of Dhaka Medical College, said a press release.

On this day in 1971, the Pakistani army, aided by their collaborators the Al-Badar forces abducted him from his Siddheshwari residence at midnight and murdered him.

His body was later recovered from the Rayerbazar killing field on December 18.

Dr Rabbee, a renowned heart specialist at that time, served as professor of Medicine and Cardiology at DMC.

Death anniv of three brothers' today

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Today marks the 52nd death anniversary of three brothers from Gopibagh in Dhaka, who bravely fought in the 1971 Liberation War, said a press release.

Shahjahan, Mulluk Jahan, and Badiuzzaman participated in the guerrilla fighting in the city.

After they returned home at night on December 15, a group of Razakars informed their whereabouts to the Pakistani occupation army.

The force then picked them up from their home and killed them on this day in 1971.

Their bodies were later found among other martyrs at the Rayerbazar mass killing field on December 16. They were buried in Gopibagh Panchayat committee graveyard.

Abdul Hakim's death anniv

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Today is the 18th death anniversary of Abdul Hakim Bhuiyan, a business man and philanthropist of Cumilla, said a press release.

On the occasion, a mild and doa mahfil will be held at his Cumilla residence and village home in Mainamati.

Besides, prayers will be offered at the house of his son Kudrat-E-Khuda in Dhaka. The relatives and well-wishers of the deceased are requested to participate in those programmes.

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With crab-traps in their hands, Mokles and his two little associates walk towards the banks of Shabsa river in Kalabagi area of Khulna's Dakope upazila yesterday. He catches 3-4 kg crabs every day, selling the crustaceans for Tk 400-500 per kilo at local markets.

Remove dams across Nabaganga river: HC

BSS, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to remove earthen embankments made across the Nabaganga river in Jhenidah.

The HC also asked the authorities to conduct a boundary survey and prepare a list of people occupying the river land.

A High Court division bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Atabullah passed the order after holding hearing on a petition filed as public interest litigation.

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) filed the writ petition.

Referring to various newspaper reports, the rights organisation said fish farming is taking place in the river in as many as seven points.

Earthen embankments have been built within the 2.5km area of the river for that, according to the petition.

Advocate Manzill Murshid, who moved the plea on behalf of HRPB, said the court asked Jhenidah deputy commissioner to submit a list of river land grabbers within 60 days.

MOULVIBAZAR'S BARLEKHA UPAZILA Dragon fruit cultivation shows promise

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Arrays of dragon fruit plants blooming with flowers and fruits – this is what this correspondent was welcomed to during his recent visit to Koyes Ahmed's orchard in Dashinbhag village of Moulvibazar's Barlekha upazila.

Being a farmer for the last 40 years, Koyes first took up dragon fruit cultivation in 2020, investing Tk 3 lakh for his 15 decimal garden. He started to produce the fruit commercially after his investment was returned from his first harvest.

Once planted, the trees bear fruit for about 25 years, requiring Tk 5,000-7,000 for fertilisers and maintenance annually, said Koyes, who currently sells each kilo of the fruit for Tk 150-300,



depending on size.

Following Koyes' footsteps, many in the area have taken up this crop as the soil of the area is very suitable for its production, said Manowar Hossain, agricultural officer of the upazila.

"The fruit is definitely profitable and we are cooperating with Koyes to further help farmers by teaching them the correct agricultural method and techniques," he added.

Question raised over 4 hurt as BCL attacks

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of the Netherlands.

Shamim's lawyer also submitted another letter claiming it to be a response of the consular section of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Bangladesh.

"As per your email, you applied for renouncing Dutch Citizenship in Holland's foreign ministry on 09.11.2023. However, we need instructions from the foreign ministry.

Therefore, wait until the procedure is complete. In the meantime, if we receive any instruction from the ministry, we will follow up accordingly," said the letter to Shamim.

Azad's lawyer said the document appears "suspicious and manipulated" for several reasons, including the name of the country mentioned as "Holland" in place of the Netherlands. It is also not signed or stated to have been issued by a named diplomat.

Neither the spokesperson for the Netherlands embassy nor Shamim could be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

After being

communicated by the EC, the foreign ministry sent a letter to the Netherlands embassy in Dhaka seeking to know if Shamim Haque is a citizen of the Netherlands, said a ministry official.

"The Netherlands embassy has sent the query to the Dutch home ministry. It generally takes time to get a response from them," the official added.

Mild cold wave

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dry with a partly cloudy sky over the head, while moderate to thick fog may occur from midnight to morning.

Temperature may fall slightly during the night, while the daytime temperature may remain nearly unchanged all over the country, it added.

The lowest temperature in the country was recorded in Panchagarh's Tentulia at 10.3 degrees Celsius over 24 hours till 6:00am yesterday, while the highest temperature was recorded in Cox's Bazar's Teknaf at 30.7 degrees Celsius during the same period, said the bulletin.

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On December 12, some members of left-leaning organisations tore down a banner, which was set up by BCL in front of the Raju sculpture, thanking the government for the metro rail. Following that, BCL men attacked activists of those organisations near the memorial, injuring at least 10.

Maeen said DU BCL general secretary Tanbir Hasan Shaikat threatened

them earlier and Shaikat's followers carried out the attacks on them.

Shaikat claimed that general students carried out the attacks as they were aggrieved by the action of Chhatra Union earlier.

Mentionable, BCL men also covered the Raju sculpture with cloth on Wednesday, protesting the December 12 action of left-leaning organisations.

Shaikat said, "We urge them [Chhatra Union

members] to ask for unconditional forgiveness immediately for tearing down the banner. Otherwise, they can't be protected from general students' attacks."

Meanwhile, the DU unit Chhatra Federation in a press release condemned yesterday's attack.

On Wednesday, one man died and several were injured in a train derailment in Gazipur after unidentified saboteurs removed a 20 foot section of rail near Bhawalgarh station north of the Joydebpur junction.

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