

Last tributes paid to Shib Narayan Das

UNB, Dhaka

People from all walks of life bid farewell to Shib Narayan Das, one of the designers of the first flag of Bangladesh and a freedom fighter, by placing wreaths on the coffin of deceased at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka yesterday.

When the body of Das was taken to the Central Shaheed Minar at 10:30am, a guard of honour was given by the district administration.

Representatives from various organisations and institutions paid tributes to him by laying wreaths.

Das died at a city hospital on Friday. He was 78.

According to the family, Das' eyes have been donated to "Sandhani" and his body will be donated to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

From Shaheed Minar, his body was taken to his village home in Cumilla where people paid their tributes. His body was later handed over to the university.

Schoolboy missing for three days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A schoolboy has been missing for the last three days after visiting his village home in Laxmipur during the Eid vacation.

Hosne Mobarak Alif, 16, is a tenth grader at Badshah Faisal Institute School and College in Shyamoli, Dhaka. He celebrated Eid with his family members in Laxmipur.

On Thursday noon, he left his village residence in Laxmipur for Dhaka and has been missing since then, said his uncle Zakir Hossain Bhuiyan.

The family filed a general diary (GD) with Laxmipur Sadar Model Police Station on Friday.

Police said they are working to trace the teenager.



A rickshaw van transporting rods on Khulna-Jashore highway yesterday. Slow-moving vehicles like these pose significant risks on highways, exacerbating the possibility of accidents. Besides, lack of safety measures while transporting rods further heightens the danger.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

EASING CASE BACKLOG

Apex court to get new judges soon

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Appointment of new judges for both the Appellate and High Court divisions of the Supreme Court is on the cards amid an acute shortage of judges with respect to the number of pending cases.

At present, two divisions of SC are burdened with a total of around 5.69 lakh pending cases, SC sources said.

The Appellate Division has been experiencing a huge backlog of cases including those related to BDR carnage, constitution's 16th amendment (judge's removal), Narayanan's seven murder, and the 1971 war crimes.

Similarly, the High Court Division has a pile of cases pending including the ones regarding the August 21 grenade attack, murder of Feni's madrasa student Nusrat Jahan Rafi, and murder of Barguna's Rifat Sharif.

"Some judges from the High Court Division will be elevated to the Appellate Division as some of the apex court judges have retired earlier," said Law Minister Anisul Huq.

"New judges will be appointed to fill up the vacancies of High Court Division," he also said.

He, however, did not specifically say when and how many judges will be elevated to the Appellate



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Division and how many new judges will be appointed to the High Court Division.

"The president will decide in this regard," the minister added.

The Appellate Division has been going through a crisis of judges as no new judge was appointed after December 8, 2022, while four

judges including a chief justice went on retirement since then.

At present there are 11 judges in the division against a total of around 26,000 pending cases.

Former chief justice Hasan Foez Siddique retired on September 25 last year, while judges Muhammad Imman Ali, Md Nuruzzaman, and Borhanuddin retired on December 31 in 2022, June 30 last year, and February 27 this year respectively.

The number of judges in the High Court Division now stands at 87, which was 100 in June 2012.

Among them, three have been excluded from judicial functions for more than four years, as an inquiry centring them is pending.

Also, three other judges are running the International Crimes Tribunal to deal with 1971 war-crimes related cases.

With around a total of 5.43 lakh pending cases, the HC judges are burdened with more than 6,200 cases each.

The crisis of judges at the two SC divisions has further complicated the situation amid an already huge backlog of pending cases, said court sources.

SUNDARBANS Man dies in tiger attack

UNB, Khulna

A honey collector died in an attack by a tiger at Notabeki under Satkhira range of the Sundarbans yesterday.

The deceased is Maniruzzaman Bachchu of Dumuria village.

Nure Alam, assistant range officer, said Maniruzzaman along with others went to the forest to collect honey on April 2 with permission.

Yesterday, a tiger attacked Maniruzzaman and tried to drag him inside the forest. Another honey collector rescued him but Maniruzzaman died shortly, he said.

Govt reduces general hajj package cost

BSS, Dhaka

Religious Affairs Minister Md Faridul Haque Khan yesterday said the government has reduced the cost of general hajj package compared to last year despite the high price of dollar.

Tk 1,04,178 has been reduced for government hajj package while Tk 82,818 for private hajj package, he said.

Faridul said the government is working so that pilgrims can perform hajj at a fair cost.

Address concerns with Boeing about technical issues

Civil aviation minister directs Biman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Muhammad Faruk Khan has directed Biman Bangladesh Airlines to talk to the US plane maker Boeing about technical defects raised by a former Boeing engineer regarding the Dreamliner-787 aircraft.

The minister gave this instruction during a telephone conversation with Biman's Managing Director and CEO Shafiqul Azim yesterday.

The minister said, "Since the Dreamliner aircraft in the fleet of Biman are new, we have nothing to worry about the technical problems that have arisen for now. However, thinking about the future and in the interest of ensuring passenger safety, the issue needs to be clarified by talking to the aircraft manufacturer, Boeing, about the technical issues."

In response, Biman's CEO said they are in constant communication with Boeing regarding technical and maintenance issues.

"We will inform soon after knowing more information about this," he added.

Meanwhile, Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman, chairman of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, has said they also asked Biman to examine the alleged security flaws in its Dreamliner aircraft.

"We will ask Biman to remove the aircraft if any fault is found," he added.

Currently, airlines around the world have more than 1,000 Dreamliners. Biman has six Dreamliners that it flies to the Middle East, Europe and Canada.

The Telegraph on April 17 reported citing a Boeing whistleblower that the Dreamliner jets should be grounded for safety checks as manufacturing errors left them structurally unsound.

In the report, engineer Sam Salehpour claimed that a race to speed up production had led to serious problems with the aircraft including small gaps between sections of fuselage.

Salehpour told US broadcaster NBC, "The entire fleet worldwide, as far as I'm concerned right now,

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