

## Mahbubul Haque laid to rest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

Renowned linguist Mahbubul Haque was laid to rest in the central graveyard of Chittagong University yesterday.



Before the burial, his body was taken to a mosque in the port city, where his namaz-e-janaza was held after the Juma prayers.

He was also given a “guard of honour” there, and then his body was taken to the university campus.

After the Asr prayers, another namaz-e-janaza was held at the university central mosque.

Earlier, a tribute programme was organised at Shilpakala Academy at 10:30am, where his body was kept till 12:00pm for people to pay their respects.

People from all walks of life, including educationists, writers, artists, journalists and political figures, paid their respects during the programme.

With the death of Mahbubul Haque, Bangladesh has lost a highly accomplished researcher, said speakers at the tribute programme.



Workers load bags of wheat onto a truck, hoping to get all of it stacked and ready to head to a warehouse in Barishal amid the curfew break yesterday afternoon. The photo was taken from Band Road.

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## ‘We will take steps against attackers, but won’t harass students’ Hasan Mahmud says govt has proof of Tarique’s involvement

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday said every incident of recent attacks and sabotage will be investigated to deliver justice but genuine students will not be harassed.

“Those who killed PS of Gazipur ex-mayor Jahangir and policeman in Dhaka, those who hanged their bodies, threw BCL activists from a six-storey building in Chattogram, and burned public and private properties will not be spared. I have seen the footage of vandalism and arson on the BTV building. Those who carried out these attacks will not be spared from legal action,” he said.

Speaking at a discussion at Jatiya Press Club, the minister said many people were prosecuted after the sabotage in 2013-14, some escaped through the loopholes of the law. “That won’t happen this time. Every attacker will be brought to justice,” said Hasan Mahmud.

He said attacks on the state were ordered by BNP’s Tarique Rahman, adding that a voice record of Tarique has come into the hands of the government. “If you carry out a big attack, get a big post. Break the curfew; if not, leave the post,” the minister quoted Tarique as saying.

## We condemn

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The platform condemned the imposition of curfew and internet shutdowns—which they believe resulted in a total communication blackout.

BCSNA highlighted the historical significance of student movements in Bangladesh, noting students’ role in the 1952 Language Movement and the 1971 War for Liberation.

The current protests continue this legacy, now focusing on broader issues of autocratic oppression, corruption, and social injustices, BCSNA said.

The BCSNA strongly criticised the government’s handling of the protests and urged the international community to pressure the Bangladeshi government to stop the violence. They called for the resignation of responsible officials and demanded justice for the student protesters.

The signatories include Anis Rahman, faculty at the department of communication in University of Washington; Khairul Islam, faculty at communication studies in State University of New York; Fahmidul Haq, faculty at BardNYC Bard College; Najila Farhat, PhD researcher/Graduate student at journalism department in University of Montana; and Priyanka Kundu, PhD researcher/Graduate student at Communication department in University of Illinois Chicago, among others.

## Lift curfew, withdraw

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by the people for the killings carried out “using helicopters purchased with state funds”.

He asked the government to resign immediately by handing over power to a non-partisan, neutral government to hold an impartial election and ensure the safety of people’s lives and property.

He alleged that the AL regime has become desperate to arrest BNP leaders, activists and students by unleashing all the state forces and ruling

party cadres.

As per the government’s statistics, Fakhrul said at least 3,000 people were arrested in connection with the student movement.

He said the opposition leaders are being produced before the court four to five days after being picked up and repressed, which is a gross violation of law and human rights.

Fakhrul also called for the withdrawal of the “false” cases filed against all the arrested opposition leaders and their immediate unconditional release.

## We demand

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movement, resulting in numerous deaths. Even after such a large number of deaths, the government shows no regret,” he added.

Expressing solidarity with the protests, BLAST Honorary Executive Director Barrister Sara Hossain said they are not getting the actual number of deaths.

“We have the right to know the actual number of deaths... Going through the government’s statements, it seems they are more concerned about property than lives. Are properties more valuable than lives?” she added.

Dhaka University Professor Samina Lutfi said the country was now under “autocratic rule”.

“Thousands of people were injured in firings of the law enforcement agencies. More than 200 were killed. The government must take responsibility for these killings,” she said, demanding justice for the victims.

A total of 31 cultural and social organisations participated in the programme. In the gap between speeches, cultural organisations sang songs and recited poems protesting the killings.

## Every death will be

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of August 21 are the same perpetrators even in 2024. They are BNP and Jamaat.”

He said BNP and Jamaat do not trust the country or its people. “Now that their terrorist character has been exposed, they are seeking foreign intervention to escape responsibility.”

The minister continued,

“The destructive actions carried out domestically and internationally under the guise of the movement will not be tolerated by the people. The situation in the country will return to normal soon.”

Quader said the “radical lefts and foreign conspirators” are assisting the BNP-Jamaat axis.

## Punish those involved

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The statement called for increased capacity and preparedness within relevant government institutions to safeguard the state’s critical infrastructure.

The organisation urged the government to prevent future harassment of students related to this movement and to ensure the safety of students on university campuses.

It also demanded an end to dirty politics on campuses and the regular holding of university student union elections to foster student leadership.

The civil society platform urged the immediate resolution of all deadlocks through dialogue with leaders of the anti-discrimination student movement by accepting their logical demands.

## Fuel transport starts amid tight security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Four oil carrier wagons left Chattogram for Dhaka, Sylhet and Dohazari and Hathazri upazilas yesterday amid tight security. Two more are waiting at Patenga depot in Chattogram to leave for Rangpur and Sreemangal.

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members escorted the fuel carrier trains from Chattogram.

According to the information of the control room of the railway transport department, a train with 24 oil carrier wagons left for Dhaka at around 5:30am on Friday. Besides, another train with 16 oil carrier wagons left for Sylhet at 6:30am.

Meanwhile, a train with 12 fuel carrier wagons left Chattogram for Dohazari Power Station at 10:00am, while another train with 12 fuel carrier wagons left Chattogram for Hathazari upazila at 11:00am.

A press release signed by Chattogram 8 BGB Commander Lt Col Shahed Minhaj Siddiqui informed that a platoon member of BGB was on security duty in each fuel carrier train.

## British MP Rupa Huq questions situation in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh-origin British MP Rupa Huq has raised a question in the UK parliament on the current situation in Bangladesh.

Addressing the parliament on Thursday, she wanted to know the UK government’s stand on the Bangladesh situation from Leader of the House of Commons Lucy Powell, given the recent protests and violence centring quota in government jobs.

She said the deaths of students and protesters ran three figures. Due to the countrywide internet shutdown, she said they could not know much about what is going on in the country.

She sought an urgent government statement on UK’s position about Bangladesh’s situation saying, “We have a historic unique role in this situation.”

In response, Lucy Powell said the UK is deeply concerned about the violence in Bangladesh in recent days and said the loss of life is unacceptable.

“The right to protest must be restored and access to the internet should also be restored. We urge all sides to have restraint in this regard,” she said.

She said the foreign secretary and foreign office ministers would update the House.



## Find the perpetrators

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came under attack during the recent violence.

She inspected different parts of the BTV Bhaban, which was set on fire by a mob during the student protests for reformation of the quota system in public service.

Hasina said BNP and Jamaat Shibir activists, gathering from across the country, carried out these attacks in the capital.

“They carried out these attacks using the anti-quota demonstration,” she said.

State Minister

for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat and BTV senior officials including its Director General Md Jahangir Alam, briefed the prime minister about the damages of the state-owned television centre.


A video presentation was made highlighting the damages in the BTV Bhaban and BTV headquarters located on the same premises.

On Thursday, the prime minister visited the vandalised metro rail station at Mirpur 10.

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