

Samson H Chowdhury's death anniv

STAR REPORT

Today is the 13th death anniversary of visionary entrepreneur Samson H Chowdhury.

Samson, founder of Square Group, died on January 5 in 2012 at Raffles Hospital in Singapore.

Born on February 25, 1926 in Pabna, Samson started a small pharmacy at Aitaikula in Pabna in 1952, which ultimately led to one of the country's leading pharmaceutical businesses.

Samson was nominated for the "Best Entrepreneur of the Country" in the Year 2000-2001 organised by The Daily Star and DHL. The American Chamber in Bangladesh honoured him as "Business Executive of the Year" in 1998.

Ardhendu Shekhor Roy's death anniv

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 25th death anniversary of Ardhendu Shekhor Roy, former deputy registrar (judicial) of the Cooperative Department in Rajshahi region.

He passed away after suffering a brain stroke.

Ardhendu was the father of Amresh Roy, senior reporter of the Daily Samakal; Ashokesh Roy, copy editor of Views Bangladesh; and Abhijit Roy, Faridpur correspondent of the Daily Janakantha.

Journo's parents attacked at home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur



Three people – including the parents of a journalist – were injured when a miscreant attacked them after breaking into their house in Faridpur on Friday night.

The incident occurred at Purbapara in Domain village of Madhukhali upazila, said police and locals.

The injured are Shyamlendu Basu, 65, and Kakoli Basu, 60, parents of Ajker Patrika staff reporter Sougato Basu, and their 15-year-old neighbour.

All three are undergoing treatment at Faridpur Medical College Hospital. Sougato Basu was not at home at the time of the incident.

Jibon Kumar Mondal, a member of Domain Union Parishad, said the family was watching TV when the incident happened.

Shyamlendu said he noticed someone was inside the house and chased him. The intruder suddenly struck him on the head with a sharp weapon, he further said.

As others came to help, the criminal attacked them as well before fleeing the scene.

Shoilen Chakma, additional superintendent of police in Faridpur, said law enforcers are investigating the matter.

Students should

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urged them to return to their studies. "They will undoubtedly lead the country in the future and take up key leadership roles," he added.

Both leaders reiterated the importance of education in building a liberal democratic society and urged students to learn from such events.

Moyeen praised students' sacrifices during the revolution but

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channel to broadcast, yet 90 percent of foreign channels in Bangladesh are Indian," he said.

Aamir Mufti Sayed Muhammed Rezaul Karim of Islami Andolan Bangladesh echoed the sentiments, stressing the need for national unity in resisting Indian influence.

"We must fight against Indian aggression to bring peace to the country," he said.

He pointed out that the prolonged authoritarian

style of governance has hindered progress, calling for structural changes to the 1972 Constitution.

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country as the legacy of their fathers and grandfathers spoke of "consciousness".

"And through such rhetoric, they have plundered this nation, committed genocide, and their children have inflicted a century of rape through their atrocities. They have looted the country's wealth and smuggled it abroad. Wherever there has been any mega development, mega robbery has taken place."

Referring to the contributions of students and the public in the July-August uprising, he said,

"We must protect the sacrifice of the blood, and we must show respect."

Bridge work stalled

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all the materials from the construction site," said Abu Hossain Mollah, a local of Goperhat area.

Roksan, a resident of Chal Pukhuria village, said, "Every day, we have to cross the canal on boats amid much risk to commute to Pirojpur town and other neighbouring areas. The boats are not available all the time, adding to our hassles."

Md Towhidul Islam, another local, said if

someone needs to cross the canal at 8:00pm for any emergency reason, it would not be possible as boats would not be available before next morning.

Contacted, Harashit Sarkar, upazila engineer in Pirojpur Sadar, said they have contacted with the construction firm for completing the work.

"If they refuse to complete the work, we will take steps as per decision of the higher authority," he added.

Reforms and elections

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discussions involving all stakeholders and highlighted the need for a power structure rooted in accountability to the people.

The power of the future must be the power of accountability of the people," he said.

While Bangladesh has made significant progress over the last 53 years, justice for the country's people remains elusive, Saki said.

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Cold bites, warmth

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Char Ghughumari, said the cold has made life unbearable. Despite his need for a blanket, his sons cannot afford to buy one, and no external aid has reached the char due to its remoteness, he said.

At Rahamater Char on the Teesta riverbed in Ulipur upazila, Noor Islam, a 55-year old farm labourer, shared how he and others are forced to warm their bodies by burning straws in the morning and evening due to the lack of blankets.

"We have no choice but to resort to such measures," he said.

Similarly, in the Char Chinatuli on the Teesta river at Rajpur Union in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, Sahidur Rahman, a 65-year old farmer, said he attempts to work in the fields despite the cold but cannot endure it for long.

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Russian woman

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