

Ex-MP SA
Khaleque
passes away

UNB, Dhaka

SA Khaleque, a former MP and vice president of the Dhaka city unit of the BNP, passed away yesterday at a hospital in Dhaka. He was 97.

Khaleque, also a former deputy mayor of undivided Dhaka City Corporation and a five-time MP, breathed his last around 3:30pm at United Hospital, said BNP media cell member Sayrul Kabir Khan.

He said the former MP had long been suffering from various old-age complications.

Khaleque's namaz-e-janaza will be held in front of the BNP's Nayapaltan central office at 12:00pm today. Another Janaza will be held at 2:00pm at Mirpur Bangla College, and he will be laid to rest at his family graveyard near Gabtali Mirpur Shahi Mosque.

Jane Patricia Gomez no more

STAR REPORT

Jane Patricia Gomez, a Bharatanatyam dancer and former teacher of St Gregory School, passed away at her Indira Road house on Saturday, aged 50.

She had been battling cancer since 2017, said a press release.

Patricia is survived by her father, mother, husband, and only son.

Her passion for dance began at Bottomly School. She later honed her skills in Bharatanatyam under the tutelage of Kartik Sinha and Father George Saju, eminent figures in the South Indian classical dance tradition. She performed Bharatanatyam dance on BTV and various stages in Dhaka.



Owners and drivers of CNG-run auto-rickshaws registered for Dhaka district (areas outside the metropolitan area) blocked a busy street in Dhaka's Bailey Road area yesterday, demanding permission for their vehicles to operate in the Dhaka metropolitan area. The drivers took position near the Officer's Club for about an hour from noon, causing significant traffic congestion.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ACC sues Taposh, wife over illegal wealth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has filed separate cases against former Dhaka South City Corporation mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh and his wife, Afrin Taposh, on charges of illegally amassing wealth worth around Tk 80 crore and engaging in suspicious financial transactions amounting to Tk 615 crore.

The cases were filed yesterday by ACC Deputy Director Monirul Islam with the ACC's Integrated District Office in Dhaka, confirmed ACC Director General Akhtar Hossain.

According to the case statement, Taposh, during his

tenure as DSCC mayor and a lawmaker for Dhaka 10 and Dhaka 12, allegedly abused his power to acquire ill-gotten wealth worth Tk 73.19 crore, disproportionate to his known income sources.

Between 2013 and 2024, he reportedly deposited Tk 304.34 crore and withdrew Tk 234.83 crore across 27 bank accounts, resulting in total transactions of Tk 539.16 crore. Additionally, suspicious transactions involving USD 5.17 lakh were detected.

Afrin was accused of acquiring Tk 6.41 crore in wealth with her husband's assistance, which could not be explained by her legitimate income.

3 to die for killing student in Dhaka

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced three people to death for killing Ismail Hossain Jisan, 24, a student of the European University of Bangladesh (EUB), in Dhaka's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in 2019.

The convicts are Hasibul Hossain alias Hasib, Shraban alias Shaon and Abdullah Al Noman. Of them, Hasib and Noman are now in jail while Shaon is on the run.

Judge Farzana Yeasmin of the Dhaka 5th Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court handed down the verdict in the presence of Hasib and Noman in the courtroom.

The judge acquitted another accused, Sajni Akhter, as her involvement with the killing was not proven.

Economist Prof Anisur Rahman

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International Labour Office in Geneva, the permanent secretariat of the International Labour Organisation.

Professor Rahman retired from the UN organisations in 1990.

Debapriya Bhattacharya, a distinguished fellow of the Centre for Policy Dialogue,

said he worked very closely with Anisur Rahman after his return from Geneva.

He worked tirelessly and advocated for the structural transformation of Bangladesh's economy, Bhattacharya said.

Rahman played an instrumental role in the introduction and promotion of participatory action research in Bangladesh through Research Initiatives-Bangladesh, a research-funding agency, as one of the honorary founding members of its board of directors, according to Pathak Shamabesh, a publishing house.

Akash said Anisur's children stay abroad and are expected to come to Dhaka.

His body will be kept at the mortuary of BIRDEM in Dhaka and will be brought to the Central Shaheed Minar at 11:30am on January 7 so that people from all walks of life can pay their tributes.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Segunbagicha Mosque after Zohr prayers the same day. He will be laid to rest in Netrokona.

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Patients pass harsh

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from 10 districts of Khulna division and neighbouring areas, overwhelming its limited infrastructure, he added.

In recent days, the strain has intensified due to a surge in cold-related illnesses.

Between Saturday morning and Sunday morning alone, 260 new patients were admitted, pushing the total to 1,260, with 12 deaths reported in 24 hours. On

Friday, the admissions reached 1,368, with 17 deaths.

A walk through the hospital paints a grim picture. Relatives of patients stretch polythene

sheets across verandas, corridors, and stairwells to shield against the wind. In the overcrowded Medicine Wards 5 and 6, there's barely space to step.

In paediatric corridors, families have resorted to keeping sick children on the cold floor, as extra beds fail to meet demand.

Dr Mizanur Rahman, assistant director of KMCH, said, "Since mid-November, the influx of patients with diarrhoea, pneumonia, breathing difficulties, and other cold-related diseases has been unmanageable. Patients are exposed to the cold in open spaces due to the bed shortage. Many are getting worse rather than better," he said.

Regarding the move by

BNP

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return, he said they had not yet been able to create the necessary environment for his return. "It will take some more time, but he will definitely return home," he said.

The BNP leader said it may not take much time for the institutional, legal, and field-level reforms. "I call upon the interim government to give attention to completing the necessary reforms based on national consensus alongside taking election preparations so that we can proceed to the democratic process promptly."

Regarding the move by

the leaders of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, he said their party will welcome the emergence of any new political party in the current context of the country. "But it shouldn't be like the king's party with the support of the government. It would be better for them to come through a healthy political process."

Dismissed

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The rally started around 10:00am and continued till 4:00pm the day, but none of the seniors, or from the government had any scope to meet, he said.

Roy said, "We are not going to back down until we get a fair resolution. We will hold the rally again tomorrow (Monday) at the same place, in front of the home ministry."

PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 6

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Magrib	Esha
AZAN 5-30	12-45	4-00	5-30	7-00
JAMAAT 6-05	1-15	4-15	5-35	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Voters deprived

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The commission has decided to collect data of citizens who were born on January 1, 2008 and before. They will also collect the information of those who were not enlisted in the other voter update process. During the home visits, enumerators

will also deduct the names of deceased voters.

After collecting the information