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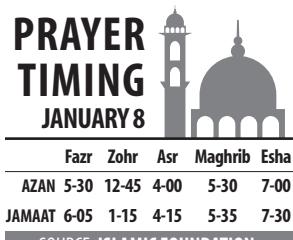
Dr Jubeida Khatoon, a renowned gynecologist and feminist social reformer, passed away on January 3, aged 95.

Born to educationist Osman Gani, she graduated from Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, and became the first woman from East Pakistan to achieve MRCOG in London.

As a young student, she witnessed the communal riots of 1946, which deeply influenced her commitment to social justice.

Dr Khatoon began her career at Dhaka Medical College in 1957 and later served as a professor and surgeon at Rajshahi Medical College for decades.

She established the first private gynecological clinic in Rajshahi and trained generations of medical students. Beyond medicine, she chaired the Rajshahi Diabetic Association and served as a Rajshahi Municipality Commissioner. Her daughter, anthropologist Nehraz Mahmud, survives her. Dr Khatoon was laid to rest at Hatem Khan Graveyard in Rajshahi.



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Khaleda was convicted

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TK 2.1 crore intended for orphans, the special court cited Khaleda's age and status to impose a lighter sentence.

On November 11, the Appellate Division stayed the High Court's decision and allowed Khaleda to file appeals challenging it. Her appeals seek to overturn the judgement and secure her acquittal.

Khaleda currently faces 37 cases, filed during the caretaker government (2007-08) and Sheikh Hasina's regime.

Of these, 12 cases were dismissed by the High Court last year, nine

defamation cases were scrapped by lower courts, and two sentences were overturned through presidential clemency.

The BNP chief is now on bail in the remaining cases.

Yesterday's hearing involved lawyers from both sides, including Kayser Kamal, AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, and Zainul Abedin for Khaleda, while Additional Attorney General Aneek R Haque and lawyer Md Ashif Hassan represented the state and the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The court will continue hearing the appeals today.

47 citizens condemn attack

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Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh; Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori; Swapan Adnan, visiting research fellow at University of Oxford; Advocate ZI Khan Panna, chairperson of Ain O Salish Kendra; Meghna

Guhathakurta, executive director of Research Initiatives Bangladesh; Barrister Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of BLAST; Shireen Parveen Huq; founder of Naripokkho; Dr Samina Luthfa, associate professor at Dhaka University, and others.

Govt justification for excluding

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of Public Administration's justification for excluding gazetted candidates, as stated in its notice, to be baseless. We interpret this notice as a continuation of the discriminatory culture within the republic, which is deeply disappointing.

"Yet, the government and the relevant ministry have not provided the nation with any detailed explanation regarding this matter to date," it also said.

"We have observed efforts to prioritise identity over performance, bypassing due process, while certain groups and communities are being deemed ineligible. This politics of identity is divisive and, therefore, unjust. Our position remains firm against all forms of injustice," said the

signatories of the statement include Dhaka University teachers Gitia Nasreen, Kamrul Hasan Mamun, Rushad Faridi, Tasneem Siraj Mahboob, and Kajalie Shehreen Islam; former Jahangirnagar University teacher Anu Muhammad and incumbent teachers Swadhin Sen and Sharmind Neelormi; Jashore University of Science and Technology teacher Ovinu Kibria Islam; Jagannath University teacher Shehreen Ataur Khan; and Chittagong University teacher Khadija Mitu.

Discussions with Touhid Hossain included enhancing Bangladesh's regional standing. "We will provide support to strengthen the country's position," she said.

Job Opportunity

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Halal Uddin, president of the Astitghar Village Conservation Committee, said efforts are underway to ensure the safety of migratory birds arriving this winter.

Imam Al Haque, a bird expert, highlighted the loss of biodiversity in the haor, citing environmental pollution, drying waterbodies, hunting, food scarcity, and increased

human activities as key factors behind the decline.

In the 2023 bird census, no rare or endangered species were found, indicating that these migratory birds may have forgotten the path to Hakaluki Haor," he said.

Md Mahi Uddin, upazila nirkabi officer of Kulaura, said the local administration has a strict stance against bird hunting and will soon conduct raids against poachers in the haor areas.

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