

Sara Mahmud
passes away

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Sara Ara
Mahmud,
widow of
Shaheed
Altaf
Mahmud,
passed away
yesterday.

She breathed her last
around 6:25pm.

Sara Mahmud was the
director of Department of
Drama and Film, Shilpkala
Academy.

She will be laid to rest
today after Zuhra prayers at
Banani graveyard, said her
daughter Shawan Mahmud.

Altaf Mahmud was a
musician, cultural activist,
Language Movement activist
and a freedom fighter. He
was widely known for his
composition "Amar Bhai
Rokte Rangano Ekushey
February".

Keep AC
temp at 25°C

Govt issues circular

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday
asked all to keep the
minimum temperature level of
air conditioners at public and
private offices and households at
25 degrees Celsius as part of
its power-saving campaign
during the upcoming summer.

According to a Cabinet
Division circular, the
electricity demand will
largely increase this
year as the summer will
coincide with the month of
Ramadan and irrigation
season.

The (increased)
demand could be
controlled through using
AC thermostat at a fixed
temperature," the circular
read.



Hemayet Fakir, 60, spreads bay leaves (tejpata) for drying in front of his home. Collected from trees in various villages, he sells the dried leaves to grocery stores in Barishal for Tk 120 per kg, earning between Tk 10,000 and 15,000 each month. The photo was taken in Rasulpur area of the city yesterday.

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Death penalty may hinder

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see a scenario where, years later, another regime overthrows these proceedings?" she asked.

Referencing the protracted struggle for justice following the 1971 Liberation War, she said, "One major reason justice was not fully served is our failure as a state to uphold international legal standards. If we want to break from past practices, we must reconsider whether capital punishment is the best course of action."

Meanwhile, Rashtra Ima said key amendments were made to the ICT Act, particularly in evidence admission, to align it with global norms.

However, she said, "One crucial issue remains unaddressed -- the presence of the death penalty. Neither the interim government nor public discussions have

confronted this reality."

She said unless Bangladesh abolishes or imposes a moratorium on the death penalty, the UN and European Union will not provide crucial evidence or legal support.

"During the Awami League's tenure, the ICT process faced widespread criticism. To avoid a repeat, we need international cooperation," she said. "The UN has made it clear they will not share evidence if trials could result in execution."

She also cautioned against rushing the judicial process, pointing to past mistakes.

"The previous government tried to complete war crimes trials within two or three years, leading to significant procedural flaws. We must not repeat that."

'JUSTICE MUST REFLECT PEOPLE'S DEMANDS'
Despite concerns from legal

experts, Jatiya Nogorik Committee member secretary Akhter Hossen said those responsible for the July killings must face the highest penalty under Bangladesh's laws.

"We understand the international debate on the death penalty, but the people of Bangladesh have endured extreme brutality. They watched their brothers gunned down in their homes and fired upon from helicopters. A mere prison sentence or fine is insufficient justice," he said.

Akhter said while international legal standards are important, they should not override the people's demand for justice.

"We urge the government to engage with the UN, EU, and International Criminal Court to explain Bangladesh's unique circumstances. The people's expectations must be clearly communicated."

German

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injured in an attack by unidentified miscreants at his residence, said the family members.

Azad's elder sister Afrina Akhter said around 2:45am, Azad heard some unusual sounds from the kitchen on the first floor. As he went there, three unidentified miscreants opened fire at him. Three bullets hit Azad's legs.

"Hearing the gunfire, when my mother and Azad's wife rushed to the kitchen, the criminals beat them up too, fired 10-15 blanks, and fled the scene without looting anything," she also said.

The victims were later admitted to a private hospital in Dhaka.

Police are looking into the incident, said OC Nur Alam Siddique of Ashulia Police Station.

Former DMP

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convicted militants from Kashimpur Jail to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Dhaka, handing them over to DMP's Prosecution Division.

After court proceedings, Constable Nur Azad was assigned to return four convicts -- linked to the murders of publisher Faisal Arefin Dipon and blogger Avijit Roy -- to the lockup area.

However, near the main gate of the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, two death-row convicts -- Abu Siddiq Sohel and Moinul Hasan Shamim -- were snatched away by their associates, who attacked the constable with pepper spray. Two others attempted to escape but were caught.

Jasim Uddin, now superintendent of police at the Police Training Center in Khulna, was accused of failing to ensure proper security and coordination.

Ban politics on campus

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gathered at the Central Shaheed Minar to elaborate on their demands.

The students accused the VC of attempting to introduce politics on campus, failing to ensure security during the February 18 attack, refusing to take responsibility for over 150 injured students, denying the involvement of Chhatra Dal and BNP

activists. Instead of arresting the identified perpetrators, the authorities filed a case against 500 unnamed individuals, which students fear could be used against them.

The memorandum reiterated the students' six demands, including the immediate resignation of the VC and pro-VC, swift punishment for the attackers, a ban on political activities in campus, ensuring student safety, withdrawal of the "ghost" case, and the appointment of a new VC to resume academic activities.

Students claimed that tensions escalated when they protested the distribution of Chhatra Dal membership forms, leading to a four-hour-long assault by Chhatra Dal and BNP

activists.

Earlier in the day, 80 students travelled from Kuet to Dhaka on two buses.

Defeated

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Mazhar further said the mass uprising on August 5 was aimed at drafting a new constitution and rebuilding Bangladesh.

He praised the patience shown by young activists involved in the anti-discrimination movement, despite not being allowed to declare their manifesto regarding the August 5 uprising.

Highlighting the youth's efforts to form a new political party, he said, "They demand a Constituent Assembly election before the national polls, allowing elected representatives to peacefully draft a new constitution for Bangladesh."

Jubo Dal

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In the footage, over a hundred young men -- with red towels wrapped around their heads and faces -- were seen brandishing machetes, causing panic among locals.

Standing on a road divider of the Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway, Jahangir was heard saying, "From today, I will control this market. I will call all the shots here. From now on, all traders must pay tolls. If anyone tries to resist, we will retaliate."

As the footage spread across social media, the Jubo Dal central committee took swift action, expelling Jahangir from the party.

The decision was announced through an official letter signed by Minhajul Islam Bhuiyan, assistant office secretary of the BNP's youth wing, yesterday.

However, Jahangir denied any wrongdoing and claimed he did not extort money from anyone. He further alleged that the incident was orchestrated to discredit him.

Uncertainty looms as work stalls

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rooms, and a sewerage treatment plant. These changes have reduced project costs to Tk 150 crore.

"The original project timeline has expired, but an extension has been approved for one year, with a possible

further extension until 2027. The Indian contractors have arrived in Dhaka and are expected to return to Rangpur soon," Haque said.

Dr Abdullah Al Mahbub, associate professor at Begum Rokeya University, said, "This project is crucial

BNP Khulna city

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In 2009, with Nazrul Islam Monju as president and Md. Moniruzzaman as general secretary.

On December 9, 2021, the BNP central leadership dissolved the previous committee and appointed a convening committee, which was later expanded to a 71-member committee on March 1, 2022, with Advocate Shafiqul Alam Mona appointed as convener and former Jubo Dal leader Shafiqul Alam Tuhin as member secretary.

Contacted, Shafiqul Alam expressed optimism that the party men will recognise his dedication and contributions to the party despite facing political repression in the past 15 years.

Tariqul Islam Zohir accused the current convener and member secretary of manipulating the councillor selection process to favour their preferred candidates.

Rakibul Islam Bokul, student affairs secretary of BNP's National Executive Committee, who is overseeing the overall arrangements for the council, said around 10,000 party members are expected to attend it.

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