

Manzur Elahi laid

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leaders Ak Azad, Aftab Ul Islam, Nihad Kabir, Simeen Rahman, Rizwan Rahman, Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, Russell T Ahmed, political leaders Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury and Zonayed Saki, among others, paid their respects at the Gulshan mosque.

Earlier on Wednesday, his body was brought to Dhaka from Singapore.

Elahi breathed his last at Gleneagles Hospital in Singapore on Wednesday at 7:30am Bangladesh time. He was 83.

"Plain living, high thinking," Elahi repeatedly told his children, said Syed Nasim Manzur, son of Elahi, at the janaza.

Before his death, Elahi advised his children that the country comes first, above everything else.

This reflected his unparalleled patriotism, as he never considered leaving the country under any circumstances, said his children.

With his demise, Bangladesh has lost one of its finest industrialists — a man who built not just businesses, but institutions, including Apex Footwear, Apex Tannery, Mutual Trust Bank, Pioneer Insurance, Grey Advertising, East West University, Sunbeams School, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Freedom Foundation, and many more, Apex said in a statement on Wednesday.

Born on September 26, 1942 in Calcutta, British India, Elahi came from a family of legal minds. His father, Sir Syed Nasim Ali, was the chief justice of the undivided Bengal.

While Elahi could have followed the same path, he chose to become an entrepreneur and succeeded. His illustrious

journey was not confined to business alone.

He served as an adviser to the caretaker government twice, played a leadership role in various chambers and associations, and contributed to improving the business and regulatory environment.

He also played key roles in the Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB), Bangladesh Bank, the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), and several other financial and industrial institutions.

His contributions to Bangladesh's economic landscape earned him prestigious honours, including Business Executive of the Year 2000 by AMCHAM, Business Person of the Year 2002 by The Daily Star and DHL, and a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023 from UKBCCI, Apex also said.

Ensure swift

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nation is shocked by the rising incidents of rape, and so are we."

She urged the government to ensure swift trials and justice for the victims.

Prominent writer Nurunnahar Khanam pointed to past successes in curbing acid attacks through strict punishments and urged similar measures to tackle the recent surge in violence against women.

Activist Afifa Mushtari attributed the rise in sexual violence to legal loopholes.

The protesters demanded stricter law enforcement and fast-track tribunals.

They also called for justice in recent cases, including the rape of the 8-year-old girl in Magura, who died yesterday.

KALINGANGA RIVER

Residents struggle due to lack of boat quays



KM HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Local residents have long been suffering while crossing Kaliganga river in Pirojpur's Nazirpur upazila using Toyoberhat-Gholarhat boat ferry as there is no boat quay (ghat) on either side of the river.

Passengers crossing the river using boats regularly face inconveniences, especially during monsoon, when the river swells, prompting them to pull their cloths above knee-height, remove their shoes, and go barefoot to get on board the boats, often facing mishaps.

Every day, around 400-500 people from different neighbouring areas, including Daulbari Dobra, Malikhali and also Kolardoania unions, use the boat ferry route for going to upazila headquarters and other areas of the district.

"We face a lot of hassle to cross the river as there is no quay for getting onto the boats," said Nomita Rani, a local resident.

"Often we have to tread through 50 metres in the water along the river bank to get on board the boats. Men can pull their trousers above knee and somehow

manage unscathed, but we cannot do it, and often get our clothes drenched in water. Imagine the inconvenience!" she added.

The route is popular as it cuts travel time short compared to other alternative routes to the upazila headquarters, said Masud Howlader, another local.

"However, the sufferings we have to go through is unbearable. If boat quays are constructed on both sides of the river, it will benefit the local people immensely," he added.

Echoing him, Montu Mia, a trader at Gholarhat bazaar, said boat quays on both sides of the river will also make it convenient for traders like him to carry their goods to the market.

Mohammad Bellal, a boatman who ferries passengers across the river on the route, said they also face much hassle to get passengers and goods on board their boats. "If there were quays on banks of the river, it would have benefitted both passengers and boatmen," he added.

Contacted, Arup Ratan Singha, upazila nirbahi officer in Nazirpur, said steps will be taken by the upazila administration to construct quays on the riverbanks for this route.

Two held for harassing RU students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday arrested two people for allegedly harassing two Rajshahi University students in the city's Kazla area.

The arrestees are Minhaz Tonmoy, 28, and Milon, 38. Tonmoy runs a tea stall near RU main gate.

Abdul Malek, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station, said a police team arrested the duo from the Dharampur area.

The victims are both students of the RU English Department from the 2019-20 session.

Farhan Mahmud, a victim, filed a case in this connection, said the OC.

The arrests came after English Department students demonstrated on Paris Road, demanding immediate action against the accused.

The incident occurred n Wednesday afternoon, where the students, including a female student, were allegedly physically assaulted. When they protested, a scuffle broke out, leaving Farhan injured.

122 DU students

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Regarding these individuals, the university authorities could consider canceling their academic certificates.

Regarding the outsiders, the DU authorities will contact their respective institutions to take measures, according to the convener of the committee.

Supan said the violence involving students has been categorised into three types: attacks on female students, attacks on

the injured at the Dhaka Medical College Emergency Department, and attacks on general students.

"We used several digital fact-checking tools while scrutinising the video evidence to ensure that no innocent individuals fall victim to wrongful accusations," the convener said.

The DU authorities formed the fact-finding committee on September 30, 2024.

Magistracy power

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person. The circular states that commissioned army officers with magistracy power will have jurisdiction across Bangladesh.

As per the circular signed by Senior Assistant Secretary Jeti Pru, commissioned army officers will be able to exercise authority under section 64 and other provisions of the CrPC.

The Section 64 grants an executive or judicial magistrate the power to order an arrest without a warrant if an offence is committed in their presence.

The decision was made to improve law and order at a time when police presence

has significantly decreased on the streets following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5, after a mass uprising.

Salman

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drawings and designs, they brought in mere documents, thereby laundering the money abroad.

Furthermore, the LC amount was converted into a forced loan, and even after eight years, the outstanding Tk 33.64 crore has not been repaid. Based on these allegations, a case has been filed against the accused for embezzlement.

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the larger crisis facing Khulna's rivers.

Mahfuzur Rahman Mukul, divisional coordinator of the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), said, "Around 50 rivers in this region are under threat. A responsible government institution should protect them. The pipeline must be removed or relocated immediately."

WDB has repeatedly urged Wasa to relocate the pipeline, with even the deputy commissioner of Bagerhat writing to higher

authorities, including the cabinet secretary, five times. Yet, no concrete action has been taken.

Khan Salim Ahmed, superintending engineer of Khulna Wasa, said steps are being taken to relocate the pipeline. "The estimation is complete, and a contractor has been appointed. We are working on laying the pipe deeper underground for a sustainable solution," he said.

However, locals remain skeptical, fearing that bureaucratic delays will further endanger the Bhairab's survival.

The shrinking

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Talking with the Daily Star, Abdul Hamid Khan, Secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon Pabna unit, emphasised the need for urgent action.

"Proper dredging is essential to keep the river flowing. Additionally, establishing reservoirs could help maintain water levels throughout the year," he said.

Meanwhile, encroachers and sand traders continue to exploit the river.

During a visit at Harding Bridge, dozens of trucks were seen moving across the vast shoal, carrying sand extracted from different points.

Experts warn that such unregulated sand mining is altering the river's natural course and further damaging its ecosystem.

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