Jahanara Rahman passes away

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Jahanara Rahman, wife of the late Dr Mujibar Rahman, passed away yesterday morning at her residence in Gulshan.

She was 103.

She had been suffering from age-related illnesses.

A noted social worker, Jahanara was actively involved with various social and women's organisations.

She was also the mother-in-law of the late Dr Akbar Ali Khan.

She is survived by her son, Dr Ehsanur Rahman, and her grandchildren. Her daughter, Hamim Rahman, passed away several years ago.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Gulshan Azad Mosque after Johr prayers today. She will be laid to rest at Azimpur Graveyard.

SHISHU HOSPITAL

Probe into recruitment of 65 doctors launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health ministry has launched an investigation into the recruitment of 65 doctors at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute, allegedly made without publishing any official circular.

"Like you, we also came to know about it. We have already sought an explanation from the hospital authorities, and they have responded. Now, we are investigating the matter," Health Adviser

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Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid and Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter lead a rickshaw rally through the Manik Mia Avenue in the capital yesterday. The rally is part of a programme honouring the July martyrs, organised by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Saudi dates flourish in coastal Bagerhat

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY, *Bagerhat*

Saudi dates -- native to desert climates -- are now thriving in the saline soil of Rampal upazila, Bagerhat, an area traditionally reliant on shrimp farming due to high salinity in its water bodies.

The transformation is led by Dihidar Zakir Hossain, an advocate from Sannyasi village under Mallikerber Union, who turned to farming in 2014. After repeated failures in shrimp and fruit cultivation, Zakir found hope in a YouTube video. "If dates can grow in deserts, why not here?" he asked himself, and planted the first seeds of change.

In 2019, he brought in 60 high-yield Saudi date saplings from northern Bangladesh, each costing Tk 40,000. Today, more than 70 trees are bearing fruit, with another 200 expected to produce within the year. His farm, spread over 15 acres, now holds over 250 date palms.

"Water management is the trickiest part," Zakir said. "Too little, they dry up; too much, they rot."

He said the challenge intensifies during the monsoon. "Rainwater often leads to fruit rot, so we need high-quality foreign cover sheets

to protect the bunches. I also urged the government to import pest control medicine from Oman to treat infestation. Without proper remedies, entire harvests could be lost."

Shahidul Islam, a caretaker at the orchard, said people often visit the orchard and take photos.

Rafiqul Sheikh, a local farmer, said, "This success proves we can do more with our land. I'm planning to start my own date orchard with saplings from Zakir Bhai's nursery."

Zakir also grows Vietnamese coconut, malta, mango, and hog plum, and raises cattle. But the date farm is the cornerstone of his agricultural ambitions, with yields reaching a minimum of 10kg to a maximum of 40kg per tree.

He warned new farmers to avoid seed-grown plants, which often produce only male trees. "Use offshoots or grafted saplings," he advised. "It makes all the difference."

Md Motahar Hossain, deputy director of Bagerhat's Department of Agricultural Extension, said, "If this model proves scalable, it could transform saline agriculture in southern Bangladesh."

Take steps to freeze, confiscate foreign assets of Benazir

Court orders ACC

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to take steps for freezing and confiscating foreign assets owned by former inspector general of police Benazir Ahmed.

The order was given in relation to a case filed over the accumulation of assets worth Tk 9.44 crore beyond his known income and concealed assets worth Tk 2.62 crore.

The assets include two bank accounts, one residential apartment and one commercial apartment in USA and two bank accounts in Malaysia. Of those, the two apartments in the USA has a market value of $430,000, and the bank accounts were opened in Standard Chartered Bank, USA.

He also opened two other accounts in CIMB Islami Bank in Malaysia.

The ACC did not mention how much money he deposited in the accounts.

Judge Md Zakir Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after ACC Deputy Director Md Hafijul Islam, who is the investigation officer, submitted an application in this regard.

The judge ordered the ACC to send a copy of the order to the authorities of USA and Malaysia for next course of action.

The petition mentioned the accused person illegally transferred money earned outside of known sources of income, which is a criminal offence under Section 27(1) of the ACC Act, 2004.

Another held over murder of Khulna Jubo Dal leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Police have arrested another suspect in connection with the recent murder of Mahbub Molla, former vice-president of Jubo Dal's Daulatpur unit in Khulna.

The suspect, Alauddin, 22, of Paschim Maheshwarpasha, was arrested early yesterday from the same area.

Earlier, on Saturday night, police arrested Md Sajal, who is now on a two-day remand at Daulatpur Police Station. With Alauddin's arrest, the number of suspects in custody has risen to two.

Daulatpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mir Atahar Ali said Alauddin was arrested based on a statement given by Sajal. Both were reportedly present at the scene and passed information to the attackers.

A senior police official, speaking anonymously, said they are investigating several angles, including political rivalries, extortion, drug trafficking, and extremist links.

Mahbub, a resident of Paschim Maheshwarpasha, was attacked on Friday by three men on a motorcycle. He was shot by gunmen while cleaning his car in front of his house.

The attackers then slit the tendons in both his legs before fleeing.

'Subrata Bain was reorganising his gang before arrest'

Police say in charge sheet submitted to court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

After the fall of the Awami League amid the student movement on August 5 last year, Subrata Bain, one of Bangladesh's most-wanted criminals, returned from India and began reorganising his gang to reassert dominance in Dhaka.

He also started recruiting new members and collecting arms and ammunition to strengthen his group. Before his arrest, he had been living in Kushtia and sourcing weapons from the border areas.

Muhammad Aminul Islam, an inspector of the Detective Branch of Police and also the investigation officer of an arms case, made the remarks in the charge sheet submitted to a Dhaka court on July 10.

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A legal framework will be established to operate the museum, he noted.

According to sources, the museum will feature photographs of the July movement, various memorabilia, items and clothing of martyrs, letters, important documents, newspaper clippings from that time, and audio-visual materials.

Additionally, a special section will depict the scene of Hasina fleeing.

Asked about the total expenditure of the programmes marking one year of the July uprising, Farooki said it will be disclosed later as different ministries are organising various events.

"But I want to say that all ministries are spending money from their own budget. No additional money was allocated for the programme," he said.

Trial of Tarique

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nine years' imprisonment to Tarique and three years to Zubaida.

The HC delivered the verdict following an appeal filed by Zubaida, who challenged the trial court judgment upon her return to Bangladesh on May 6 from London after 17 years.

In the full text, the HC observed that the charge framed against the convict appellant, Zubaida, was seriously defective.

The judge said, "This judgment also applies to co-convict Mr Tarique Rahman, who did not prefer any appeal. He is also acquitted of the charges levelled against him. The trial court is directed to release the confiscated property valued at Tk 2,74,93,087.00 to Mr Tarique Rahman at once. The appellant is relieved of her bail bond. Recall the committal warrant issued against Mr Tarique Rahman at once."

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case with Kafrul Police Station against the couple and Zubaida's mother, Syeda Iqbal Mand Banu, on September 26, 2007, on charges of amassing assets worth Tk 4.82 crore through "illegal" means and concealing information of Tk 2.16 crore in their wealth statements.

A Dhaka court sentenced Tarique to nine years and Zubaida to three years on August 2, 2023.

Fear grips traders

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Syed Md Bashir Uddin, president of the Moulvibazar Business Association, said traders in Old Dhaka contribute significantly to national revenue, but their safety is not ensured. "The administration is failing to protect us," he said.

"We must now ensure our own protection. We urge the authorities to allow each shop to keep sticks for self-defence. Otherwise, just like Sohag, anyone could be killed next," he said.

He also called on traders to unite and form resistance against extortionists.

The traders' other demands include a proper investigation into Sohag's murder, action against juvenile gangs, and the elimination of extortion, drugs, and crime from Old Dhaka's commercial areas.

They said they had hoped for a safer, more disciplined business environment following the July uprising. But instead, extortion, drug abuse, and violence have been on the rise again, they added.

They called on the government to take urgent steps to restore law and order and create a secure, business-friendly environment in Old Dhaka.

Demand for jackfruit has recently surged in Khulna. Depending on size, a jackfruit is selling for anywhere between Tk 100 and Tk 500. The photo was taken yesterday at Power House intersection in Khulna Sadar.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Three to die for killing man in Sitakunda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

A Chattogram court yesterday sentenced three people to death in connection with the 2021 murder of a man in Chattogram's Sitakunda.

The convicts are Rima Akter, Shahadat Hossain, and Abdul Kaium.

Rima is the wife of the victim, Zainal Abedin.

HM Shafiqul Islam, judge of the 8th Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court of Chattogram, delivered the verdict after examining

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