

Memorial meeting for Ahmad Rafique today

CITY DESK
A condolence meeting commemorating Ahmad Rafique, a Language Movement veteran, will be held around 3:30pm today at the Abdul Karim Sahityabisharad Auditorium of Bangla Academy in Dhaka, said a press release.
Dhaka University Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, convener of the national committee for the condolence meeting, will preside over the programme. Ahmad Rafique, a renowned cultural activist, Tagore exponent, poet, essayist and columnist, passed away at Dhaka's Birdem Hospital on October 1. He was 96.

4 more die of dengue, 803 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
At least four dengue patients died while 803 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.
Of the deaths, two were reported from Dhaka city, while one each occurred in Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).
With the new deaths and cases, the total number of deaths rose to 259, while total cases rose to 63,170 this year.
Among the total cases, a total of 41,638 dengue patients have so far been released from hospitals. Currently, 2,648 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals across Bangladesh, 1,709 of whom are from outside Dhaka.



Locals form a human chain on the bank of the Gangadhar river in Kurigram yesterday, demanding the construction of a permanent embankment to protect their homes and farmlands from erosion that has already devoured areas stretching nearly two kilometres at Dhanirampur and Madhya Dhanirampur villages. PHOTO: STAR

Two govt ambulances sit idle in Habiganj

Patients forced to pay double for private service

MINTU DESHWARA
Critically ill patients in Habiganj are being forced to pay high fares to private ambulance operators for emergency transfers to Sylhet or Dhaka, while two government ambulances meant to serve them sit idle and in disrepair.
Aslam Uddin, a resident of Habiganj town, said he had to pay nearly double the normal fare to take his ailing mother from Habiganj Sadar Hospital to Dhaka in a private ambulance after failing to get a government one.
"I'm not alone -- this is happening to many families here," he added.
Families say they often have no choice but to pay Tk 6,000-7,500 for a Dhaka trip, despite the official government rate being Tk 3,900.
Every day, an estimated 10 to 15 patients leave Habiganj 250-bed District Hospital for advanced treatment in Sylhet or Dhaka. But most depend on private ambulances, as the hospital's two government vehicles -- one received in 2009 and another in 2017 -- have become nearly unusable.
A hospital official, seeking anonymity, said one vehicle is "almost permanently at the workshop", while

the other runs intermittently. Drivers often refuse to operate the old ambulance, the official said.
Private ambulance businesses, however, are thriving.
Abdullah, a local operator, said they charge Tk 6,500-7,500 for Dhaka and Tk 3,000-4,000 for

bad shape, and these ambulances can't handle long distance trips. Sometimes we have to turn patients away because the vehicles aren't roadworthy," he said.
Dr Aminul Haque Sarkar, superintendent of Habiganj District Hospital, said he has been

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Sylhet, depending on the vehicle model. Each of their ambulances earns Tk 40,000-50,000 a month.
Abdur Rouf, one of the government ambulance drivers, said both vehicles are old and frequently break down.
"The Dhaka-Sylhet highway is in

appealing for replacements since his posting two and a half years ago.
"Both ambulances are in terrible condition due to age, but we try to serve as many patients as possible. I've repeatedly requested new vehicles from higher authorities, but none have arrived yet," he added.

Journo AUM Fakhruddin's death anniv

BSS, Dhaka
The 5th death anniversary of journalist AUM Fakhruddin will be observed today.



Starting his news media journey as a convener of "Kochi Kanchar Asor" in 1958, Fakhruddin wrote numerous articles for the now defunct dailies -- The Pakistan Observer and The Morning News. Besides, he was a correspondent of The Daily Mirror (London) from 1969 to 1975.

A song of patriotic inspiration "O Amar Bangla Ma Tor Akul Kora Ruper Shudhay Hridoy Amar Jay Jurije", written by him was recorded in 1972. Later, Fakhruddin worked as an associate editor of the Weekly Holiday until his death.

A Qurankhwani and doa mahfil will be held at his Dhanmondi residence in the capital.

He died at Kurmitola General Hospital in Dhaka on October 24, 2020, aged 75.

Md Habibur Rahman passes away

CITY DESK

Md Habibur Rahman, a freedom fighter of Sector-9 during the Liberation War, passed away on October 20 in Dhaka. He was 76, said a press release.



He left behind a host of relatives, friends, and well-wishers to mourn his death. Throughout his career, he held several key positions, including chief metropolitan magistrate, joint secretary, deputy commissioner, and chief executive officer of a city corporation.

Caretaker system scrapped under a pre-planned design

Says Jamaat lawyer at SC hearing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir yesterday told the Supreme Court that a dictatorial and totalitarian regime had been established in the country through the cancellation of the non-party caretaker government system.

"Due to this dictatorial regime, Bangladesh has gone through a major disaster in all aspects of politics, economy and social policy. The non-party caretaker government system is the most acceptable formula for democracy as it is possible to hold free, fair, impartial and credible elections under such a government," he said.

The lawyer made the remarks while placing arguments before a seven-member bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, headed by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, during the third day's hearing of the appeals and review petitions against its 2011 verdict that scrapped the non-party caretaker government system.

The apex court fixed October 28 for resuming the hearing.

Arguing for restoring the caretaker government system, Shishir Manir told the court that the system cannot be effectively implemented during the period of the current interim government as the parliament is not functional now.

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He said whatever verdict the Appellate Division delivers in this case should conform with the July charter's proposals on the caretaker government system. Otherwise, the total reform process will be affected and lost, he added.

Earlier in the day, Barrister Ehsan A Siddiq, the lawyer for rights body Law, Governance and Policy, an intervener of the case, told the SC that the 13th amendment, which had introduced the caretaker system in 1996, is a basic structure of the constitution and a constitutional convention as it has strengthened the democracy of the country through holding free, fair and credible elections.

The elections held under the otherwise governments were questionable and therefore, the caretaker government system cannot be removed.

A seven-judge full bench of the Appellate Division, headed by the then Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque, had declared by a majority view on May 10, 2011, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution null and void.

They shot at me while I hung

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shop, said that after Friday prayers on July 19, he left the shop for home. "As I crossed the small bridge over the Rampura canal and got onto the main road, I saw police and BGB members firing on protesting students and people," he told the tribunal.
"Out of fear, I climbed to the roof of a nearby under-construction building.

Three policemen followed me to the fourth floor. I held onto a rod at the edge of the roof and tried to hang there. One of them ordered me to jump off. As I did not comply, the policeman fired three rounds at me. All three bullets hit my legs. Then another policeman fired three more rounds -- those bullets also struck both my legs," he said.

"I lost consciousness. When I regained sense, I found myself in Famous Hospital, where doctors were stitching and bandaging my wounded legs," Amir said, adding that he later received treatment at several other hospitals.

While cross examining, the defence counsel for accused Chanchal wanted to show the wounds. As Amir was wearing trousers, the prosecution brought in a lungi that he wore upon the tribunal's permission and showed the wounds.

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manner," he said.

Moyeen said over the past 17 years, the administration has been politically motivated, turning the 2014, 2018, and 2024 elections into mockeries in the name of elections.

Yesterday, the BNP delegation submitted a series of demands to the EC, however, when asked how many proposals it submitted, Moyeen did not disclose the number.

Asked whether the issue of a referendum was raised during the meeting, he said, "We want the referendum to be held on the same day as the general election."

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