

AR Mallick's 23rd death anniv today

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Today is the 23rd death anniversary of Dr AR Mallick, an eminent educationist and the first technocrat finance minister of the country.



On the occasion, a discussion and milad mahfil were held at RKB Mallick School and College premises at his village home in Rajapur, Dhamrai.

Dr Mallick was professor of South Asian Regional Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, USA, in the early 1960s, and the founding vice-chancellor of Chittagong University (CU).

He was president of the Liberation Council of Intelligentsia, the first education secretary of Bangladesh, the first High Commissioner to India, and was elected chairman of Asian Development Bank.

His publications include, "British Policy and the Muslims in Bengal" and "Amar Jibon Kotha O Bangladesher Mukti Sangram".



Eighty-five-year-old Bhagapati Pal cries tears of despair, as her family lost all their belongings in the fire at Madarbari slum in Chattogram. The photo was taken yesterday morning.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Masterplan undertaken to curb river pollution

State Minister Zahid Faruque tells parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Water Resources Zahid Faruque yesterday told the parliament that the government has undertaken a masterplan to curb pollution of rivers.

The initiative was taken as per the instruction of the Prime Minister, he said in reply to a query from AL lawmaker Moazzem Hossen Ratan from Sunamganj-1.

The masterplan includes short, medium and long-term plans and it would be implemented in ten years, said the state minister, adding that a draft has already been finalised to bring navigability alongside checking pollution and encroachment of Buriganga, Shitalakhya, Turag, Balu around Dhaka and Karnaphuli in Chattogram.

He also said the ministries of shipping and water resources have begun a joint

programme to make riverbanks of Karnaphuli and Buriganga free from illegal encroachment. The eviction programme is already ongoing, he added.

64 SPECIES OF FRESHWATER FISH UNDER THREAT

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock M Ashraf Ali Khan Khosru yesterday told the House that some 64 species of freshwater fish are under threat in the country.

Of them, nine are critically endangered, 30 are endangered and 25 are vulnerable.

Khosru cited the statistics from a report of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) while replying to a question by ruling AL MP Manjur Hossain.

He also said about 13 species of fish at Kaptai Lake in Rangamati and Khagrachari districts are on the verge of extinction.

Anwarul Azim no more

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Syed Anwarul Azim, a former teacher and oil company executive, passed away on Saturday.

Born on January 1, 1923, he began his career as a teacher of Buet, where he helped establish the chemical engineering department. He moved on to be a successful executive at oil companies.

After retirement, he set up one of the first readymade garment factories in the country.

Azim left behind his brother, son, three daughters, six grandsons and a great granddaughter. His kulkhwani will be held tomorrow after Maghrib prayers at his Dhanmondi residence.

Madarbari slum fire leaves 800 without homes in Ctg

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

Rickshaw-puller Md Abu (55) was wailing as all his belongings were burnt to ashes in a fire at a slum at West Madarbari in the port city yesterday.

Abu and his 19-year-old daughter managed to escape their homes, like several hundred of their neighbours.

"I had arranged Tk 20,000 for my daughter's marriage and kept the money in the house. I could not retrieve it when the fire started spreading early in the morning," said Abu.

"It was around 5am; we were asleep... all of a sudden, we heard loud cries outside that there was a fire," he described the incident, "In a half-asleep state, I caught my daughter's hand and came out of the house."

Another victim, Md Hashem (45), a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, said he could only save himself from the fire, and lost all valuables. "I am ruined," he lamented.

Zakeya Begum (50), had also arranged around Tk 3 lakh for her daughter's marriage and kept the money at home. "All the money was burnt to ashes with

other belongings," she was wailing, "I wanted to shift [the family] to a better place to marry off my daughter, but my dreams have been shattered."

Like Abu, Hashem and Zakeya, around 800 people became homeless as 270 shanties were burnt in the fire.

The fire originated around 5:10am in a shanty, and quickly spread to the whole slum, said Azizul Islam, deputy director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Chattogram. On information, 15 firefighting vehicles rushed to the spot and managed to douse the blaze around 7:50am, he added.

The cause of the fire could not be known immediately, he said, adding, "We are investigating into the incident."

Golam Mohammad Jobair, Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) councillor of ward-29 (West Madarbari), visited the spot around 11am.

He said no casualty occurred in the fire and relief materials would be distributed to the victims in the afternoon [yesterday].

Jobair, however, said they made a list of 800 people of 148 affected families and every family would be given a blanket and 18 kg of daily essentials.

Road crashes claim 10 lives

STAR REPORT

At least 10 people were killed in road accidents across the country in the last two days, our correspondents and news agencies report.

In Dinajpur, Jobaidul Islam (21) died at a hospital early yesterday after a bus ran him over in front of Birganj Govt College of Birganj upazila.

Witnesses said on Sunday, a battery-run three-wheeler hit Jobaidul's motorcycle, and a bus then ran him over. He was taken to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

In Bogura, three people, including a Higher Secondary Certificate examinee, were killed in separate road crashes in Shibganj and Shahjahanpur upazilas yesterday.

In Shibganj, two people were killed after a truck hit their motorbike in Choukirghat area in the morning, according to police officials.

The deceased are Rony (18) and Hanjela (24).

In Shahjahanpur, Robin (24) was killed after a truck hit his motorbike in Kamarpara area around 11am, said police.

In Faridpur, Padma Rani Golder (69) was killed after a motorcycle ran her over in Joynagar Bottala area of Boalmari upazila around 1pm yesterday.

The motorcyclist fled the scene after the

incident, police said.

Elsewhere in the district, Rakib Fakir (16) was killed after a pick-up truck hit his three-wheeler in Moshaujan area of Nagarkanda upazila around 9pm on Sunday, police said.

The truck was seized but its driver fled. In Joypurhat, Kayem Mandal (50) was killed after a tractor hit his bicycle in Berakha Bazar area of Panchbibi upazila on Sunday night, said police.

In Mymensingh, Wazed Hasan Akanda Joy (21) died after his motorcycle collided with a human haulier in Sutar Chapur area of Gafargaon upazila on Sunday.

Robin was a student of BAF Shaheen College in Dhaka. He died on the spot, said police, quoting locals.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police seized the human haulier but its driver fled.

A case was lodged in this connection.

In Tangail, two pedestrians were killed after a truck ran them over on Tangail-Jamalpur highway in Dhanbari upazila on Sunday.

One of the deceased is Humayun Kabir (40). The other's identity could not be known yet.

They died on the spot, said police. Later, the bodies were sent to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

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Demolish structures on Mayur river: HC to govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to remove all illegal structures built on land of Mayur River in Khulna in two months.

Authorities have been asked to demolish the structures after conducting a survey, and submit a report by April 6. The bench of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Justice Mohammad Ullah came up with the order while hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) in 2016.

HRPB lawyer Manzill Murshid said authorities demolished structures including a park established by Khulna City Corporation (KCC) as per an earlier order.

Some other illegal structures built in the riverland were recently found in a video submitted by KCC, he added.

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Ref. No. LRFP-2020-9155838. LRFP: Request for Proposal for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Anti-Ram Crash Rated Bollards and Crash Rated Gates at UNICEF BCO Office at Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh. UNICEF-Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a strong record and credibility for supply and installation of the above. Interested companies are requested to obtain Request for Proposal document from the link: https://uni.cf/2A1PktH or please email to "supplybangladesh@unicef.org"

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