

People sit on sacks of rice on a truck at Barishal city's C&B Road, with nothing but "gamchha" on their heads in the drizzling rain. Although a cheaper means of transportation for the working class, it is highly unsafe to commute this way. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: TITU DAS

# Quddus president, Topu GS of DUJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Quddus Afrad of the daily Purba Kon has been elected president and Sajjad Alam Khan Topu of Jamuna TV general secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) for the next two years.



Afrad Topu

The election was held from 9am to 5pm at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

Quddus Afrad bagged 650 votes while his nearest candidates Abu Zafar Surjo got 646 votes and Sohail Haider 628 votes.

MA Quddus has been elected vice president with 678 votes by defeating his nearest competitors Khandaker Mozammel Haque and Atiqur Rahman Chowdhury.

Sajjad Alam Khan Topu bagged 475 votes while his nearest candidate Akhter Hossain 406 votes.

Khairul Alam has been elected joint secretary bagging 769 votes while his nearest candidate Moniruzzaman Ujjal got 538 votes.

The other elected office bearers include Ashraf Islam (treasurer), Jihadur Rahman Jihad (organising secretary), Asaduzzaman (publicity secretary), Dulal Khan (sports and cultural secretary), Sohali Chowdhury (public welfare secretary) and Jannatul Ferdous Chowdhury (office secretary).

## Special

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containers get stagnant near your building."

Seeking assistance from all, he requested locals and officials to clean their areas once a week by themselves.

During the inauguration, Executive Officer (Zone-4) Saleha Binte Siraj was also present.

In the DGHS survey, it stated that mosquito population density in Dhaka will multiply within 15 days, as a change of seasons is creating suitable environment for their breeding. A DGHS team found presence of Aedes mosquitoes in 12 percent wards of DSCC and in 10 percent wards of DNCC.

They also found the density of Culex mosquito larvae to be 200 in every 500ml water in different parts of the city. Culex mosquitoes account for 95 percent of the population while five percent are Aedes mosquitoes, said researchers.

## DHAKA BAR ASSOCIATION POLLS Pro-BNP lawyers win top posts

JNU CORRESPONDENT

Pro-BNP and Jamaat lawyers' panel won the president and general secretary posts in Dhaka Bar Association (DBA) election yesterday.

With the top two posts, their Blue Panel bagged 10 posts in the 23-member executive committee of DBA, while pro-Awami League lawyers' White Panel won the remaining posts in the election for 2020-2021 session.

Blue panel's president candidate Md Iqbal Hossain got 4,952 votes while his rival White Panel's candidate Md Musharraf Hossain bagged 4,215 votes in the polls.

Meanwhile, Blue Panel's general secretary candidate Md Hossain Ali Khan defeated the White Panel's contestant Md Ahsan Tarik by 302 votes.

Senior Advocate Munshi Fakhru Islam, chief election commissioner, announced the results of the two-day bar association election held at its office on February 26 and 27.

A total of 9,299 lawyers out of 18,148 cast their votes in the election.

## Rehana, Saima pay homage

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Currently the rooms 25 and 28 of the hostel are being used as "Bangabandhu Memorial Museum", said the release.

Bangabandhu was elected general secretary of the Students' Cabinet in 1946 and obtained his BA degree from there. While studying there, Bangabandhu stood by famine-stricken people and distributed relief goods among them.

The government has declared 2020-2021 as "Mujib Borsho" to celebrate the great leader's birth centenary, and the celebration programmes will start on March 17.

## Similar to attacks

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(CTTC) officials and DMP chief had told the media that "Neo JMB" men carried out the attacks.

ADC Polish said they collected footage from two CCTV cameras after visiting the area.

### ATU COLLECTS EVIDENCE

Earlier in the morning, an 11-member team led by an assistant superintendent of police (ASP) arrived in Chattogram from Dhaka. They collected evidence from the spot and held a meeting with CT officials.

ASP Shaon Kumar Sarkar led the ATU team, said CMP sources.

"Around the traffic police box, there is no CCTV footage. We collected footage from the opposite side of the road," he added.

While visiting the spot around noon it was seen that law enforcers cordoned off the damaged police box. A team of armed police has been deployed near the box.

A case was filed under explosives act with Traffic Inspector (north division) Anil Chakma as complainant, confirmed OC Abdul Kashem Bhuiyan of Panchlaha Police Station.

Meanwhile SITE Intelligence Group, an online tracker of terrorist organisations, last night said militant outfit Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the blast.

## PLOT SALE

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## We Remember



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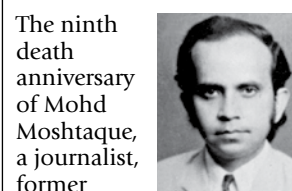
On his 17th death anniversary today, we profoundly remember late Matiur Rahman - a Freedom Fighter, Founder & Chairman of Kisan Group, Former Cabinet Minister and former President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industries.

Charity lunches will be served today at orphanage. Please pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

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## Moshtaque's death anniv observed

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The ninth death anniversary of Mohd Moshtaque, a journalist, former director of news at Bangladesh Betar, Bangladesh Television and chief editor of Asian Television Services, was observed yesterday, says a press release.

All of his relatives, friends and admirers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

## 5 shops gutted in Ctg fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Five shops were gutted in a fire at Natun Chaktai in Chattogram city early yesterday.

The fire that originated from a cigarette stub at a shop in the area soon spread to the adjacent shops around 1:25am, said Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, deputy director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Chattogram.

Eight fire fighting vehicles rushed to the spot and managed to douse the blaze around 3:10am.

The fire gutted valuables worth Tk 1.5 lakh, the official said.

## RU teacher

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acts of harassment, making derogatory remarks, groping, and sending inappropriate photos through messaging apps.

Prof Md Amirul Momanin denied the allegations, saying he knows nothing about it. "I have been involved in this profession for 26 years and I wasn't involved in any of the alleged incidents," he said.

Prof Laila Arjuman said, "We will sit to discuss the allegations today."

## Focus on confidence

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said, "We are planning to integrate required bio-safety level for coronavirus tests in around 4-5 laboratories in the country."

Dr ASM Alamgir, chief scientific officer of virology at IEDCR described the latest global and local situation of coronavirus outbreak at the event presided over by Prof M Abu Sayeed, president of Doctors for Health and Environment.

On the misconception that the virus cannot survive in the hot weather of Bangladesh, Dr Alamgir, coordinator of IEDCR control room, said, "High temperature has nothing to do with virus. Pandemic never depends on season. It declines after a period of time." Masks are not needed as long as people maintain good hygiene, and frequently sanitise or wash their hands, he added.

Speaking at the event, Prof Dr Rashid-E-Mahbub, former president of Bangladesh Medical Association, said, "We [people] are suffering from unawareness and over-awareness... the government should work on building confidence among people."

He suggested the government to use media to circulate the right message to create awareness and confidence among people.

Conducted by Dr Kazi Rafiqul, general secretary of Doctors for Health and Environment, a keynote was presented by Dr Sarwar Ibn Salam, assistant professor at Dhaka Medical College, where he stressed preparedness during probable emergencies.

## OBITUARY



### IN LOVING MEMORY OF NABIL MOHAMMAD SHARIF

Nabil Mohammad Sharif, son of Dr Niaz Mohammad Sharif and Ms Bilquis Sharif (Tandra) passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, the 27th of February 2020 at his home. He was 34 years of age. He left behind his parents, his younger brother Dr Asir Mohammad Sharif and many other adoring friends and family. His sudden and sad demise has left us all with empty hearts.

Nabil will be remembered as a fun-loving and peaceful soul, who brought joy and happiness to everyone he came across. His full, hearty and infectious laugh could brighten up even the most sober of moods. Nabil was an incredibly talented musician and an avid reader of books whose inquisitive mind never wanted to stop learning. Most importantly though, Nabil was an exemplary son and brother who always placed family above everything else.

Nabil's dua' mahfil will be held on Monday, 2nd March 2020, baadh Maghrib at his home (House 86/A, Road 11/A, Flat 5B, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1209). We cordially request you to join us in remembering Nabil.

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