

Rahim Uddin Bharsa passes away

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Rahim Uddin Bharsa, former lawmaker and ex-president of Rangpur district BNP, passed away yesterday due to old age complications.

He was 86. Rahim, also founding publisher of local daily Juger Alo, breathed his last at a private hospital in Dhaka. He left behind five sons, nine daughters and numerous well-wishers to mourn his death.



Evading a truck coming their way, students cross the busy main road at the capital's Uttar Badda. Doing this might save time but isn't one's life worth the wait? This photo was taken recently. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

An eco-friendly

FROM PAGE 5 I will campaign through voice SMS, SMS and digital content on Facebook. Also, I will go door-to-door and hand out leaflets among voters," he said.

Through this newspaper did not see any poster of Sumon, banners seeking vote for him were seen in Anderkilla and Shiringora areas.

Asked, Sumon said, "Some of my supporters did that, but I have instructed them to pull those down immediately."

The port city's residents welcomed this poster-free campaign.

Najim Muhammad, a resident of the ward, said, "This is a good initiative and will help keep our area clean."

Hamid Ullah, another inhabitant, added, "The beauty of port city is gradually fading due to such poster nuisance. His [Sumon] initiative will bring a fresh change and also inspire others."

According to the EC office, now, a total number of six mayor candidates, 56 candidates in reserve seats for women and 161 councillor candidates in general wards will contest the polls.

'HEALTHY WARD' Meanwhile, residents prided that Jamal Khan has become an example for others to follow. They said initiatives taken by the incumbent councillor has helped the ward become green and clean.

The initiatives include removing open dumpsters and setting up of roadside waste bins for dumping solid waste, beautification of road islands and medians and tree plantation.

This 0.78 square kilometre ward also has a fountain at Jamal Khan intersection, which is the centre point, to welcome passers-by. The fountain also has decorative lights, which are switched on every evening.

Besides, roadside seating arrangements for around 100 people have been made on one side of the intersection. There's also a terracotta design depicting the country's history on the boundary wall of Dr Khastagir Government Girls' High School.

11 Sust students

FROM PAGE 5 committee to look into the matter from the very beginning of the problem.

"It has become a question of our honour, which is why we have suspended the classes and examinations," she stated.

Dr Md Shajedul Karim, dean of the School of Applied Sciences and Technology, said, "I was in communication with the students from the very start, even today [yesterday]. I assured them of a proper solution and am waiting for them to show wisdom and withdraw the hunger strike."

Labour court

FROM PAGE 3 Chairman Dr Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director Naznin Sultana, Director Abdul Hai Khan and Deputy General Manager Gouri Shankar Sarkar paid Tk 30,000 in fines on February 25.

On January 26, the 3rd labour court had granted bail to Dr Yunus in the case, after he surrendered before it and sought bail. The court also exempted him from in-person appearance on the same day.

On January 5, Labour Inspector Tarikul Islam of Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department filed the case with the 3rd labour court against the four, bringing allegations of violating 10 provisions of the Labour Act.

A green respite

FROM PAGE 3 Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah II.

Right before establishing this park, Armenians living in Old Dhaka founded a club, known as "Anta Char" where they used to play indoor games. The club was later demolished by the British. According to many, there was an open place beside the club known as "Anta Gharer Maidan".

In 1857, during the Sepoy Mutiny against colonial rulers, English soldiers executed many mutineers by hanging them from different trees of the place.

A monument in memory of the sepoys was later erected at the park.

Women politicians

FROM PAGE 3 the gender diversity requirements, and creating a roadmap to ensure 33 percent representation in committees by the end of this year.

Golam Kibria Rubel, assistant secretary of BNP's south committee, attempted to mansplain the lack of political participation of women, saying, "Women do not want to stay in politics unless they are given posts like president of secretary. They have to make their own space."

Mohammad Salim Mahmud, information and research secretary of AL central executive committee, sidestepped the demands, and narrated a well-researched list of steps taken by the party to eradicate violence against women, child marriage, sex trafficking and the passing of laws related to women and local government.

"This is a very big party and not everybody can be given space yet. They will be given space in the future," he said.

BNP standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury expressed his lack of support for the "positive discrimination" that reserved seats aim to provide.

"I do not support having reserved seats in the parliament. Women should be elected. I am also not a believer of percentages. Let there be 60 percent women if they have the capacity," he said. He also added that 33 percent should not be a ceiling; rather, it should be a minimum that women should aim for.

"We have not been able to meet the expectation, but will hopefully fulfil it in the next council," he said.

BNP's advisory body of 73 members includes eight women, a paltry 11 percent.

Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, co-chair of the central committee of Jatiya Party, said the government has taken steps to hang those who throw acid.

"We try to prioritise women when giving nominations," commented parliamentarian Faruk Khan, a member of AL's presidium committee.

"It is only 33 percent, not 50 percent. We should be able to achieve this. Evidence shows that women's political participation can be improved by focusing on their apprenticeship and the local needs," said Judith Herbertson, head of DFID Bangladesh.

"Party leaders, it is about time to get to know the women leaders," said Lesley Richards, deputy chief of party at The International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

Randall Olson, DRG director at USAID, also spoke at the conference.

Stem cell treatment

FROM PAGE 3 Asia Khanam, Renal Association Vice President Prof Brig Gen (ret'd) Mamun Mostafi, and KAMPS President Prof MA Samad also spoke at the programme.

The speakers stressed on maintaining a healthy lifestyle and controlling diabetes and high blood pressure to prevent kidney related diseases.

They also praised the government's decision of setting up 50-bed dialysis unit at every government medical college hospital and 10-bed unit at every district hospital.

Advertisement for Medical College for Women & Hospital, Dhaka. Includes 'WANTED' banner and details about job openings for various medical positions.

Advertisement for Rupali Bank Ltd. Head Office, ICT Systems Division. Details tender information for procurement of goods.

Request for Proposal (RFP) advertisement from AC3-ASE regarding construction and installation works.

Notice for Consultancy Services (Architectural, Engineering and Supervision) by North Western University.

Executive

FROM PAGE 3 bench added.

Following a news report published on Bangla daily Prothom Alo, the HC bench on October 31 last year issued the rule asking authorities to explain why the conviction of children by mobile courts should not be declared illegal.

According to the newspaper report, mobile courts illegally jailed 121 children for six months to one year and sent them to juvenile correction centres in Tongi and Jashore.

Barrister Md Abdul Halim and Advocate Ishrat Hasan placed the newspaper report before the HC bench for necessary orders. The same day, the HC bench ordered the government to immediately release children -- aged under 12 years -- who were convicted by mobile courts at various times and kept in juvenile correction centres across the country.

The court said children [under 12 years] have no understanding of consequences of offences, and therefore cannot be convicted by mobile courts and kept in correction centres.

It also granted six months' bail to children -- aged between 12 and 18 -- who were convicted by mobile courts and kept in the correction centres.

They will be released subject to the satisfaction of the children's court concerned, after furnishing bail bond, the HC said.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Deputy Attorney General Bipul Bagmar represented the state.

Willes teacher doing better

FROM PAGE 5 students were injured when their bus, on a study tour to Tungipara, hit a truck parked along the Dhaka-Khulna highway in the district.

Fahima's colleagues said she lives with her family at the capital's Shantinagar. She, along with more than 100 students, nine teachers and some staffers of Willes Little Flower School and College, was going to Gopalganj from Dhaka.

Quoting victims, police said the teacher was sitting in a front row window seat of the bus.

The 15 injured students were treated locally and sent back to Dhaka.

Fahima was flown to Dhaka by air ambulance and admitted to the burn institute the same afternoon.

Test-ride goes horribly

FROM PAGE 5 lunch at the bride's house at Shiali village, St of Patuakhali Police Station Mehdi Hassan confirmed.

They were travelling with the bride and bridegroom. However, they no harm befell the couple as they were on a microbus.

The deceased were identified as Kutti Talukdar (42) and Nurul Islam (50). Both died on the spot. The injured have been taken to Patuakhali General Hospital in critical condition.

Police detained the microbus, however, its driver fled the scene, St Mehdi said.

In Bhola Sadar, a biker was killed in a road crash at Tulatoli area yesterday afternoon, reports our Jhalakathi correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Shohag (25), a construction worker, said Raton Kumar Shil, officer-in-charge of Purba Ilisha Police Outpost.

He died on the spot after a goods-laden trolley hit him, the OC said.

Police failed to detain the driver who managed to escape the scene.

In another bike accident in Sirajganj, two people, including a marine technology student, were killed after a bus hit their bike at Konabari of Kamarkhand upazila on Tuesday morning, reports UNB.

The deceased are Hasinur Rahman (25) and his cousin Miraj Uddin (22), a student at Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology.

Syed Shaheed Alam, officer-in-charge of Bangabandhu Bridge Paschim Police Station, said the accident occurred around 5am when a passenger bus hit the bike, leaving Hasinur dead on the spot and Miraj severely injured.

The cousins were going to Dinajpur for the marine technology students' hostel in Sirajganj, he said.

Police took Miraj to the 250-bed Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib General Hospital where on-duty doctors pronounced him dead, the OC added.

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