

Death anniv of Rebeqa Mohiuddin

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The second death anniversary of women's rights activist Rebeqa Mohiuddin, one of the organisers of the Liberation War and wife of Awami League central leader Mohiuddin Ahmed, will be observed today, says a press release.

She breathed her last on this day in 2018 in the capital.

On the occasion, wreaths will be placed at her grave in Mirpur Intellectuals' Graveyard, it added.

A milad and doa mahfil will be held at her Dhanmondi residence after Asr prayers today.

A similar programme will be held at her Lakarta village home in Bhedarganj upazila of Shariatpur.



Guests at the inauguration of a 25-bed self-sufficient isolation unit for Covid-19 patients, as part of an initiative of United Group and United Hospital. The facility, with well-equipped machineries and caregivers, is situated in Munshiganj's Louhajang upazila.

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HC seeks info on govt

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Writ petitioner's counsel Barrister Humayun Kabir Pallab told The Daily Star that if the name of coronavirus disease is included in the list under the Communicable Diseases Act, then coronavirus patients will be kept under isolation and quarantine and be treated under legal procedures.

Besides, international organisations including the United Nations and World Health Organization will treat Bangladesh as coronavirus-affected country and may take necessary measures, he said.

The lawyer said names of several (23) diseases including malaria, black fever, dengue and anthrax are included as communicable diseases in the list under the law, but the name of coronavirus has not yet been included in the list.

The law has empowered the government to include the names of "emerging or re-emerging" diseases in the list through issuing a gazette notification, Barrister Humayun Kabir added.

Barrister Md Ruhul Quddus Kazal, newly-elected secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association, also placed arguments supporting the writ petition, while Deputy Attorney General Debashis Bhattacharyya represented the government.

Earlier in the day, Law and Life Foundation filed the petition with the HC, seeking directives on the authorities concerned to close all the courts across the country to contain the spread of coronavirus, and to keep people coming from abroad in the state-designated quarantines.

The organisation, in the petition, prayed to the HC to ask the government to form a high-powered monitoring committee to examine whether the quarantine centres are run properly.

In the petition, the organisation said academic institutions have been closed to keep people safe from coronavirus, but courts -- where a large number of people gather daily -- are not closed yet. They argued that the courts need to be closed to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Meanwhile yesterday, Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain said he will take a decision about closing the courts of the country after discussing with judges of the Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court at a meeting.

He said they will consider the situation of coronavirus outbreak and the issues of litigants who approach the courts for remedies.

The chief justice said this while talking to the media after a tree-plantation programme on the Supreme Court premises, on the occasion of celebrating the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Judges of the Appellate and High Court Divisions were present on the occasion.

Manabzamin editor

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Shikhor in the case alleged that Manabzamin published a report on expelled Jubo Mohila League leader Shamima Nur Pappa with false information, without directly mentioning names but implicating several MPs.

When it was shared on social media, the other accused mentioned his [Saifuzzaman Shikhor] name, the case said.

Ex-DIG Mizan

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Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Senior Special Judge's Court in Dhaka, on February 9, took cognisance of charges against the duo in the case.

On January 17, the ACC pressed charges against Mizan and Basir for their alleged involvement in taking and giving bribe of Tk 40 lakh.

On July 16 of 2019, ACC Director Sheikh Mohammad Fanafilya filed the case with its Dhaka district coordination office-1 under the Money Laundering Prevention Act against the two.

A private television channel earlier aired a report in which DIG Mizan alleged that Basir took Tk 40 lakh bribe from him for clearing him from a graft allegation.

Following the report, the ACC formed a three-member committee, led by ACC Secretary Dilwar Bakht to investigate the matter and asked it to submit a report in this regard. ACC suspended Basir after analysing the report on June 12.

Mizan was withdrawn on January 9, 2018, following allegations of threatening a female news presenter of a private television channel. He reportedly picked up the 25-year-old woman in July 2017 and forcibly married her.

On April 25 of 2018, the anti-graft watchdog summoned Mizan and quizzed him for about seven and a half hours over the allegation.

The ACC on June 24 last year filed another case against four people, including Mizan, for amassing illegal wealth and concealing information.

Coaching centres open

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This correspondent found offices of Legend Admission Coaching and Sandhani Coaching Centre and Medico in Mirpur areas open, although staffers at the offices claimed they were not operating any activities.

Medico coaching manager Mamunur Rashid said they kept the coaching centre office open in order to continue online admission system.

Legend coaching manager Golam Sarwar said they are keeping the centre open in the first half of the day.

A student was seen taking lesson from Mukbul Hossain, founder of Dhrubok, in Farmgate area. "We have shut down the coaching centre until March 31. These students have exams in a few day, so I am giving some advice," Mukbul said.

In the next room, an eighth-grade student was seen taking lesson a Redon coaching. She said her teacher went outside after giving lessons, but did not disclose the teacher's name. This correspondent waited for 15 minutes but the teacher did not return.

Locals of Siddheshwari alleged that a group of students were taking lessons at Ambition Coaching Centre. Rezaul Karim, owner of the coaching centre, said they have tutored students as they came for tuitions, adding that they will close coaching centres from today.

The education ministry in a statement yesterday afternoon said it has noticed that many coaching centres remained open, which are increasing risk of students being infected with coronavirus. "Directives have been given to the district administration and superintendent of police to take necessary steps," the statement said.

The circular also asked authorities concerned to take necessary steps over students and guardians treating the closure of educational institutions as a holiday and visiting different areas of the country.

The ministry asked all district administrations and superintendents of police (SPs) to take measures to send students home if they were seen roaming outside.

It also urged all guardians to keep their children at home.

Warnings fall

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people to "wash their hands with soap and vote for boat". Asked about the probable risk of getting infected, the party candidate even said there is no risk as every voter will have to wash their hands before casting vote in EVM.

Meanwhile like previous days, AL and BNP mayor candidates campaigned in full swing yesterday.

BNP's Shahadat Hossain campaigned in FIDC Road, Char Rangamatia, Kamal Bazar, Kazir Hat and Moulvibazar areas under Mohora ward.

A good number of leaders and activists of BNP and its associate organisations were with him at that time.

Urging voters to vote for "sheaf of paddy", BNP's election symbol, he said, "People are panicked as coronavirus has spread throughout the world. If voters do not come to the polling centres, will the election get any credibility at home and abroad?"

The Election Commission should defer the polls date, he said.

Meanwhile, AL candidate Rezaul Karim Chowdhury campaigned in East Madarbari, Alakaran and Firingibazar areas.

Seeking vote for the party symbol "boat", Rezaul pledged a clean and modern city, if elected mayor. Flanked by party activists and supporters, he was also seen greeting people unperturbed.

Six 'human carriers'

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The second group, however, used to take the usual route and reached Dhaka by bus, he said.

ADC Saklain said they primarily came to know that these traders bought each pill for Tk 80 to Tk 85 from Cox's Bazar, and sold it for Tk 100 to Tk 110 in Dhaka.

"We would interrogate the arrestees after taking them on remand to get details of other gang members," he added.

Yaba smugglers in recent months have been found carrying the pills inside watermelons, jackfruits, car tyres, petrol containers, mobile phones and books.

Railway inks deal

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to utilise the unused or less used land, he added.

BR Director General Md Shamsuzzaman said they had taken several projects under PPP but those were not successful for various reasons. He hoped this project will be a success.

PPP Authority's Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Alkama Siddiqui termed it a milestone for Bangladesh Railway, and thanked authorities for taking the initiative.

Moinuddin Hasan said they would try their best to complete the work within the deadline.

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Four killed in road

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In Sylhet, an auto-rickshaw driver was killed after his vehicle collided with a bus at Parua Point in Companiganj upazila yesterday morning, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Motin Mia (40), of Burideao village in the upazila.

The accident took place on the Sylhet-Bhologanj Highway around 6am.

The collision left Motin critically injured, said Sajal Kumar Kanu, officer-in-charge of Companiganj Police Station.

Later, he was taken to Companiganj Health Complex where doctors declared him dead.

After the accident, locals and other auto-rickshaw drivers blocked the Sylhet-Bhologanj Highway, halting vehicular movement for a while.

The blockade was withdrawn after Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sumon Acharya promised to take necessary steps in this regard.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Sylhet MAG Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC added.

In Munshiganj, two members of a family were killed as a sand-laden truck hit a motorcycle on the Dhaka-Mawa highway in Keyotkhiya area of Sreenagar upazila, reports the news agency.

The deceased were identified as Tuhin Shikdar (40) and his brother-in-law Badsha Hossain Mithu (50).

Md Abdul Based, OC of Hasara Highway Police Outpost said the collision between the two vehicles occurred when the truck was taking a U-turn. It left Tuhin and Badsha critically injured.

The two were rushed to a local hospital where the on-duty doctor declared them dead, said the OC.

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accused red handed and informed police.

The victim was sent to the one-stop crisis centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for tests, he added.

Meanwhile, a Habiganj court yesterday sent a youth to jail in a case filed for raping a 10th-grader in the district's Madhabpur.

Kamrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Madhabpur Police Station, said the 15-year-old girl received critical injuries and was taken to the upazila health complex, and later transferred to Habiganj Sadar Hospital.

The victim's relatives said Rubel (21), who was waiting outside the victim's house, grabbed her when she went out, forcefully took her near a paddy field and raped her on Monday night.

The victim's father said Rubel had been stalking his daughter for a long time.

Quoting doctors, he said when his daughter was taken to the hospital, she was suffering from excessive blood loss, but she is okay now.

Most slum residents kept

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inside the room, rather he goes to the alleyway and plays with garbage," she said.

Like her, 35-year-old Nazma Begum, who works as a cleaner at an RMG buying house, said whenever she stays home, she tries to keep her three sons and daughter clean. But when she is out for work, her children mingle with other kids of the area and play in the alleys. "It is difficult to maintain even a minimum level of hygiene when you live in such small and congested spaces," she said.

When asked if they use masks while going out for work, Nazma said, "I wanted to buy a mask last week, but the seller demanded Tk 50 for it, so I didn't get it."

Residents of Teigaon Baulbag slum told this correspondent that most of them were worried about the disease, even though they don't know how to prepare themselves to prevent it.

One Milon Miah was seen selling poultry with blood on his hands, while there were around fifty vegetable sellers nearby, and naked children were playing at the rail line.

Twenty-year-old Shahida said she has already bought antibacterial soap and has been washing her hands after finishing every household chore. "I'm really scared about it and trying to keep my children inside the room," she said.

Her two-year-old daughter was seen at that very moment putting a piece of stone in her mouth from the rail line.

On the other hand, Iqbal Hossain of Bannia Badh slum of Mirpur said the young population, who have access to smartphones and internet, are more aware of the virus.

"Older people, like our parents, are at most risk. But they are not aware of the virus. Most of them are completely oblivious to following the instructions," said Iqbal.

A large number of slum dwellers also believe that coronavirus is a "punishment from God" to make people "do the right thing".

"People these days don't abide by religious rules and principles. God sent coronavirus for them," said 72-year-old Md Shahjhal of Teigaon slum.

"Coronavirus won't affect the poor and we will be fine, I must say. Because Allah is with us," said Md Hridoy, a rickshaw-puller.

According to noted physician Dr ABM Abdullah, to prevent coronavirus, maintaining maximum cleanliness is key, but that is very difficult for slum-dwellers.

"Since they come in contact with a large number of people every day and live in packed shanties, they should keep their houses, hands, surroundings as clean as possible. Because, if even one person gets affected there, the situation will go out of control," he said.

"The city corporations are responsible for raising awareness. At the same time, NGOs working in the healthcare sector can conduct awareness campaigns so that they have an understanding about this," he added.

CITY AUTHORITIES NOT DOING MUCH

When contacted, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Chief Health Official Brig Gen Md Sharif Ahmed said they have started distributing leaflets at 75 wards through ward commissioners and five partner NGOs of the urban primary health care services delivery project (UPHCSDP).

"Apart from this, yard meetings are organised to raise awareness at the community level," he said.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Chief Health Official Brig Gen Md Mominur Rahman Mamun said they too have directed five partner organisations of the UPHCSDP programme to distribute leaflets at the community level.

"We sat with them last week, and this week we took updates on the work. We hope they will gradually cover all areas soon," he said.

Neither official provided details on which slums the awareness campaigns started in, or how the NGOs are implementing the programme.

However, visits to the slums and talking to residents showed that the awareness-building programmes had a long way to go before reaching them.

Two Ctg supershops

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found spraying customers with liquid disinfectant during entry.

Mohammed Ariful Islam, senior supervisor of the outlet, said they started the initiative on March 13. All store staff have been provided with masks, he added.

However, such steps were yet to be seen in other shops, Kamal Hossain, an entrepreneur, lamented.

When visiting a few other supershops, this correspondent did not see any such measures, where customers were seen entering and exiting store premises casually.

However, some staffers were seen wearing masks while serving customers.

This scenario was seen in outlets of popular supershops in Golphar Mor and Nasirabad areas.

However, Md Abdullah Al-Mamun, outlet in-charge of Agora, said they are keeping hand sanitiser bottles at the entrance and at every counter so that customers can use it.

Masud Parvez, a customer, stressed the need to take more precautionary steps at supershops, since a good number of people go there everyday.

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Corrigendum

Ref: 08.01.0000.091.53.001.19 (part-1) Date: 18/03/2020
This is to notify that SI No. 01-03: Tender Package No. 01, 02, 03 of IFT No. 08.01.0000.091.53.001.19 (part-1) published earlier at the daily Ittefaq and The Daily Star dated 26/02/2020 shall be replaced and read as follows-

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01	01	Supply, Commissioning and Installation of LAN/WAN Equipment, Transmission Network Equipment, Information Security Solution and necessary software with 3 years IT Support Service.	Amended	30/03/2020	www.nbr.gov.bd or by e-mail
02	02	Supply, Commissioning and Installation of the Data Center at Dhaka Custom House with 3 years IT Support Service.	Amended	30/03/2020	www.nbr.gov.bd or by e-mail
03	03	Supply, Commissioning and Migration of Database, Server, Storage and Related Software Development with 3 years IT Support Service.	Amended	31/03/2020	www.nbr.gov.bd or by e-mail

The other terms and conditions of the IFT shall remain unchanged.

Syed Golam Kibria
Member (Customs: Policy & ICT)

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Corrigendum : Doa Mahfil of Aftab Alam

We would like to inform all our friends, relatives and well-wishers that the Doa Mahfil of Aftab Alam scheduled to be held on Friday, 20th March, 2020 Baad Asar has been cancelled due to global situation (Corona Virus.) We request all concerned to pray for him.

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