

Fakre Alam passes away

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Fakre Alam, a poet and special correspondent of Dainik Kaler Kantho, passed away in Jashore yesterday at the age of 65.

He had been suffering from cancer for a long time. He was taken to hospital after he fell ill, where a doctor declared him dead.

Alam began his career as a journalist in 1985, and worked at various national publications. He received numerous awards and honours, including Monajit Uddin Memorial Award, Bazlur Rahman Memorial Medal and TIB Investigative Journalism Award.

He also wrote 34 books on poetry, journalism and Liberation War.

He is survived by his mother, wife, two sons and a daughter.

Alam's body was taken to Jashore Press Club around 4:30pm and kept there for fellow journalists to honour him. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Jashore district school ground, and he was buried at his family graveyard.

Irreparable

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"We have lost a valiant freedom fighter and a luminary. The nation will forever remember his invaluable contributions," she said. The prime minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family.

Speaker of the House Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, opposition leader Raushan Ershad, Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Iqbal Mahmood, a host of ministers and state ministers including Liberation War Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, Land Minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, Road Transport and Bridges Minister and Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader, Law Minister Anisul Huq, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal, Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud, Planning Minister MA Mannan and Expatriate Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad, among

others, expressed deep shock at the demise of Prof Anisuzzaman.

Different socio-cultural, professional bodies and educational institutions -- including University Grants Commission, United Nations Association of Bangladesh, Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Sector Commanders Forum (Liberation War, 1971), Chhayanaut, Forum for Secular Bangladesh and Trail of War Criminals of 1971, Sammilito Samajik Andolon, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Begum Rokeya University (Rangpur), Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik and Krishok Sramik Mukti Andolon -- also expressed their condolences.

Meanwhile, political parties including Awami League, Jatiya Party, Workers Party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Gonoforum, Bangladesh National Awami Party and Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree and distinguished personalities also expressed deep shock at the passing of Dr Anisuzzaman.

Detained

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be released in the next two weeks, Unicef said.

Welcoming the initiative, Tomoo Hozumi, Unicef representative in Bangladesh, said, "The wellbeing and protection of children must be at the centre of our response to Covid-19."

Meanwhile, several virtual children's courts are expediting the trial of children to release them from juvenile centres to avoid their possible infection with Covid-19, according to the statement.

The first-ever such court in the country began operating on Tuesday.

The Supreme Court established the courts with support from Unicef, which also provides technical support to the Department of Social Services and the juvenile centres to manage the court procedures.

Unicef said it is also working with the SC special committee on child rights and law ministry for improved justice for children, including child-friendly courts.

BSRM continues support in fight against Covid-19

CITY DESK

Steel manufacturers BSRM Group has continued to provide support throughout the country during the Covid-19 pandemic.

BSRM handed over a cheque to prime minister's relief and welfare fund last month. Dr Ahmad Kaikaus, principal secretary of Prime Minister's Office, received the cheque, said a press release.

Recently, BSRM employees contributed a day's salary to the group's fundraising programme to help those in need.

Chattogram Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mahbubur Rahman received a cheque to stand by more than 2,500 families of the port city. Additional commissioners Amena Begum, SM Mostak Ahmed Khan and Khamol Kumar Nath also received cheques.

BSRM Group also handed over another cheque to the Chattogram deputy commissioner's office. Md Kamal Hossain, ADC (general) of the office, received it. Another cheque was handed over to SM Rashidul Hoque, superintendent of Chattogram District Police.

BSRM is frequently providing high-quality personal protective equipment for medical staff of various hospitals in Dhaka and Chattogram. As part of the programme, a good number of PPE were handed over to DMP Commissioner Shaful Islam for distribution.

The company's business partners also helped it donate food for labourers. During lockdown, labourers are out of work, so they were happy to receive the support.

Dampara Police Line

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (Headquarters) of CMP Md Moinul Islam told The Daily Star, "Over 7,000 members of CMP are performing duty across the city in this critical time and as per the duty ratio, the number of Covid-19 patients is not significant."

"We have done some stratification to stop the transmission and taken some strict measures to keep the infection number low," the ADC added.

ADC Moinul said, "We are trying our best to aware our police force who live in barracks to maintain social distance and hygiene at all time."

According to CMP, six police members are in isolation unit and eight in flu corner of Dampara Police Lines Hospital, one in Chattogram Field Hospital, 34 are in CMP School, six in Mansurabad Police Lines, and 12 are in Premier University Dormitories for quarantine. Apart from that 70 police of different police stations are in quarantine.

CMP sources said a traffic police constable, aged around 50, of north division of CMP traffic barracks first tested positive last month. After the detection, CMP separated those police personnel aged over 50 from the force and stopped assigning them duty considering the high risk of infection.

In barracks, basins have been installed with soap in every floor while electric hot water pots were also set up. Apart from that egg, milk, and healthy food are distributed among 1,800 police personnel every day.

However, field level police personnel said avoiding public contact while on duty is the main challenge as more people are going out of their houses. They also alleged that the number of protective gear is not enough.

Seeking anonymity, a sergeant of traffic port zone told this correspondent, "We are provided with just two face masks, a bottle of hand sanitiser and one set of PPE for use. We personally sourced face masks, hand sanitiser and gloves to keep ourselves safe as the items provided were not enough."

A traffic constable also said that they were just provided a few masks and one set of hand gloves from the office.

The higher authorities instructed them to wear raincoats for safety but it's quite impossible to perform an eight-hour duty wearing raincoat under the scorching sun, he said.

"We heard that we will be given PPE within few days," he added. A nayek of CMP who lives in a dormitory said, "Most members of police are frightened but they are reluctant to maintain social distance inside the barracks at all times."

Mostak Ahmed, additional commissioner (traffic) of CMP said, "We have arranged protective gear for all traffic police personnel and we are distributing those."

Amir Jafar, deputy commissioner (headquarters) of CMP, told The Daily Star, "We asked the police stations' officers-in-charge to keep stations neat and clean and maintain all hygiene and distancing directives."

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and ask for whatever would be needed. Then the people delivering the products were asked to leave the goods at the entrance of the neighbourhood. We had people pick the goods from there and take them to the flats after disinfecting the packages," he said.

No outsider has been allowed in the area since, and only those who have no other choice are allowed to go outside and after they return, security guards spray disinfectants on them or their vehicles.

There are proper hand washing facilities at the gate of each building and "a disinfection tunnel" is being built at the entrance, he said.

In another part of the city, after a Buet teacher's mother tested positive on March 23, residents placed similar restrictions on the teachers' quarter near Dhakeshwari Temple on Dhaka University campus. Two others in that teacher's flat tested negative afterwards.

Since then, everyone has stayed indoors unless there is an emergency and there has been no second case in the quarter, said Prof Pran Kanai Saha, president of the residents' association.

"We are not allowing any outsiders; drivers and house staff are not allowed unless there is an emergency," he said.

For grocery and other needs, the association made arrangements similar to the ones in Tolarbag.

The residents will continue to follow the guidelines until it is safe to return to normalcy, he added.

NOT SO GOOD ELSEWHERE

On March 23, the day the two neighbourhoods imposed the restrictions, a total of 282 people from 75 areas in the capital tested positive for coronavirus.

There were 11 cases in Jatrabari, seven in Razarbagh and two in Mohakhali, 12 in Mohammadpur and three in Tejgaon.

But over the weeks, the number of positive cases went past 7,000 in Dhaka and these five areas are now hotspots in the city.

3 Meherpur

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served several notices to the owner asking to vacate the house as they were to demolish it, the report added.

Contacted, Maqbool said all the allegation were false as he did not receive any such notice from the owner and had been regularly paying the rents.

His claims, however, could not be independently verified as The Daily Star could not get hold of the house owner despite several attempts.

Yadul said he had heard about the case and he got all the supporting data to substantiate the news story in question.

Scientists

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"However, even with the seismic data there was an important missing piece of information without which the data could not be interpreted. We needed to know the seismic properties of the iron-sulfur alloy thought to make up the core of Mars."

The Insight probe is a lander that measures the planet's "vital signs" such as its "pulse" (seismology), "temperature" (heat flow), and "reflexes" (precision tracking), Nasa explains.

Previously, it has found activity of seismic quakes, called "Marsquakes", which helps identify geologic layers in the planet.

"The exploration of the deep interiors of Earth, Mars and other planets is one of the great frontiers of science," said Nishida. "It's fascinating partly because of the daunting scales involved, but also because of how we investigate them safely from the surface of the Earth."

RMG owners want

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festival bonus is equivalent to one-month basic payment," China told The Daily Star by phone.

She said as per the proposal of owners in yesterday's tripartite meeting at Srana Bhaban, a grade seven worker will get Tk 2,050 as bonus as his or her basic salary is Tk 4,100.

"We want bonus as much as basic salary of a month," China said after the meeting.

Talking to The Daily Star, Amirul Haque Amin, president of National Garment Workers Federation, said it was fully illogical that the owners were now proposing cutting of 50 percent bonus after they had curtailed 35 percent gross salary of April.

Monnujan Sufian, state minister for labour and employment, also asked the owners to pay 100 percent bonus, according to a ministry statement yesterday.

After the meeting, Mohammad Hatem, vice-president of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association, said, "This is our proposal for this Eid as our business is not going well. We are just continuing our business now. We are not making profits."

Monnujan chaired the tripartite meeting of owners, union leaders, and government high-ups.

China said the proposal of bonus payment was not finalised in the meeting as they would hold more meetings.

She added that three days' holiday for Eid in the garment sector was finalised, and payment of salary for the month of May in first 10 days of June was finalised.

Virus causing global

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ones will be infected or die from the novel coronavirus.

It also pointed to the psychological impact on vast numbers of people who have lost or are at risk of losing their livelihoods, have been separated from loved ones or have suffered under drastic lockdown orders.

Global death toll

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"HIV has not gone away -- but we have come to terms with the virus."

'SMEARING' The prospect of the disease hanging around leaves governments facing a delicate balancing act between suppressing the pathogen and getting economies up and running.

And with more gloomy forecasts emerging from the US, Trump has increasingly looked to pin the blame on China, where the virus first emerged in December.

US security agencies accused Chinese hackers of attempting to steal intellectual property related to treatments.

"China's efforts to target these sectors pose a significant threat to our nation's response to Covid-19," the FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) said, without giving evidence to support the allegations.

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL BANGLADESH
Special Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Awards 2020 on COVID-19 Response

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is inviting submissions of both print and electronic media reports for Special Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Awards on COVID-19. Winners will be awarded for the best-adjudged investigative reports on corruption in COVID-19 crisis response published or broadcast in Bangladeshi print and electronic media during March 8 to December 31, 2020.

For more information, please visit:
www.ti-bangladesh.org/sija-COVID-19

Deadline for submission: 15 January 2021

Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board
Sustainable Social Services in CHT Project
Rangamati
www.chtdb.gov.bd

Memo No. 29.31.2084.017.039.298.20-630 Date: 14-05-2020

e-Tender Notice
(Open Tendering Method)

This is to notify all concerned that the following tenders have been published through e-GP Portal.

Tender ID & Reference No.	Name of works	Publishing & closing date
ID No: 460289, 29.31.2084.017.039.298.20-630; Dated: 14/05/2020	Print and supply of different printing items i.e. Report form register file cover file board project brochure profile and other forms of the project titled Sustainable Social Services in Chittagong Hill Tracts under CHTDB Rangamati.	14-May-2020 09:00 & 31-May-2020 13:00
ID No: 460332, 29.31.2084.017.039.298.20-630; Dated: 14/05/2020	Supply of Office Stationery Items.	14-May-2020 09:00 & 31-May-2020 13:00
ID No: 460426, 29.31.2084.017.039.298.20-630; Dated: 14/05/2020	Supply and installation of IPS & IPS Battery at SSCHT Project Head Office District offices and Upazila Offices.	14-May-2020 09:00 & 31-May-2020 13:00
ID No: 460445, 29.31.2084.017.039.298.20-630; Dated: 14/05/2020	Supply learning materials for the para centers of Sustainable Social Services in CHT Project under CHTDB Rangamati.	14-May-2020 09:00 & 31-May-2020 13:00

The interested firms/persons may visit the website: (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) to get the details of the tender.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

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VACANCY
at the Embassy of Japan in Dhaka

The Embassy of Japan is seeking a qualified candidate for the following position for immediate appointment.

a) Ambassador Residence Bearer

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. EDUCATION:** H.S.C or equivalent. Education qualification could be relaxed for the experienced candidates.
- 2. AGE:** from 25 to 35 years old.
- 3. OTHER SKILLS:** Applicant should be able to communicate in English. At least 05 (Five) years experiences performing the duties of a butler or bearer. Understanding of laundry, ironing and other housekeeping. A high standard of cleanliness and hygiene. Excellent interpersonal skills and being able to work well in a team. A high standard of professionalism.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants are required to submit:

- (1) Curriculum Vitae including contact information including phone numbers, permanent and current address and e-mail addresses
- (2) 01(One) recent passport size coloured photo with the applicant's name on the back.
- (3) Photocopy of all relevant academic records and certificates.
- (4) Photocopy of National ID Card.
- (5) Nationality Certificate (Local Chairman / Commissioner).

Please indicate "Application for Residence Bearer" for on the front side of the envelope.

The deadline for the application is 27 MAY, 2020. Only short-listed candidates who pass the first screening will be notified of the date for the interview.

Embassy of Japan, Plot No. 5 & 7, Dutabash Road, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212

Govt measures to help 10 lakh

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The government has also abolished license and permit of yarn distribution to remove middlemen from the distribution system. Bangladesh Small Industry Corporation will distribute yarn directly to the weavers under a rationing system. There are 3 lakh looms in the country that meet 80 percent of the total demand.

Bangabandhu's promise to keep the price of cloth affordable for all is fulfilled by this order, says Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha. It is also hoped that this initiative will improve significantly the dilapidated condition of the 10 lakh weavers in the country.

DP DHAR CALLS ON BANGABANDHU

DP Dhar, Chairman of policy planning in the Indian external affairs ministry, today calls on Bangabandhu and submits a detailed report on the recently concluded emissary-level discussion between India and Pakistan. It is reported that they discuss wide-ranging issues, including the upcoming Indira-Bhutto summit. DP Dhar headed the Indian delegation at the Indo-Pak emissary-level meeting.

FAIR-PRICE SHOPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Bangabandhu today declares that 4,200 fair price shops will be established across

the country within a week. He makes the declaration during a meeting with Bangladesh Mahila Parishad. Earlier, the women's organisation brought out a procession demanding immediate measures to control price hikes and bring back Bangladesh stranded in Pakistan.

BRAZIL RECOGNISES BANGLADESH
Brazil today accords recognition to Bangladesh. So far, 71 countries have recognised the newly-independent Bangladesh.

The government of Spain has informed the Bangladesh foreign ministry about its decision to establish diplomatic relationships with Bangladesh.

SHORTAGE OF LIFE-SAVING DRUGS

Acute shortage of life-saving drugs in the local markets is putting lives of one crore patients at risk. The worst sufferers are tuberculosis and diabetic patients. In some cases, the prices of essential medicines have increased 100 to 200 percent. Stoppage of import, setbacks in local production, poor distribution system and market manipulation are identified as the major reasons behind such unusual price

SOURCE: May 16, 1972 issue of Dainik Bangla.


World Health Organization
Bangladesh

VACANCY NOTICE

World Health Organization (WHO) invites applications from the interested and eligible candidates for the following position under Special Service Agreement

- Immunization and Outbreaks Officer, SSA7

For further details on the terms of reference and deadline for applications, please visit our website:
<https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/employment> and
<http://www.searo.who.int/bangladesh/about/employment/en/>

Qualified female candidates are highly encouraged to apply

 WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or other tobacco users.

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Admin Section
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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of goods as mentioned in the following table:

Tender ID	Description	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time	Opening date and time
460171	Supply of Brand Laptop, Desktop Computer, Laser Printer, Scanner and UPS.	27 May 2020 17:00	31 May 2020 12:00	31 May 2020 12:00

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