

ALTRUISM EXTRAORDINAIRE



Volunteers of Quantum Foundation prepare to cremate the body of a Covid-19 victim at Mohipur in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali.

PHOTO: STAR

Volunteers of Quantum Foundation perform funeral of Covid-19 victims

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

A team of dedicated people belonging to Quantum Foundation (QF) are performing funerals of Covid-19 victims, setting a laudable example of humanity at a time when even family members sometimes become too scared to reach the deceased's body.

As of filing of this report on Wednesday, they arranged cremation of 20 bodies of non-Muslims and buried 10 others of Muslims in Barishal division.

A group of 30 volunteers of QF, including 20 from Muslim community and 10 from non-Muslim community, received training from Barishal district civil surgeon on April 7 for conducting the funeral rituals with safety measures.

The volunteers are kept ready round the clock to attend the call for burial or

cremation of anyone who died from Covid-19, said Asim Bonik, spokesman of Quantum Foundation, Barishal.

"Our team of volunteers, comprising also females, include religious persons for arranging funeral of any person of any religion who died due to Covid-19. They use personal protective equipment (PPE) and take other safety measures while conducting the funeral rituals," he added.

"Sometimes family members and well-wishers do not want to contact the body of Covid-19 victim. Then volunteers of QF go to the spot quickly and arrange the funeral. One week ago a body was lying outside Barishal cremation ground for four hours and no one came for its funeral. Then volunteers did it," said Panaj Kumar Gupta, a local businessman.

The volunteers reach the house or hospital to collect the body, following the burial directives

of the Ministry of Health, Islamic Foundation and World Health Organization, said Faisal Mahmud, organizer of Quantum Foundation's Barishal branch.

Following all health rules and Covid-19 prevention guidelines, they perform the burial or cremation according to the religious faith of the deceased, he said.

For safety during funeral, Quantum volunteers use required materials including protective gown, mask, safety gas, face shield, surgical hand gloves, heavy gloves, neck cover, gumboot, clothes for covering the body and specialized bag for carrying it, he added.

Rajibul Hasan Joy, coordinator of funeral activities of Quantum Foundation, Barishal branch, said they also use required disinfectant solutions while performing burial and cremation.

Man killed over trifling matter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man was killed in an attack by his neighbours allegedly over a trifling matter in Phulbaria upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Iman Ali, 50, a farmer, was son of late Asar Ali of Chouda Uttarpara village in the upazila.

Quoting the victim's family members and locals, police said Iman and his next door neighbour Nazmul Hossain, 20, locked in an altercation over stagnant rain water in the locality.

At one stage of altercation, Nazmul and his men swooped on Iman and beat him mercilessly around 8:00am, leaving him critically injured.

Locals took injured Iman to a hospital where the doctors declared him dead, Officer in Charge of Phulbaria Police Station Azizur Rahman.

Galarkati Bridge turns into drug den

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Galarkati Bridge on Durakuti-Chaparhat road connects two unions, Kamalabari and Chalbala, in Aditmari and Kaliganj upazilas.

Locals said the bridge lies at the border of Aditmari and Kaliganj police stations but no police personnel come to patrol the bridge area. So, it has now become a safe haven for drug users.

Contacted, the officer-in-charge (OC) of Aditmari Police Station said as the bridge lies in Kaliganj, it is not their jurisdiction.

The OC of Kaliganj Police Station said as the bridge lies in Aditmari, it is the duty of Aditmari police to patrol the area.

Nasir Uddin, a resident of the area, said local drug peddlers openly take drug under the bridge every day but nobody dared to protest against them as the peddlers take drug there with the help of some unscrupulous policemen.



Local drug peddlers openly take drug under this bridge connecting two unions of Aditmari and Kaliganj upazilas of Lalmonirhat.

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Another resident Shafiqul Islam said a large number of empty bottles of Phensidyl are seen lying scattered under the bridge every day. The area has now turned into a den of local drug addicts.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Abida Sultana said they were not aware of the matter.

Police must take immediate action against drug smugglers and users, said the SP.

Woman found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police recovered the body on an elderly woman from her house in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim, Rokeya Begum, 62, was wife of late Mohammad Sukuddi of Maharajpur Purbo Tikra village in the upazila.

Being informed by the neighbours, police recovered Rokeya's throat-slit body from her room around 1:00pm and sent it to Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Criminals might have killed her early yesterday, Officer in Charge of Sadar Police Station Ziaur Rahman said, adding that they were trying to find out the motive behind the murder and arrest the culprits.



PHOTO: QUAMRUl ISLAM RUBAIYAT

Official see entries at the checkpoint as export-import through Banglabandha land port in Tentulia upazila of Panchagarh resumed yesterday after a suspension for 79 days due to a countrywide 'lockdown' since March 25, aimed at containing the outbreak of Covid-19. The resumption of business started in compliance with 13 conditions for ensuring health and hygiene, including spraying of disinfectants on the vehicles.

EROSION OF JAMUNA

Over 300 houses disappear in few weeks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Residents of Shahjadpur and Chowhali upazilas in Sirajganj are now facing two back-to-back calamities -- first the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic and now the devastation of their homesteads and croplands by the Jamuna.

The Jamuna has turned unseasonably fierce in the last several of weeks and devoured over two hundred houses and various other structures in Kojjuri, Jalalpur and Sonatani unions of Shahjadpur upazila.

Sultan Mahamud, chairman of Jalalpur



The Jamuna has turned unseasonably fierce in the last several weeks and devoured over 200 houses and various other structures in Kojjuri, Jalalpur and Sonatani unions of Shahjadpur upazila.

Jamuna in Dakkhin Khaspukuria, Mituani, Rehail Pukuria and Charbinanai villages in the two unions is affected the most while about one and a half kilometres of a road was damaged in the area, said locals.

Abul Kahar Siddiquee, chairman of Bagutia Union Parishad, said three mosques, a school and the market in Dewanganj are now under threat of erosion.

Chowhali Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Dewan Moudud Ahmed, however, said he has reports of 25 to 30 houses being damaged already and one school and a road are under threat of erosion.

In order to stop the erosion, the Water Development Board (WDB) has taken initiative to dump sand bags in a hundred meter-long area along the river, the UNO also said.

Contacted, AKM Rafikul Islam, sub-divisional engineer of WDB in Sirajganj, said the rapid swelling up of the Jamuna ahead of the monsoon and accompanying strong winds are causing the unseasonable erosion.

"The Jamuna river never swelled up this time [of the year] so quickly. The enormous pressure of water flowing down from upstream is causing the erosion. We are dumping sand bags regularly in the affected areas. But we need permanent work for its protection," he added.

union, said Gatabari, Baoikola and Pakortola villages in the union alone saw devastation of more than a hundred houses during the period.

Sonatani Union Parishad Chairman Lutfar Rahman said over a hundred homesteads and acres of croplands have been lost to the river's unseasonable erosion in Sonatani and Koujuri unions.

In Chowhali, more than a hundred houses and acres of croplands in five villages of Khaspukuria and Bagutia unions were devoured by the river in the past several weeks.

About a four-kilometre stretch along the



Signs of devastation by the unseasonably furious Jamuna in Chowhali upazila, and Shahjadpur upazila, above, of Sirajganj.

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