

Shahriar Ripon passes away

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S A Shahriar Ripon, CEO of media house Together Communications and consultant of real estate company Sheltech (Pvt) Ltd has passed away on Saturday at Dhaka's Square Hospital.

He was suffering from prolonged carcinomic disease, according to a press release.

Ripon, hailin from a reputed family of Sherpur town, was also a life member of Bangladesh Photographic Society.

Ripon was buried at Sherpur beside his grandparents' and father's grave.

He is survived by his mother, wife, a daughter, a son, and numerous well-wishers.



LIMITING COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AT ROHINGYA CAMPS

Advance planning, joint efforts were key: speakers

UNB, Dhaka

Speakers at a virtual discussion lauded the government's advance planning and joint efforts with the UN and humanitarian partners to limit the transmission of coronavirus in the Rohingya camps, saying that this story must be heard globally.

They vowed to continue working together to keep Rohingyas and the host community safe.

CRI hosted the live discussion titled "Let's Talk on Rohingya Response and Covid-19" yesterday.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen, UNHCR Representative in Bangladesh Steven Corliss, Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) Mahbub Alam Talukder, Medical Officer and IPC focal for Leda ITC Sumaya Tasnim and Rohingya representative Jane Alam took part in the discussion moderated by Showvik Das Tamal.

Corliss appreciated the government

and the RRRC for taking decisive actions with the support from the partners in limiting people inside and outside the camps.

"Covid-19 has increased humanitarian needs," said the UNHCR representative, adding that they are making the best use of funds reducing their own cost.

Foreign Secretary Masud Momen said, "Despite constraints, we have managed Cox's Bazar quite well. This is a good story and must be shared globally."

Mahbub Alam said they have taken a coordinated approach with UN organisations and other stakeholders to deal with the Covid-19 situation in the camps.

The RRRC said five Rohingyas have so far died due to coronavirus. "The situation is not at an alarming stage... We are well prepared now."

ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

The foreign secretary said repatriation

efforts have slowed down to some extent due to coronavirus and they are trying to expedite it. The clearance operation in Rakhine State and violence created instability there, hurting confidence of Rohingyas again.

Secretary Masud said the government's key target is to repatriate Rohingyas to their place of origin in Rakhine safely.

He said the government took up the Bhasan Char plan to minimise multiple risks for the Rohingyas including landslides, trafficking and radicalisation. "I have visited Bhasan Char. All facilities are there. Even recent cyclone Amphan could not leave any impact on Bhasan Char," he said.

He said currently 306 Rohingyas, including women and children, are living there. But that doesn't mean that Rohingyas will continue to live in Bangladesh for an indefinite period. "Our main target is to repatriate them," he said.

Another five die with Covid-19 symptoms in Cumilla

UNB, Cumilla

Five people, including a woman, died with fever and cold-related problems at Cumilla Medical College Hospital in the last 24 hours until yesterday morning.

The deceased are -- Noorjahan (80) and Nuruzzaman (88) of Burichang upazila, Abdul Halim (68), of Nangolkot upazila, Tipu Sultan (46) of Sahrauli upazila, and Mosharrar Hossain (53) of Brahmanpara.

Dr Sajeda Khatun, director of CuMCH, said the five people were undergoing treatment at the hospital's intensive care unit (ICU) and Coronavirus Unit.

So far, 121 people have died at Cumilla Medical College Hospital coronavirus unit.

Among them, 62 died of coronavirus while 59 with symptoms.

According to the District Civil Surgeon Office, 3,864 people have been infected with Covid-19 in the district and 1,646 of them made full recovery.

Health authorities have so far reported 159,679 coronavirus cases and 1,997 deaths. On Friday, Bangladesh ranked 8th globally, with 26,598 new Covid-19 cases in the last seven days, according to World Health Organization (WHO).

Tauhidul Anwar Khan no more

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Former member of Indo-Bangla Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) Tauhidul Anwar Khan passed away early yesterday at Dhaka's Comfort Hospital, from kidney and heart-related complications. He was 73, said a press release.

Khan was a fellow at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh; Secretary General at Bangladesh Water Partnership; Member of Asian Regional Working Group of ICID and other organisations.

He began his career in 1970 with Bangladesh Water Development Board; followed by several key postings under the Ministry of Water Resources, he was appointed as Director General at Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO) and member at Joint Rivers Commission (JRC). He retired in 2008 and worked as a consultant for a few years.

For over 30 years, he was active in promoting Bangladesh's rights to sharing of water of common rivers with regional countries. He was buried at Jurain graveyard following Zuhr prayers yesterday.



Multiple rights, research and citizen organisations of Chattogram yesterday formed a human chain at the city's Press Club, demanding a Tk 2,000 crore allocation of budget for improving people's access to healthcare in the port city.

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DNCC fines

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houses and under-construction buildings. During the operation, DNCC mobile courts also fined owners of 18 houses and establishments Tk 2.97 lakh

The drive will continue from 10am to 1pm every day except Friday, dividing a ward into ten sectors and a sector into 10 sub-sectors.

The larvae of Aedes mosquito were found in abandoned tyres, buckets, flower tubs, bottles, water-meters, garages, broken mugs, floors, water-tanks, plastic containers, roof-drains, yogurt pots, abandoned commodes, coconut shells, broken pots, basement and spaces between two houses.

A team comprising four garbage management workers and one spray-man is taking part in the operation in each sub-sector, while 40 garbage management workers and 10 spray-men are taking part in each sector in the drive every day.

The teams are visiting different establishments, houses and under-construction sites to check breeding grounds of Aedes mosquitoes in the area.

They are also collecting pictures and addresses of houses and other establishments and phone numbers of owners if they find Aedes larvae or mosquito breeding sources there.

All data will be stored to prepare a database in monitoring the breeding sources properly afterwards, said a DNCC press release.

No arrest

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River police are investigating the case.

Contacted, Khandoker Faridul Islam, superintendent of police (Dhaka region) of River police, said they were trying but could not arrest the accused till yesterday.

"We've carried out drives at all possible places and from yesterday [Saturday] we started drives outside Dhaka," he added.

Replying to another question, he said, "We have filed a case against the Moyur-2 authorities and staffers as we preliminarily found them responsible for the incident. However, we will also look into whether another launch had a role in this."

Although the number of launch accidents has reduced lately, accidents of trawlers and other small-size vessels continue to take place while incidents of getting justice remain rare, activists said.

Ashis Kumar Dey, National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways, said two staffers of BIWTA and the shipping department were suspended and a departmental case was filed against two shipping department officials after the Pinak-6 capsized in 2014.

Owner of the Pinak-6 was also arrested

but released later, he said.

In a rare verdict, the Marine Court in Dhaka in April 2017 punished a launch company and nine of its staff as it found them guilty of causing MV Koko-4 to capsize that left 81 people killed and many more missing in November 2009.

But, the case still remains pending at higher court, Ashis said.

"Rarely, those responsible for launch capsizing get punished," he said.

He also raised questions about the fairness of the ongoing investigation as no technical person was incorporated in the ministry-formed committee. At least 153 people were killed and 84 others injured in 106 waterways' accidents in the last six months, two non-government organisations said on Saturday.

Besides, 22 people went missing in those accidents between January and June, according to National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads & Railways and Green Club of Bangladesh.

The number of accidents has increased compared to the same period last year, when 71 people were killed in 76 accidents.

Police admin

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With the increase of 215 SP rank posts, total number of SP rank posts in 2.12 lakh manpower force is now 584. Besides, the force have around 1,376 posts for assistant superintendent of police (ASP), 924 additional SPs, 105 additional deputy inspectors general (DIG), 67 DIGs, 15 additional inspectors general (grade-II), two additional inspectors general (grade-I) and an inspector general (IGP).

"If the number of post from additional DIG to additional IGP is not increased, the officials working in lower level will not get regular promotion until 2025. Around 230 SP rank posts may get vacant in the year

for retirement and promotion of present officials," a high official of PHQ said.

"Police needs at least 967 posts for SP, 394 for DIG, 293 for additional IGP (grade-II) and 46 for additional IGP (grade-I) to ensure smooth promotions," the official said, requesting anonymity.

Contacted, SM Aktaruzzaman, an additional deputy inspector general of PHQ, said they are working to increase the number of posts but the process is now stuck as everyone is busy dealing with Covid-19.

"But, we are hopeful to settle the issue after the pandemic ends as the government is very much positive for up-gradation of police force," he added.

Increased budget

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in infrastructure and neglect family planning and reproductive health section."

"Family planning, contraception, and reproductive health have played a vital role in reducing the country's maternal mortality rate, and this has significantly impacted the health of the younger generation and adolescents, who make up about one-third of the total population of Bangladesh," he said.

Although Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) on its running operational plan put adolescent and maternal health operational plan third in line in course of budget allocation (3.14 percent out of 11.32 percent) in the programme implementation plan, Shaikat, however, urges that the DGFP should create a separate budget line and operational plan for adolescent health to meet the indicators set in the National Adolescent Health Strategy and work plan.

On the other hand, Masrurul Islam, country director of Marie Stopes Bangladesh believes that instead of spending the budget hurriedly in the last moment of the fiscal year, the issue of re-adjusting the budget should be considered and there must proper monitoring from the beginning of the fiscal year.

"Marie Stopes Bangladesh has been providing technical assistance to DGFP in this regard and will continue to do so in the future. In addition

to that, public-private partnerships need to be further strengthened by ensuring the participation of NGOs in government programmes, promotion and service expansion, and improving the quality of health and family planning services by ensuring public and private service policies," Masrurul Islam said.

Dr Md Sarwar Bari, director (finance) at DGFP, however, said the directorate is satisfied with this year's budget and he's hopeful that they will be able to cover their yearly activities with this increase. Besides, DGFP is also hopeful to fulfill every target by 2022.

In addition to that, DGFP has been bringing some changes in their priorities due to the coronavirus outbreak.

"For example, this time, we are giving more attention to infection control, so that our field workers remain safe. There was a service disruption during March-April as our field workers were scared to provide services. From this month, everything is getting normal. Most of them got their personal protection equipment and are now providing their services without any major interruption," he said.

At the same time, DGFP is also bringing some changes in their activities. Since the family planning staffers are providing their services three days a week, for the rest of the working days, they are giving their products to health staffers so that people can still have access to contraceptives.

Suspended jailer

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the case to the trial court.

On June 16, same HC bench granted bail to Soheli until the ACC submits charge sheet to the trial court concerned, on a condition that he must surrender his passport to the lower court.

Later on, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court stayed the HC order of bail and asked the ACC to inform this court in a week whether the charge sheet of the case has been submitted.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan recently informed the apex court that the commission has submitted the charge sheet to the trial court concerned.

Law enforcers arrested Soheli on October 27, 2018 with over Tk 44 lakh, fixed deposit receipts worth Tk 2.5 crore and Phensedyl from Kishoreganj.

Later on, police filed two separate cases with Bhairab Railway Police Station against him on charges of money laundering and possessing drugs under the Narcotics Control Act.

The ACC conducted investigation into the money laundering case.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik represented the state on the bail petition.

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Another setback

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passengers only from Dhaka to Dubai will cause a huge loss for us. We are already in loss. We won't be able to afford further loss at this moment," he also said.

He did not elaborate further on the matter.

With the cancellations of its flights on Dubai and Abu Dhabi routes, Biman will now operate its international flight on only one route -- Dhaka-London, out of total 18 international destinations.

On Saturday, Biman said it has cancelled flight operations on all international routes till July 30 except for Dubai, Abu Dhabi and London due to global Covid-19 pandemic.

The national air carrier also said it has suspended its flight operations on the Kuala Lumpur and Singapore route till August 31.

Besides, all Manchester bound flights of the national flag carrier have also been cancelled till July 30, said Biman. 2 MORE AIRLINES GET PERMISSION

Two more foreign airlines -- Malindo Air, a Malaysian airline, and Mihin Lanka, an airline owned by the Sri Lankan government -- have got permission from the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh to resume flights from Dhaka on a limited scale.

Malindo Air got permission to operate two flights a week initially while Mihin Lanka was allowed to operate one flight a week, sources at the CAAB said.

CAAB Spokesperson Soheli Kamruzzaman said Malindo Air will be able to carry only transit passengers and those who have Malaysian residence permit from Dhaka.

Bangladeshi expatriate workers stranded in the country are not getting the opportunity to go to Malaysia and return home right now through Malindo Air.

CAAB has so far given permission to Qatar Airways, Emirates Airlines, Turkish Airlines and Air Arabia to resume flights from Dhaka on a limited scale.

After suspension of regular flight operation for around three months, CAAB gave permission to resume flight on international routes from June 16 on a limited scale, considering the Covid-19 pandemic.

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