



## Zakaria Mahmud passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khondkar Zakaria Mahmud (Bachchu), son of late Khondkar Masudar Rahman, a resident of 8 Dutabash Road, Baridhara, Dhaka, passed away at a Thai hospital on July 23. He was 74.

Zakaria, who was suffering from multiple complications related to lung cancer, breathed his last at 7:40pm local time at Bumrungrad Hospital in Bangkok, says a press release.

He was managing director of Home Creations Ltd, sponsor director and former vice chairman of NCC Bank Ltd. He was also sponsor trustee of Independent University, Bangladesh.

During his long business career, Mahmud was managing director of Subarna Trading Company Limited, a renowned trading company in Bangladesh.

Mahmud left behind his wife Yasmine Mahmud, son Farshed Mahmud, daughter Faarzein Mahmud, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren to mourn his death.

His body will be brought to Dhaka in the early hours today and his namaz-e-janaza will be held at Azad Mosque, Gulshan-2 after Asr prayers the same day. Later, he will be laid to rest at Banani Graveyard.

All his relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the janaza and pray for the eternal peace of his departed soul. During the funeral, social distancing measures will strictly be followed, and masks and hand sanitisers will be distributed to the participants.

## Poor response from buyers

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rearing them at his house for seven months.

But he could not sell any of the cattle until yesterday.

"I had to spend around Tk 1.40 lakh on an average for purchasing and rearing each of the bulls, but customers are not bidding more than Tk 1.20 lakh," said Yusuf.

Another trader Hafizur Rahman who brought seven bulls from Kushtia said the total cost of each bull would be around Tk 60,000 on an average. He too is not getting satisfactory offers from customers.

**DSCC AND DNCC MAKESHIFT**

**CATTLE MARKETS**

Sacrificial animals have been brought to some of the 16 makeshift livestock

markets, including the Dhupkhola math cattle market, but trading has not begun in these markets.

This year Dhaka South City Corporation approved 11 makeshift cattle markets while DNCC approved six, including the permanent one in Gabtoli. **ONLINE SALES START**

Many are buying sacrificial animals from various online markets, especially the Digital Haat of DNCC which was inaugurated on July 11.

Abdul Wahed Tomal, general secretary of E-Commerce Association of Bangladesh, said they have sold over 100 sacrificial animals through the online cattle market.

A customer can place an order and pay digitally from their website [www.digitalhaat.net](http://www.digitalhaat.net).

## Recovery number

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Therefore, the number of active cases is now 94,846.

Some 12,027 samples were tested in the 24 hours, Dr Nasima said, adding that 709 people were also put in isolation during the period.

The data shows 43,164 people were infected and 36,434 people recovered in the last two weeks.

Meanwhile, finding of new cases has also dropped with the decline in daily testing numbers, according to the data.

Some 88,479 samples were tested between July 11 and 17, and 21,914 people were found Covid-19 positive. Some 19,301 people were diagnosed with the disease after 84,283 samples were tested between July 18 and yesterday.

Of the 35 dead, 28 were males and seven females, and they were aged between 31 and above 100, Dr Nasima added.

Of them, 11 were from Dhaka, six each from Chattogram and Khulna, four each from Sylhet and Rangpur, three from Barishal, and one from Rajshahi divisions.

On March 8, the first three coronavirus cases were confirmed in the country. Bangladesh reported its first coronavirus death on March 18.

According to the Institute of

Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, on April 5, the country reported 18 new cases, representing a 26 percent increase from the previous day. Since then till yesterday, the day-to-day increases have exceeded by 20 percent.

Record shows Bangladesh crossed the figure of 100 confirmed cases on the 6th of April and it took only eight days to cross 1,000 cases.

On May 3, the Covid-19 cases reached 10,000, and 50,000 confirmed cases were recorded on June 1.

The Covid-19 cases jumped to 1 lakh on June 17 and crossed the grim milestone of 2 lakh on July 17.

## Iraq forces free German woman kidnapped in Baghdad: officials

AFP, Baghdad

A German woman kidnapped in Baghdad earlier this week was freed overnight, Iraqi officials said yesterday, without providing additional details.

"Security forces have freed activist Hella Mewis," Iraq's military spokesman Yahya Rasool said in a statement.

posts criticising the authorities.

"We have examined Dr Sultan's social media presence and could not observe any status that is against the government in any way. If he is being given a show-cause for what he posts, then the same should be done for all doctors -- everyone shares content like this. There can be codes of conduct but freedom of expression cannot be restricted," said Dr Nirupam Das, chief administrator of the Bangladesh Doctors Foundation.

Dr Sultan is a graduate of Faridpur Medical College.

## Bangladesh

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today at the airport that his Jakarta trip was "highly successful". Indonesia appreciated Bangladesh's position on issues like prisoners of war and Bangalees stranded in Pakistan.

Indonesia has also assured its active support for Bangladesh's entry into the UN, adds Abdus Samad Azad. Individually, the Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr Adam Malik is currently the president of the UN General Assembly.

The foreign minister further informs that Adam Malik shared the concern of Bangladesh and her people over the delay in the recognition of Bangladesh by Pakistan. He had been made to realise that the equation between POWs and stranded Bangalees in Pakistan is an absurd proposition. Abdus Samad says that Pakistan's attempts to sell the lies that there is a possibility of reunification has been rejected by all including Indonesia as "bogus". The possibility of meaningful cooperation between Bangladesh and Indonesia in the fields of trade and other economic affairs was also discussed in detail, informs the foreign minister.

*SOURCES: July 26, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.*

## UP chairman

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charge of the police station, said the union parishad was supposed to distribute rice at Tk 10 per kg among 4,083 cardholders in the union in three phases.

As the cardholders gathered at the union parishad for the last day of rice distribution on Wednesday, they were told that there was no stock.

Being informed, Bhaluka upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) went to the spot and asked the chairman and her staffer about the shortage.

In primary interrogation, the staffer confessed that they sold 200 sacks of rice (30kg per sack) to a local dealer.

The arrestees were produced before a Mymensingh court yesterday with a five-day remand prayer for the chairman, the OC said, adding that the court, however, granted a day of remand.

The court also recorded the statement of the guard under Section-164 and sent him to jail, said the OC.

## Covid-19

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said, warning that the desperation being generated could have far-reaching consequences.

"What we hear is that many people who are losing livelihoods, once the borders start opening, will feel compelled to move," he said.

"We should not be surprised if there is a massive impact on migration in the coming months and years."

More migration forced on people by desperate circumstances, he said, will result in numerous "tragedies along the way", including more deaths at sea, human trafficking and exploitation.

Chapagain also called for urgent support to help "relieve that desperation", stressing that in addition to a moral imperative to help people in need, there is a clear economic argument for helping avoid forced migration.

## About 1.3m children

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The UN agency is also "actively engaged" in supporting a comprehensive outbreak response across the country.

Weeks of torrential monsoon rains, widespread flooding and deadly landslides in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal have affected millions of children and families, the agency said.

Over four million children are currently estimated to be affected and in urgent need of life-saving support, with many millions more at risk.

"Even for a region that is all-too-familiar with the devastating impact of extreme weather, the recent heavy monsoon rains, rising floods and continued landslides are creating a perfect storm for children and families affected," said Jean Gough, Unicef regional director for South Asia.

"The Covid-19 pandemic and containment and prevention measures add an additional complication to the mix, as Covid-19 cases are accelerating in some of the affected areas," she added.

Over 700 people have died and dozens are missing across the four countries, with continuing reports of children drowning.

The Unicef said it is on the ground working in close coordination with respective governments and humanitarian partners to scale up its responses and support the immediate needs of

affected children and their families, but the response is complicated by the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated containment and prevention efforts.

Measures such as physical distancing and handwashing need to be observed in order to minimise the risk of infections among affected populations, especially those in emergency shelters.

Many areas remain inaccessible due to damage to roads, bridges, railways and airports.

The most urgent needs for children are clean water, hygiene supplies to prevent the spread of disease, food supplies and safe places in evacuation centres for children to play.

"The fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic is being compounded by climate change and extreme weather events and are arguably the biggest issues affecting children in South Asia right now," said Jean Gough.

"Immediate support, more resources and innovative programmes are urgently needed to address the challenges that these threats represent to the region's children."

In India, over six million people across Bihar, Assam, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have been affected by the floods, including an estimated 2.4 million children.

Though flooding at this period of the year is common, this widespread scale of floods during mid-July is unusual.

## Relief scarce in flood-hit

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UP chairman Moniruzzaman Monir of Gabasara, the worst hit area in Tangail's Bhuapur upazila, said 13,000 people have been affected by flood in his union.

He could distribute the 24 tons of rice he had received from the government among only one-fourth of the victims -- 2400 families each receiving 10 kg of rice.

Two other chairmen shared the same problem. However, they have already received the allocation of rice under the VGF programme.

Tangail's Deputy Commissioner Md Ataul Gani told The Daily Star that they have enough relief materials on their hands.

"As the flood may prolong till mid August, we are distributing the relief in phases and all the affected people in need were brought under the relief operations," he said.

The DC added that cooked food was distributed in the worst affected char areas of Bhuapur and special food will be given to all the poor, including flood victims.

In Lalmonirhat and Kurigram, around 4 lakh flood-hit people in the Brahmaputra, Teesta, Dharla, Dudhkumar and other river-basins are facing a food crisis.

Sahera Bewa, a flood victim from Dawabari area under Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila, said her family has been going hungry for the last few days.

"We don't have enough money to buy food. But nobody came to us with food assistance," she said.

Another flood-victim Nur Islam of the same area alleged that UP chairmen and members are giving the government's relief only to their favoured persons.

## Doctor given show-cause notice over FB

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In a recent post, which has now been removed, he wrote about the government giving fake N95 masks to healthcare personnel that might have caused doctors to get infected.

He added that a large number of doctors have already died with Covid-19 and that he himself got infected on July 1.

On his Facebook timeline, Dr Sultan routinely posts about the importance of detecting asymptomatic coronavirus cases, news about the health sector, and articles from

journals like The Lancet.

According to Government Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules-2018, which Dr Sultan is being penalised under, the grounds on which a civil servant can be penalised are "avoiding duty, ignoring orders, dishonesty, lodging false complaints, corruption, desertion and terrorism".

On April 23, Health Minister Zahid Maleque ordered health officials not to talk to the media.

Teachers, engineers and health workers have faced departmental action during the pandemic over Facebook

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Hereby JSC ASE EC notifies you on holding the open tender for the right to conclude the contract for Lot 1: "Supply of magnetite 20S" and Lot 2: "Supply of magnetite 8S" for Rooppur NPP. The documentation is published on the official procurement site of the nuclear industry <http://zakupki.rosatom.ru>, procurement No. 200722/0536/945.

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pointing in the same direction, they reported in the journal Scientific Reports. "This is a really exciting discovery," lead authors Massimo Delfino from the University of Turin and Dawid Iurino, a palaeontologist at Sapienza University in Rome, told AFP by email.

## Beijing

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"The two sides had a candid and in-depth exchange of views on the recent Sino-Indian border situation and fully affirmed the positive progress made by the front-line border defence forces of the two countries to disengage from contact and ease the situation on the ground," the Chinese foreign ministry said in a statement released yesterday evening.

The statement was referring to the 17th meeting of the India-China Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination (WMCC) on border affairs held online between senior diplomats from the two countries yesterday.

New Delhi and Beijing are closely monitoring each other's disengagement process and levels of withdrawal as both countries cautiously attempt to resolve the latest -- and the worst in decades -- crisis in bilateral ties.

China is yet to reveal the PLA's casualty figures but the Indian army lost 20 soldiers in a violent brawl between the border troops of the two countries on the night of June 15. Both sides have amassed large numbers of well-armed troops on their side.

Yesterday's statement from China said both sides "...emphasised that they will maintain bilateral military and diplomatic dialogues and consultations in accordance with the important consensus reached by the two foreign ministers and special representatives on border issues, properly handle remaining issues on the ground, and promote further cooling of the border situation."



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### WE MOURN

We are deeply shocked and grieved at the sad demise of Trustee **K Z Mahmud**, honorable Vice Chairman, ESTCDT, the founding Trust of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) who passed away on July 23, 2020 (Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilahe Rajeun). Late **K Z Mahmud** was also the Managing Director of Home Creations Ltd.

On behalf of the Education, Science, Technology & Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) and the IUB Board of Trustees, Members of the Faculty and Management, Students and Alumni; we express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to his departed soul.



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