

# 'No power can sustain through repression'

**RU to mark Student-Teacher Repression Day today**

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Today is the Student-Teacher Repression Day at Rajshahi University.

On this day 13 years ago, eight teachers, an official and 10 students of RU were arrested on charges of violence and conspiring against the state, and subsequently tortured.

The incident played a pivotal role in accelerating a democratic movement during tenure of the then caretaker government.

This year, RU authorities could not organise any commemoration programme amid the ongoing coronavirus situation. However, discussions are taking place on social media, where discussants said, "No power can avoid establishing good governance and sustain through repression."

To find out what happened on the day, its context and consequences, The Daily Star talked to Malay Bhowmick, a professor, playwright, and one of the arrested teachers.

The story began in July 2007, when RU teachers went on leave en-masse while students boycotted classes to protest arrest of then former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Bhowmick, who joined the Liberation War at age 14, had returned home on December 10, 1971. Coincidentally, he was released from jail on December 10, 2007.

"The caretaker government wanted to extend its power in various ways; Hasina's arrest was part of it. This is why the protest was necessary. But it was difficult amid the ongoing state of emergency," he said.

In August, protests against the attack on students and teachers on the playground of Dhaka University spread to RU.

On August 21, the teachers staged a silent procession on campus. Violence erupted the next day and the day after, amid which a vehicle, belonging to an intelligence agency, was set on fire. In the early hours of August 24, Prof Abdus Sobhan, then convener of a progressive teachers platform, was arrested. Prof Saidur Rahman Khan was also picked up from his house.

Bhowmick was picked up from his sister's residence in the campus in the afternoon. "As soon as they took me out of the campus, they tied my eyes with black cloth," Bhowmick said.

"We had to endure physical and mental torture that night and the next day. We were electrocuted. The next evening, the three of us were taken to a court, which was set up at night. We faced three charges: taking leave en-masse, holding the silent procession, and conspiring against the state. Nurul Islam Sarkar Aslam was our lawyer. The court granted a 10-day remand against us without really hearing out our lawyer," he added.

Three more teachers of the department of journalism and mass communication were indicted in it: Dulal Chandra Biswas, Salim Reza Newton and Abdullah Al Mamun.

A separate case was filed against Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan Sajal and Golam Sabbir Sattar Tapu, both professors of geology and mining department of the university, and a deputy registrar, Sadiqul Islam, along with 10 students. They were accused of burning the vehicle.

He said they were taken to Motihar Police Station from the court where they were kept for three days. From there, they were taken to Dhaka for interrogation. He said they were also tortured during the time.

"Two days later, we were taken back to Rajshahi. Students, teachers, and people were outraged by our arrest," he added.

In a speedy trial, Saidur Rahman and Abdus Sobhan were acquitted, but Bhowmick, Dulal Chandra Biswas, Salim Reza Newton and Abdullah Al Mamun were sentenced to two years in prison for bringing out the procession in violation of emergency rules.

However, a mass movement sparked by their arrest put pressure on the government, who started looking for a way to release them. Afterwards, the teachers' families were repeatedly pressured to appeal for their release.

Later, the then president announced a general amnesty and released the four teachers. Others were also released and removed from all charges.

The movement continued accelerating and later, the government was forced to hold general elections.

After the incidents, the RU syndicate declared August 24 the Student-Teacher Repression Day.



Road accidents are an everpresent risk on Dhaka streets, and jaywalking like this doesn't help the situation. This photo was taken from the capital's College Gate area.

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## 'PROVOKING SUICIDE' OF ARITRY ADHIKARY

# Bail of two VNSC teachers cancelled

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A Dhaka court yesterday cancelled the bail of two former teachers of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College in a case filed over provoking suicide of ninth-grader Aritry Adhikary in December 2018, as they were absent in the court without any explanation.

Judge Md Rabiul Alam of Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order, advocate Salauddin Howlader, assistant public prosecutor of the concerned court, told The Daily Star.

The accused are Nazneen Ferdous, former acting principal of the school,

and Zinat Akhtar, former morning shift in-charge. The court also issued arrest warrants against the duo.

Meanwhile, Beauty Adhikary, mother of the victim, gave her statement before the court in the case yesterday, before the court set September 23 for the next hearing.

Aritry was found hanging from the ceiling of her home in Shantinagar on December 3, 2018, hours after she and her parents were allegedly insulted by some teachers of the school.

The next day, her father Dilip Adhikary filed the case with Paltan Police Station, accusing three teachers of provoking Aritry's suicide.

Police arrested Aritry's class teacher Hasna Hena (51), hours after she was suspended, on December 5. The same day, Nazneen and Zinat were also suspended, following an education ministry order. They later got bail after surrendering before a Dhaka court.

Inspector Kazi Kamrul Islam of Detective Branch (DB) of police on March 28 last year submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court of Dhaka against Nazneen Ferdous and Zinat Akhtar.

On July 10 last year, the court framed charges against the two accused.

## Journo Abdus Shahid loses battle with coronavirus

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Abdus Shahid, joint chief news editor of private television channel NTV, passed away at a hospital in the capital yesterday, after a long battle with Covid-19.

He was 63. Shahid breathed his last around 10:45am while undergoing treatment at Sheikh Russel Gastro Liver Hospital, said Kader Gani Chowdhury, president of a faction of Dhaka Union of Journalists, reports UNB.

The journalist was admitted to Kuwait Moitre Hospital on July 27 with breathing problems and after two days tested positive. Later, he was shifted to Gastro Liver's ICU.

He is survived by his wife, son, and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He will be buried at his family graveyard in Laxmipur's Kamalnagar.

Shahid took up journalism as his career in the 1980s and worked for different newspaper and television organisations, including Dainik Dinkal, Islamic Television and NTV.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir expressed deep shock at his death.

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with industrial police, a labour organisation and Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, demanding to get their job back.

But the matter was not resolved, the protesters said.

"That's why we started this hunger strike, and we will continue it until something is done about our situation," said Shirin, one of the workers.

"We and our families are going through an incredibly hard time after factory authorities unlawfully forced us to resign," she said.

Sorwar Hossain, organising secretary (central committee) of Bangladesh Textile and Garments Workers League, told The Daily Star, "After the workers informed us of the incident, we communicated with the factory authorities, industrial police and officials of Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, but found no

solution to this issue."

Forcing workers out of jobs without prior notice is unlawful, he said.

Contacted, Anisur Rahman Rana, manager (administration) of Skyline Group, denied the workers' claims.

He told this correspondent that they did not take signatures nor collected ID cards from the workers.

"We have about 1,400 workers in the sweater section, and six of them were temporarily suspended and served show cause notice, as they were trying to disrupt the working atmosphere by protesting the authority's decision to provide five-day leave for Eid-ul-Azha," he said.

If the workers can prove their innocence, they will be reinstated, the manager told this newspaper.

Contacted, Assistant Superintendent of Police Mahmud Naser Jony of Dhaka Industrial Police-1 said they are looking into the matter.

## Diplomats

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since 1971, where he led the country to economic development before his untimely demise.

The minister stated the foundation of Bangladesh's foreign policy is built around the notion developed by Bangabandhu -- friendship to all, malice to none.

Ambassadors, high commissioners and representatives of over 40 countries joined the discussion hosted by AL International Affairs Sub Committee and moderated by special assistant to the prime minister Barrister Shah Ali Farhad.

Chairman of Jubo League Sheikh Fazle Shams Parash; Chairman of AL International Affairs Sub Committee Muhammad Zamir and AL International Affairs Secretary Dr Shammi Ahmed were also present.

A booklet titled: "The Darkest Night and Its Aftermath" was virtually unveiled during the discussion. The hard copies will be shared with all the foreign missions in Dhaka.

## Visitors scarce

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"We are trying our best to maintain health guidelines strictly," said Shahadat Hossain Shuvo, veterinary surgeon of the zoo.

"We are not allowing any visitor without face mask and are regularly announcing inside the zoo asking visitors to maintain social distancing," he added.

Contacted, Ilias Hossain, deputy commissioner of Chattogram, said they decided to open recreational centres destinations with 16 conditions on maintaining health guideline.

When asked how they decided that the outbreak situation has improved, the DC said according to statistics, there is improvement.

"Number of Covid-19 positive cases was 300-400 a day even a month ago but the number dropped down to double digit nowadays," he said.

"But we have no other way but to maintain health guidelines strictly if we want to prevent the situation from deteriorating again."

## Recruitment of Training Consultant

National Resilience Program (NRP) under Programming Division requires service of a National Consultant - Training for 80 days to be contracted by UNDP. For ToR and application procedures, please visit following link;

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The EOI must be submitted to the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh by the close of business hours on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2020** and should be in a sealed envelope to be addressed to: **Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board.**

The following documents must be submitted along with the EOI:

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03. Company Profile and Individual Directors' / Owners' Profile.
04. Memorandum and Article of Association along with Certificate of Incorporation or similar constitutional documents.
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The BCB reserves the right to cancel the entire EOI process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for EOI by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the EOI and to reject any or all offers at its sole discretion, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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### ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তি এবং নবায়নের নোটিশ

রাঙ্গামাটি পার্বত্য জেলা পরিষদে ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ঠিকাদার হিসেবে তালিকাভুক্ত হতে ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান লাইসেন্স প্রাপ্তির জন্য নির্ধারিত ছকে আবেদন করতে পারবেন এবং পুরাতন তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসেন্স নিম্নে বর্ণিত সময়সূচি অনুযায়ী ফি জমা দানকরতঃ নবায়ন করা হবে।

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**ধাপ-৩:** ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের ID Number দিতে হবে।

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(৩) ০১-১১-২০১৯খ্রিঃ হতে ১০০% জরিমানা পরিশোধপূর্বক লাইসেন্স নবায়ন করা যাবে।

(৪) ২০১৯-২০২০ অর্থ বছরের নবায়নকৃত ১ম শ্রেণী ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর সত্যায়িত কপি নবায়নের সময় অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হবে।

(৫) হালনাগাদ লাইসেন্স ব্যতীত দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করা যাবে না।

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