

Shamsul Hoque Mojumder's 12th death anniversary

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The 12th death anniversary of Alhaj Shamsul Hoque Mojumder, a retired engineer of PWD and a social worker, will be observed today, says a press release.



A doa and milad mahfil will be held after Juma prayers at several mosques in Amjadhat union under Fulgazi upazila in Feni, it added.

Shamsul Hoque Mojumder is father of BJMC Engineer Zakir Hossain Mojumder, and Frontline Communications Ltd Chairman and managing director Ferdous Alam Mojumder.

UPAZILA HEALTH COMPLEX Technologist held for giving fake Covid-19 certificates in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, KUSHTIA

Detectives claimed to have arrested a medical technologist of Kushtia's Mirpur Upazila Health Complex for providing fake coronavirus certificates.

The arrestee is Mahfuzur Rahman, police said. He was held during a raid conducted by Detective Branch of police on Wednesday afternoon. Detectives also seized a hard disk and pen drive, containing fake certificates, from Mahfuzur's office room.

Kushtia Civil Surgeon HM Anwarul Islam filed a case with Mirpur Police Station against him. Mahfuzur was following the format of Kushtia Medical College Hospital's PCR lab certificate and used his own seal on it, he said.

During interrogation, he admitted to his crime, said DB's Officer-in-Charge Aminul Islam.

The OC said the arrestee was issuing such certificates not only to people in Kushtia, but also many other districts. In most cases, he used to issue coronavirus negative certificates, the OC added.

He used to give the fake certificates to government and non-government employees and charged around Tk 2,000 to Tk 25,000 per certificate, the police official said.

Civil Surgeon Anwarul has informed higher authorities about the matter and the next step would be taken as per their instruction, he added.

Globally, one

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pre-primary to upper-secondary levels - also found that even when children had the necessary platforms, they may not be able to learn remotely due to competing factors at home.

The competing factors, Unicef said, could include pressure to do chores, being forced to work, a poor environment for learning, and lack of support in using the online or broadcast curriculum.

The report used data from 100 countries, which included access to television, radio and internet, and the availability of curriculum delivered across these platforms during school closures.

STARK INEQUALITY AMONG COUNTRIES

The report also highlighted stark inequalities across regions and within countries. Schoolchildren in sub-Saharan Africa were the worst affected, with half of all students not reached with remote learning.

Schoolchildren from the poorest households and those living in rural areas are also at high risk of missing out during closures.

Globally, 72 per cent of schoolchildren

unable to access remote learning live in their countries' poorest households. In upper-middle-income countries, schoolchildren from the poorest households account for up to 86 per cent of students unable to access remote learning.

Age groups also had an impact, with the youngest students most likely to miss out on remote learning during their most critical years of learning and development, it said.

To respond, governments should prioritise the safe re-opening of schools when they begin easing lockdown restrictions, Unicef urged, along with urgent investment to bridge the digital divide.

"When reopening is not possible, [we] urge governments to incorporate compensatory learning for lost instructional time into school continuity and reopening plans," added the UN agency.

It explained that school opening policies and practices must include expanding access to education including remote learning, especially for marginalised groups.

Alongside, education systems must be adapted and built to withstand future crises.

Two GPO staffers handed to cops over embezzlement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CIG

The authorities of General Post Office in Chattogram yesterday handed over two of its staff to police on the charge of embezzling clients' money of Tk 45 lakh.

The arrestees are Assistant Post Master-6 Nur Mohammed and Counter Operator Sarwar Alam Khan, said police.

They usually work at the savings department where clients deposit and withdraw money, said the law enforcers.

Noble Chakma, assistant commissioner (Kotwali Zone) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star, "During an internal audit, GPO authorities found that the two are involved in the embezzlement and handed them over to Kotwali police."

Police sources said Post Office Inspector Rajib Pal lodged a complaint with the police station regarding the matter.

"The law enforcers will now send it to the Anti-Corruption Commission for further legal actions," said AC Noble.

The complaint said the two detainees are directly involved in embezzlement.

India proposes

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He also told the Indian envoy that the use of Osmani airport as a transit route will be much more convenient for the residents of the northeastern states of India to travel to different countries, especially the UK.

The Indian high commissioner agreed to that.

During the meeting, she and Mahub Ali discussed ways to enhance cooperation in the development of the tourism and aviation sectors between the two countries.

Riva said the relations between Bangladesh and India are getting stronger day by day.

Mahub Ali said it is necessary to create a field of regional cooperation for the development of tourism industry in the region in the aftermath of covid-19.

"The tourism industry in the region will be able to overcome the catastrophe caused by Covid-19 through the mutual travel of people of the neighboring friendly countries. Mutual cooperation in the tourism and aviation sectors will help both the countries achieve their goals," he said.

Describing her excellent experience of traveling to the Sundarbans during her stay, Riva said Bangladesh is a country of immense potential for tourism. There is also a lot of potential for developing tourism relations between Bangladesh and India, she said.

Mahub Ali congratulated Riva on her appointment as secretary (east) of the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

Youth involvement

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But the point is what role youths can play in policymaking which is predominantly a function of the political or bureaucratic institution, Saki said. So, one question is when policymaking of a ministry is being underway, whether youths can take part in it, he added.

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, said youths constitute a larger part of Bangladesh's population.

However, the practice is that whenever there is need for doing some serious jobs or taking a decision, experienced or elderly people gets the priority, she said.

She recommended for upholding democratic values and practices among students at schools, and introducing issues like mock parliament in their curriculum to overcome the situation.

BNP reserved seat lawmaker Barrister Rumeen Farhana said one common practice in present society is that elderly people are thought to be better in decision-making because of their age and experience even they lack other qualities such as courage and honesty.

But it should be those, whether young or not, who have better virtues will be preferred for decision-making, she said.

Tanbir Hasan Shaikat, a representative of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducus), said it is important to include youths in the policymaking for future Bangladesh.

Shammy Wadud, president of United Nations Youth and Students Association of Bangladesh, said as a young female leadership, she faced challenges because the society was yet to accept such role of a woman.

The stigma could have been averted with practice and learning within family as well as at school, she said.

Chadra Tripura, a young rights activist, said it was easy for her to be included in social activities. However, to have a "meaningful" contribution in the decision-making for social work was tougher, she added.

Awami League lawmaker from reserved seat Khadizatul Anwar, Sabittre Hembram of ethnic minority community, Irfan Ahmed, a young social activist working for underprivileged children, and Minhaz Ahmed, a Dhaka University student involved in student politics, among others, addressed the discussion.

Develop

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Even before the pandemic, adolescents and youth have had limited access to relevant education, vocational and life skills learning in the camps, and the coronavirus pandemic is threatening education efforts made by agencies.

Kasmin Ara (12), a Rohingya teen living in a camp in Cox's Bazar, told Educo in an interview how her life drastically changed since the pandemic.

"Before, I used to go to a learning centre to study tailoring, how to cut and sew clothes. I really enjoy sewing, and learned many types of clothes design."

"Due to coronavirus pandemic, all learning centers were closed. I miss my friends in the tailoring centre. If the outbreak didn't happen, I would have completed my lessons and become a tailor by now," she said.

A Rohingya parent said they found a little refuge, but now what they are faced with coronavirus is terrifying.

62pc pushed

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The survey recommended that special financial packages be provided to indigenous families living in plains, mentioning names of beneficiaries.

Additionally, those who lost jobs, are facing job uncertainty or got their salaries cut should be provided a special package consisting of 50 percent grants and 50 percent long-term loans at low interest.

It also recommends providing part-time jobs for at least 10,000 youths, so they can sustain themselves for at least six to 12 months, and providing financial support to almost 5,000 beauty parlour workers who are mostly unemployed now.

Zakir Hossain -- president of Nagorik Uddyog, said indigenous people have been selling their labours and crops in advance and taking loans against high interests to cope with the crisis.

"This will also create a possible risk of further aggravation of their lands if they cannot repay the loans on time," he said.

Zakir also emphasized on ensuring long-term social security for these people and stressed on collecting upazila-wise segregated data of beneficiaries to financially help them.

Sarah Marandy -- director (social development) of Gram Bikash Kendra, a regional non-profit development organisation working in the northwest region -- also spoke at the webinar, specifically about the woes of indigenous people in the northern region.

Dr Akhlakul Ahmed's 8th death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the eighth death anniversary of Dr Akhlakul Hossain Ahmed, a Liberation War



organiser and member of the Bangladesh Constituent Assembly of 1972, said a press release. He was also a member of the erstwhile East Pakistan Provincial Assembly.

On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his Mohanganj residence in Netrakona today.

Dr Akhlakul Hossain Ahmed Memorial Trust will pay tribute at his graveyard, hold a discussion, and will distribute stipend among poor students.

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