

# MN Larma worked for a secular society: speakers

81st birth anniversary of CHT leader observed

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MN Larma struggled to establish a secular society where people from all communities would have their rights, which was the main spirit of the Liberation War, said speakers at a programme earlier this week.

The webinar was organised marking the 81st birth anniversary of Manabendra Narayan Larma.

Rashed Khan Menon, president of Bangladesh Workers Party, said MN Larma was determined to protect the Jumma People. He was the one who first raised voice against the Kaptai dam in 1960s. But he was not only vocal for Jumma people, but also for all the deprived.

Prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University said MN Larma was against any

development that caused destruction for a certain area or people.

DU teacher Robayet Ferdous said MN Larma was a great political thinker, and one could know of his political understanding reading his speeches in parliament.

Zobaida Nasreen of anthropology department at DU said the struggle of Jumma people is to protect their land, their identity; and that is what MN Larma did.

Bangladesh Adivasi Forum secretary Sanjib Drong presided over the session, conducted by Harendranath Shingh. Columnist Abu Sayeed Khan also spoke.

MN Larma took the initiative of forming Parbatya Chattogram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) in 1972 and became its founder secretary. He became an MP in 1973 and later PCJSS president.

# Colleagues bid farewell to Justice Tariq ul Hakim

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The attorney general's (AG) office and Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday offered farewell to Justice Tariq ul Hakim, a judge of Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, on his last working day in office.

Justice Tariq, who was appointed as judge at the division on September 2, will retire tomorrow, but the court has weekly holidays on Friday and Saturday.

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain presided over the virtual felicitation programme at the Appellate division's Court No-1.

Additional Attorney General Murad Reza, who is performing functions as acting the attorney general, and SCBA President Advocate AM Amin Uddin spoke at the event.

They wished a long and healthy life of Justice Tariq.

A total of 189 judges and lawyers participated in the farewell ceremony via video conferencing. Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik told The Daily Star.

Justice Tariq thanked SCBA leaders and AG office for the farewell, that too during the pandemic.

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A large number of police personnel were deployed at the compound. Top officials of Dinajpur police were also present.

Rabiul was taken in for a six-day remand on September 12, which ended yesterday. Debdas Bhattacharyya, DIG of Rangpur on September 12 claimed that Rabiul admitted to police that he was involved in the attack on UNO of Ghoraghat Wahida Khanam and her father Omar Ali Sheikh in the early hours of September 3.

Rabiul's brother Azizar Rahman claimed that police picked up Rabiul, his brothers and wife from his house at around 1am on September 10, and took them somewhere to interrogate.

Rabiul was shown arrested in the case on September 12.

Md Siddik, father-in-law of Rabiul, said that police took away two hammers from his home during a raid on the same day.

On the other hand, UNOs of all 13 upazilas of Dinajpur got a letter from the Deputy Commissioner's office of Dinajpur

recently, notifying them that Rabiul Islam has been fired from his job on September 1, a day before the attack on Wahida.

The letters reached to all the UNOs offices in the last couple of days.

Mahmudul Alam, DC of Dinajpur, did not receive phone calls for comments.

Rabiul was suspended in early January after he was accused of stealing money from the purse of the UNO, which he returned.

After the attack on the UNO, Rab of Rangpur arrested Asadul Haq -- a Jubo League leader of Ghoraghat, Nabiul Islam and Santu Biswas. Later, in a press briefing at Rab headquarters in Rangpur, Commander Reza Ahmed Ferdous claimed that the arrested persons were involved in the attack over a burglary attempt.

The case was then handed over to DB.

DB police took Asadul Haq, Nabirul Islam and Santu Biswas in seven-day remand. They were sent to Dinajpur jail on completion of remand.

Three witnesses in the case have so far testified before the court under section 164.

# Pandemic

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Data also shows significant disruptions to essential health services for women and children, with many children missing out on crucial vaccinations.

The 2020 Human Capital Index also presents a decade-long view of the evolution of human capital outcomes from 2010 through 2020, finding improvements across all regions, where data are available, and across all income levels.

These were largely due to improvements in health, reflected in better child and adult survival rates and reduced stunting, as well as an increase in school enrollment. This progress is now at risk due to the global pandemic.

The World Bank Group is working closely with governments to develop long-term solutions to protect and invest in people during and after the pandemic, said the release.

In Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, and Nepal, the World Bank is supporting the development of school safety and hygiene protocols while working with Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene teams to provide basic sanitation and hygiene supplies.

It will be deploying up to \$160 billion in financial support over 15 months to help more than 100 countries protect the poor and vulnerable, support businesses, and bolster economic recovery.

This includes \$50 billion of new IDA resources through grants and highly concessional loans.

BARISHAL CITY CORPORATION

# Four fined Tk 65 lakh for violating building codes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

The Barisal City Corporation authorities have fined four people Tk 64,97,280 in total for constructing multi-storey residential and commercial buildings in violation of BCC plan.

The individuals were given letters to deposit the amount within the next seven working days, confirmed Belayet Hossain Bablu, in-charge of BCC's Public Relations Department, yesterday.

On information that the four were erecting high-rises violating building codes, BCC summoned them to its office on Wednesday, said Belayet.

During the hearing, they were fined as they could not show documents relating to BCC approval, the official said.

Aziz Rahim of MA Jalil Road was fined Tk 25,45,712 for constructing a 14-storey residential and commercial building in Nobogram Road area; Rejin-ul-Kabir was fined Tk 11,83,952 for erecting a 10-storey residential building in the same area; Tk 4,8,992 fine was imposed on Bidhan Majumdar from Kalish Chandra Road area for constructing a 9-storey residential building; and Tk 22,80,724 was fined to Md Abdul Hai for erecting a 15-storey residential and commercial building in C&B Road area.

# Ferry services

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were facing disruption over the last couple of months due to strong currents and navigability crisis.

The problem has been intensifying over time thanks to continuous sedimentation, said BIWTA officials.

Amid such a situation, the authorities were forced to shut down the services on September 3. It resumed on September 11, but ferries were facing difficulties while plying.

Because of the suspension, vehicles specially goods-laden trucks remained stranded at Shimulia Ghat, said Helal Uddin, traffic inspector at the berthing point.

Many transport operators -- who already knew about the suspension -- are using alternative ferry route, said Helal, adding that many individuals -- who don't have private vehicles -- have to cross the river through launches or speed boats from the ghat.

Meanwhile, more than 500 goods-laden trucks got stuck at Paturia Ghat as the flow of vehicles intensified on Paturia-Daulatdia ferry route. Paturia point is located in Manikganj while Daulatdia in Rajbari.

Due to suspension on Shimulia-Kathalbari route, a huge number of vehicles are preferring Paturia-Daulatdia route, creating a long tailback, said Khandoker Tanvir Hossain, assistant general manager (commerce) of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) Aricha Regional Office.

[Our correspondent from Manikganj and a correspondent from Munshiganj contributed to the story]

# Hijras to be

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often moving, it will be a challenge to include each of them in the census," said Nasima Begum, chairperson of National Human Rights Commission.

"Self-acceptance is important for every person, and that is why the Hijra population should include itself in the national census willingly. For this, everyone from the society should come forward along with family members of Hijras," she said.

She also proposed that people who will work on recording data for the census should be trained and oriented well on the Hijras' issues. Bandhu, with help from BBS, can play a role to train field-level workers.

With support from National Human Rights Commission, Bandhu is working with BBS to include Hijra people as a separate gender in the national census since 2018.

Habibur Rahman, deputy inspector general of police, said this is a big achievement for this population, after getting Hijra gender recognition.

If the exact number of the Hijra population can be determined, it will be easier to work for improving their quality of life, he said.

The presented guests in consultation meeting agreed that including Hijra as a gender in the census will be a milestone to achieve Sustainable Development Goal for the government.

# Number of

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Flights on four other routes -- Jashore, Cox's Bazar, Barishal and Rajshahi -- were resumed by late July.

From March 16, the government suspended passenger flight operations till June 16 with all countries, except for China, to contain the transmission of Covid-19 in Bangladesh. From June 16, flight operations on international routes resumed on a limited scale.

Talking to this newspaper, Kamrul Islam, general manager (public relations), US-Bangla Airlines, said in June they had only a handful of passengers on different routes.

"But from late July, we had 50 percent passengers on different routes when we were allowed to load 75 percent of the total seats," said the airline's spokesperson.

With the resumption of flight on Cox's Bazar route from late July and the government's decision to re-open hotels, motels and resorts in August, the number of air passengers increased further, Kamrul also said.

"In August, the load factor was around 80 percent on different routes specially on Cox's Bazar destination," said Kamrul Islam. "We had resumed our operations on three domestic routes with around seven flights,

but now we are operating around 41 flights each day on seven domestic routes," he added.

In normal times, the load factor of aircraft remains at 70-80 percent, according to different airlines.

CAAB Chairman Mafidur Rahman said strict safety measures maintained by air operators and CAAB's overseeing, helped boost passengers' confidence to travel by air. Novo Air, another local air operator, said passengers load factor increased by 10 to 12 percent in August compared to July.

"After easing the restrictions, the number of passengers are increasing on different routes specially on Cox's Bazar," said Mahfuzul Alam, senior manager, marketing and sales, Novo Air.

The carrier resumed its operations with seven flights on three routes on June 1 which now increased to 21 flights each day on seven routes, said Mahfuzul.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the national flag carrier, also increased its flight on domestic routes from August. Biman at first suspended domestic flights a day after it resumed on June 1 due to a lack of passengers.

The national airline is now operating domestic flights on all seven routes.

# Raisul Haq Bahar's 2nd death anniv

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Today is the

second death anniversary of freedom fighter and journalist

AKM Raisul Haq Bahar.

On this day in 2018, Raisul died from sudden cardiac arrest at age 66.

During the Liberation War, Bahar was a guerilla commander and led many operations in Chattogram. A former accountant of Chattogram Port, Bahar started his career in journalism with local daily Sebok in the '80s.

He was Chattogram bureau chief of The Daily Star and also served as assistant editor at Daily Suprabhat Bangladesh.



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