

BNP leader AKM Mosharraf laid to rest

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Former state minister and BNP leader AKM Mosharraf Hossain was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Kandigaon village in Mymensingh yesterday.

The BNP leader breathed his last around 8:31pm on Saturday at a hospital in Dhaka. He was 83.

The former president of Mymensingh district BNP (south) had long been suffering from different ailments before being diagnosed with Covid-19.

Party leaders and activists paid tribute when his body was taken to his residence in the city's Gangadas Guha Road yesterday.

Mosharraf was elected MP from Mymensingh-5 (Muktatgachha) in 1996 and 2001. He was also the state minister for energy and mineral resources during the BNP regime.

President of Mohammedan Sporting Club in Mymensingh, Mosharraf was also involved with many educational institutions and socio-cultural organisations.



To protest alleged vote manipulation of Dhaka-5 by-polls, supporters of BNP's Salahuddin Ahmed, who contested in the election, took to the street on Saturday in front of Jatiya Press Club.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

EC deceived

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Awami League-backed candidates were unofficially elected in the by-polls as per the results announced by the returning officers concerned.

Turning down the election results, Fakhruddin alleged that the

EC declared the Awami League candidates as winners by making fake results with EVMs. "We demand re-election by cancelling the elections and results."

He also announced a two-day programme to press home their

party's demand.

As per the programmes, the party leaders and activists will hold rallies in all cities and district towns today. The party's all thana and upazila units will also hold similar programmes tomorrow.

New e-mentoring initiative launched for Covid-19 doctors

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US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl Miller and Acting Mission Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh, John Allelo, yesterday inaugurated an e-mentoring initiative for doctors fighting on the frontlines of the Covid-19 pandemic. USAID, in collaboration with Save the Children, has partnered with a University of New Mexico platform for the initiative, said Save the Children in a statement.

The initiative aims to enhance capacity of Bangladeshi doctors to manage Covid-19 cases through learning and sharing with clinical experts in Bangladesh and in the United States, the statement added.

USAID, through its MaMoni Maternal and Newborn Care Strengthening Project implemented by Save the Children, has partnered with University of New Mexico's Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcome) to come up with the programme that is expected to benefit nearly 4,000 doctors.

Speaking at the event, US Ambassador Miller said he was proud that the US is part of this innovative initiative that will strengthen Bangladesh's health system's capacity to manage Covid-19 cases in health care facilities.

For the programme, Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) have been selected as mentor institutes, and about 40 public and private hospitals have been selected as learner hospitals.

The learner hospitals will present their Covid-19 patients and case findings to professors of medicine at the mentor institutes and learn from them through knowledge sharing and coaching. This will cover nearly 1,000 doctors directly, while an additional 3,000 doctors are expected to indirectly benefit from these interactive learning sessions.

Prof Dr ABM Khurshid Alam, Director General of Directorate General of Health Services, spoke at the event.

No bar

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Attorney General AM Amin Uddin, lawyers Murad Reza and Md Asaduzzaman appeared for the TV channels.

The HC on May 6 last year declared sponsoring of TV news and headlines illegal and also said broadcast of sponsored news and headlines cannot continue after August 31 last year.

Delivering verdict on a petition, the HC also observed that sponsored TV news and headlines may not be unbiased, and therefore, people's right to information will be denied.

The HC bench of Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury and Justice Sashanka Shekhar Sarkar had come up with the verdict following a petition filed by MA Matin, a retired teacher of Government Laboratory High School, challenging the legality of sponsored news and headlines on TV.

Matin filed the petition with the HC in October 2011, saying that most TV channels never run news that go against the interests of organisations or persons paying them to air advertisements. People's right to information is thus denied, the petition added.

No mask

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than 20 devotees will be allowed inside a mandap at a time and they will have to maintain at least three-foot distance from each other."

Some mandaps, including Ramkrishna Mission, have instructed devotees to perform some rituals of the puja virtually rather than crowding the mandaps, said Shyamal Palit.

"The Chattol Mahashakti Sarbojanin Durga Puja Udjapon Committee in Dewanjee Pukur Par will telecast the festival live from the venue for four days through cable TV," he added.

Meanwhile, some puja udjapon committee leaders were not happy over a decision to not deploy police and ansar members permanently at the mandaps.

"A total of five police personnel and five ansar members used to be continuously deployed at each mandap in the past, but this year the administration have decided otherwise," said Chandan.

"In our meeting with the commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, I have expressed my concern over the security issue."

Contacted, CMP Commissioner Saleh Mohammad Tanvir said they took the decision due to the pandemic. However, CMP will deploy a sufficient number of mobile teams to thwart any untoward situation, he said.

But Chandan said this might not turn out to be that helpful, since it is difficult for patrol teams to rush to remote areas after gleaning information of untoward incidents.

"There are many remote areas in the district where it takes hours for the law enforcers to reach. This is why we are asking for permanent deployment," he said.

Apart from the security concerns though, Shyamal said he is satisfied with the overall preparations taken by the administration surrounding the festival.

"A total of 500kg of rice has been given to each mandap from the government," he said.

The waste

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Meanwhile, the Department of Environment (DoE) Deputy Director Abdus Salam said they had recommended to the DoE headquarters to take disciplinary actions as the city corporation did not comply with their repeated notifications in this regard.

The city authorities were summoned in late September when the waste management officer denied dumping of garbage beside the highway, alleged the DoE official.

He said they have assigned an enforcement officer who will inspect the situation and report back soon.

The Gazipur waste management officer refuted the allegation.

Asked about health hazard, Md Khalilur Rahman, director of Gazipur Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital, said it is obvious that such unhygienic waste disposal is a major threat to public health. "If you are exposed to waste, you will suffer from diarrhoea, typhoid and jaundice," he said.

On the other hand, clinical waste contains toxic chemicals, radioactive elements and pathological substances which are harmful for human body, said the director.

Infected with airborne germs, people will suffer from respiratory problems and allergies, he added. "If such a situation continues unabated, like in the case of Baimail, the diseases may become chronic."

Baimail resident Anjali Das said most of her family members were already suffering from such diseases. "Besides, the place has



Truckloads of garbage await to be dumped openly right beside Dhaka-Tangail highway at Gazipur's Baimail with required steps to dispose of those being violated. The city corporation has been continuing this malpractice for eight years, causing a huge health and environmental degradation. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

also become a breeding ground for various insects, including mosquito.

Noni Mohon Sarkar, another resident, said, "Whenever any VIP travels through the road, the administration tries to hide the garbage by temporarily setting up a tin fence."

Contacted, Gazipur City Corporation Chief Executive Officer Mostafizur Rahman admitted that they have been dumping waste there since the city corporation was established in 2013.

"We are seeking land from individuals to

different organisations for a landfill, but to no avail," he said. "Waste can be managed properly only when a landfill is ensured," added the CEO. City corporation's Additional Chief Engineer Akbar Hossain echoed the same.

When asked what official process they are following to acquire or purchase land for a landfill, he told this correspondent to talk to the mayor.

Asked, Mayor Jahangir Alam said, "We are still looking for a place."

When this correspondent wanted to

know the details, the mayor declined to comment, saying, "Talk to the waste manager."

He did not respond to repeated phone calls by this newspaper afterwards.

Waste Management Officer Sohrab Hossain, however, said he is not the right person to talk about the land issue. "I am barely a service holder."

When asked if they had informed the LGRD ministry of the problem, he said, "We didn't feel the need as we ourselves are trying to resolve the issue."

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Rayhan's family

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The district administration allowed the exhumation following an appeal by Kotwali police SI Abdul Baten, the case's investigation officer.

The autopsy report was handed over to PBI on Saturday night.

Surveillance cameras at Bandarbaraz police outpost show Rayhan being brought in around 3:09am on October 10 in normal condition. He was seen being taken to Osmani Medical College Hospital at 6:24am and he died around 7:50am on October 11.

"His organs were damaged due to hypovolemic shock and neurogenic shock," said Dr Shamsul, adding, "The actual reason will be known after getting a viscera report."

PBI is currently investigating the case at the instructions of the Police Headquarters. Sylhet Metropolitan Police has handed over the case documents to PBI.

Rayhan (33), a resident of the city's Neharipara area, died at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital at 7:50am on October 11, around an hour after he was admitted there by police.

After allegations arose of torture inside Bandarbaraz police outpost, an internal probe body of police was formed, which initially found involvement of the outpost's police personnel.

Four personnel, including the outpost in-charge, were suspended and three others were withdrawn from the outpost. But the prime suspect, Bandarbaraz police outpost's in-charge SI Akber is still on the run.

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