

Bangabandhu

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country into "Golden Bengal" as he was assassinated on August 15, 1975, his dream is being fulfilled now as his daughter is alive.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal MP Hasanul Haq Inu said Bangabandhu is a flag, a country, a movement, a revolution, a history, a poet of politics, and a great hero of history. "Bangabandhu is the world's sharpest politician and a strategist. He turned every Bangalee into a Mujib," added Inu, also the president of JSD.

Harunur Rashid of BNP from Chapainawabganj-3 said Bangabandhu did not disrespect and ridicule any opposition leader.

"I have no hesitation in saying that we must show respect and dignity for our national leaders. It is quite natural that there will be many errors in one's life. It is also natural that there will be mistakes in running the country."

The legislator said no one denies the long 20-year struggle of Bangabandhu. "There is no way to deny it."

Harun said Bangabandhu did the right thing on March 25, 1971. "If Bangabandhu had fled and taken refuge in India, the international community would have called him a separatist leader. Bangabandhu understood it."

He also said, "We should have taken an initiative to repair the state in Mujib Borsho. Today, corruption has become institutionalised across the country and rape has taken a terrible turn. There is a great lack of good governance."

Opposition Chief Whip Moshir Rahman Ranga said the then chiefs of the Rakkhi Bahini, army, and law enforcement agencies should be held accountable for the killing of Bangabandhu.

"The killing of Bangabandhu was a terrible incident in history. The whole nation was orphaned through this killing. Although the killers were tried, the conspirators behind the killing were not brought to justice."

Ranga said there would be no space for Razakars, members of the anti-Bangladesh paramilitary force organised by the Pakistan occupation army in East Pakistan in 1971, in parliament and elsewhere in the country.

AL lawmakers Zahid Maleque, Nasrul Hamid, Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, AFM Ruhul Haque, AKM Bahauddin, Iqbalur Rahim and Suborna Mustafa and Jatiya Party's Shamim Haider Patwari and Pir Fazlur Rahman, among others, also took part in the discussion.

Remains

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The University of Portsmouth student said while the pieces did resemble shark spines, there were key differences that allowed them to be distinguished.

"One such feature are tiny little holes where nerves come to the surface and are used for sensitive feeding by the pterosaurs," Smith said.

"Shark fin spines do not have these, but the early palaeontologists clearly missed these features."

"Two of the specimens discovered can be identified as a pterosaur called Ornithostoma, but one additional specimen is clearly distinct and represents a new species. It is a palaeontological mystery."



Resident kisses a relative through a plastic sheet installed in a special 'hug room' organised to keep both parties safe from novel coronavirus infection, at a care home in Castelfranco Veneto, Italy. Photo was taken on Wednesday.

PM to lay foundation stone on Nov 29

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cost of Tk 9,734 crore and the project was scheduled to be completed within December 2023.

The project's cost has gone up to Tk 16,781 crore from Tk 9,734 crore and the current deadline is December 2025.

Costs of two main work packages saw a huge rise after the detailed design was made in September 2018. Besides, costs of land acquisition, land lease and building a museum were also included in the project, causing a jump in the total cost.

Increased VAT and customs duties were also responsible for the cost escalation, documents obtained by The Daily Star show.

A joint venture of Obayashi Corporation, TOA Corporation and JFE would construct the eastern part of the bridge while another joint venture of the IHI and SMCC will work on the western part, officials said.

All are Japanese companies. The project has signed deals with the contractors on April 5 and they have formally commenced work on August 10, they said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was supposed to lay the foundation stone of the project in March but it deferred due to Covid-19 pandemic, they added.

RAIL PANI IS DRINKABLE
Bangladesh Railway (BR) will resume selling its bottled water brand "Rail Pani" from November 15 after three tests found it to be drinkable.

Nurul Islam Sujan made the announcement at the press conference.

The railway authorities last month decided to suspend selling of the product as media was critical about the quality of the product.

Sujan said following media reports about the quality of the water, they sent its samples to Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (BSTI), Buet and icddr, b for tests. As per their reports, the water is drinkable.

On August 13, BR and Shyamoli Food and Beverage signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

Meanwhile, the minister said BR will resume food service in trains from November 15 after more than seven months.

BR suspended food service in late March when the halted operation of passenger's trains to contain spread of Covid-19 pandemic. Although, the authority started resumption of passenger's train service from June but food service remained suspended.

Asked about Prime Minister Office (PMO) directives to cut cost of two China-funded railways projects, Sujan said they would drop some additional structures from the projects. He hoped the changes would not make major delay in project implementation.

As per the PMO's directive, railways have to reduce Tk 3,354.31 crore cost from the project for converting metre-gauge rail line to dual-gauge line between Akhaura and Sylhet, which is 20.8 percent of the total project cost.

For upgrading the Joydebpur-Ishwardi dual-gauge line to dual-gauge double line, Tk 1,495.52 crore cost has to be slashed. The amount is 12.91 percent of the total project cost.

Railways Ministry's Secretary Salim Reza, BR's Director General Md Shamsuzzaman and Bangabandhu Rail Bridge Project Director Md Quamrul Ahsan, also spoke the press conference.

Vaccine drive gathers steam

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The AstraZeneca vaccine, co-developed by Oxford University, is the most advanced in human testing in India, Serum said, adding that the company and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) will pursue "early availability" of the shot in India.

Meanwhile, the European Union expressed hope that it could start vaccinating people against the novel coronavirus within months, as Italy recorded more than one million cases and Britain said its death toll has surpassed the 50,000 mark.

The head of the European Centre

for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Andrea Ammon, told AFP that a vaccination programme could be kicked off "optimistically (in the) first quarter next year, but I can't be more precise," as trials in both the US and Russia suggested that vaccines currently in the final stages of testing were so far proving very effective.

A vaccine is seen as the best chance to break the cycle of deadly virus surges and severe restrictions across much of the world since Covid-19 first emerged in China late last year and ballooned into a pandemic.

So the announcement by US pharma giant Pfizer on Monday that a vaccine it is developing with Germany's BioNTech is 90 percent effective has sparked a wave of optimism across the globe that the pandemic might soon be brought under control.

And the news Wednesday that Russia's own Sputnik V vaccine was 92 percent effective fuelled another rally on the world's stock markets.

Nevertheless, the small glimmer of hope is not yet enough to eclipse the grim statistics still being recorded all across the globe.

Missing JnU student faked

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Officials learnt that she went into hiding after they, on November 2, arrested Niranjan Baral, 50, a leader of the World Hindu Struggle Committee, Jamil said.

Niranjan Baral was arrested on charges of falsely claiming on Facebook that missing JnU student Tithy was "rescued from the third floor of the CID office in Malibagh with her hands and legs tied".

Officers gave reporters a screenshot of Niranjan's post.

"Niranjan Baral's false and misleading Facebook status and Tithy's going into hiding are pre-planned and connected incidents... These were done to create anarchy in the country," Jamil said.

Tithy was placed on a one-day remand yesterday in a case filed under the Digital Security Act on November 2 with Paltan Police Station over making "derogatory" comments about religion on Facebook.

Another case is being filed against Tithy and Shiplu, the official informed.

The DIG said investigators will also look into whether any other party or people are involved in the matter.

Tithy's family members told journalists earlier that she went missing on the morning of October 25 after leaving her Pallabi home for the local police station. Her elder sister Srity Rani Sarker filed a missing person's report with Pallabi Police Station on October 27.

Tithy was suspended from the university on October 26 as well as from her post as the office secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Odhikar Parishad's JnU unit on October 23.

Some screenshots of Tithy Sarker's Facebook posts and comments that allegedly hurt religious sentiments went viral on social media that day.

On the same day, Tithy filed a general diary with Pallabi Police Station, stating that her Facebook account had been hacked.

Libyans to debate powers of transitional government

AFP, Tunis

Libyans at UN-led talks were to discuss the powers of a proposed transitional government yesterday, the UN said, as it steps up efforts to end years of conflict in the country.

The meetings in neighbouring Tunisia have produced a preliminary roadmap for "organising free, fair, inclusive and credible presidential and parliamentary elections," interim UN envoy Stephanie Williams told journalists on Wednesday evening.

The talks, between 75 delegates selected by the UN to represent existing institutions and the diversity of Libyan society, take place in parallel with talks between former rival military delegations inside the country to fill in the details of a key October ceasefire deal.

Oil-rich Libya has been gripped by chaos since the 2011 ouster and killing of longtime dictator Moamer Kadhafi, with rival administrations in the east and west vying for power.

Another Mind Aid director

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Hospital, where he was undergoing treatment for paralysis.

The 10 arrested staffers of the hospital are each on a seven-day remand.

Police said the hospital was being run without clearance and licence from related government departments. The facility was closed by police on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, expressing grave concern over the death of the senior ASP following the assault by hospital employees, Jahangirnagar University BCS Officers' Forum (JUBOF) yesterday demanded proper legal action against those responsible.

"Brutality in the name of medical treatment by Mind Aid Hospital authorities is not acceptable at all... The country lost a meritorious officer," read the statement signed by JUBOF President Monowar Ahmed, secretary of Economic Relations Division at Ministry of Finance and the organisation's General Secretary Md Abdul Ahad, deputy commissioner (DB) of DMP.

Anisul's father Faijuddin Ahmed filed the case with Adabor Police Station on Tuesday, accusing 15 people, including the five directors of the hospital, over murdering his

35-year-old son.

According to family members, Anisul had been suffering from mental stress. He kept quiet for three to four days before being admitted to the hospital in the capital's Adabor area on Monday.

Analysing the CCTV footage of the hospital, it was seen that Anisul was dragged into a soundproof room by several staffers and thrown to the ground by six employees.

Two more employees dressed in blue grabbed his leg and two others hit him with their elbow. Hospital staffer Arif was present all the while. Anisul's hands were tied behind his back with a piece of blue cloth.

There were no doctors at the soundproof room, police said.

The Tejaon DC termed the incident an 'obvious murder'.

Anisul, appointed as a police officer in the 31st special BCS, was working for Barishal Metropolitan Police (traffic). Earlier, he had served the DMP, Rapid Action Battalion, and the Police Headquarters.

He was the father of a four-year-old child.

Anisul was a 33rd-batch student of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Jahangirnagar University.

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Memo No. ZPManik/e Tender/02/2020/806

Date: 11/11/2020

e-Tender Notice No. 03/2020-2021 (LTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works packages:

Tender ID	Package No.	Name of Scheme
513269	e-GP/ZPM/2020-21/03/REV/W-01	Improvement of road from Akter Chairman House to Hutu Fokir Graveyard (Ch 00-119m) by HBB on Daulatpur Bus Stand to Cholkmirpur R&H Road under Daulatpur Upazila, Dist. Manikganj.
513292	e-GP/ZPM/2020-21/03/REV/W-02	Improvement of road from Ghior Kiron Shop to Lal Mia Shop (Ch. 00-146m) by R.C.C & Construction of 10m Drain with road near Arun Saha by R.C.C at Ghior Bazar under Ghior Upazila, Dist. Manikganj.
513311	e-GP/ZPM/2020-21/03/REV/W-03	Improvement of road from Jhitka Mukul Chairman Shop to Anwar Shop by R.C.C under Harirampur Upazila, Dist. Manikganj.
513614	e-GP/ZPM/2020-21/03/OWN/G-01	Supplying of Sewing Machine Distribution among the poor women at 7 (seven) Upazila, Manikganj to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary (Mujib year) of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

This is online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited through online from any registered banks branches up to 16.00pm on 01-12-2020. Publication date & time 12:00am on 16-11-2020. Last date and time for tender security submission 12.00am on 02-12-2020. Tender closing date & time 13.00pm on 02-12-2020. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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He did not demean

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administration, handed its report to Deputy Commissioner Md Abu Jafor yesterday morning. The report was prepared after the committee sat seven times and took oral and written statements from about 50 people in Burimari area.

The committee, headed by Additional District Magistrate TMA Momin, was formed a day after a mob murdered Jewel over demeaning the Holy Quran inside a mosque in Burimari. The other two members are Additional Superintendent of Police Rabiul Islam and Deputy Director of Fire Service Saidul Islam.

Talking to reporters after submitting the report, Momin said, "We have not found any evidence that the Holy Quran was desecrated in the Burimari incident. It was just a rumour. The rumour spread and as a result, the mob killed Jewel."

"Our investigation has revealed in-depth information on the incident. We've mentioned everything in the report, but can't disclose much here."

The DC told reporters that he received the report, which would be sent to the ministries concerned for necessary action against the perpetrators.

Jewel was a former librarian of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College and a former student of Dhaka University. At least 31 people have so far been arrested over the incident.

Govt to build

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meetings are unscheduled.

BIG PURCHASE OF JUTE BY INDIA

India will purchase huge quantities of raw jute from Bangladesh within July 1973. An agreement for the purchase of raw jute from Bangladesh is likely to be signed tomorrow. According to an informed source, India will initially purchase two lakh bales of raw jute from Bangladesh. The Indo-Bangladesh trade accord provides for the export of seven lakh bales of raw jute from Bangladesh on barter trade against imports from India. In India there are about 61 jute mills which are currently facing a shortage in the supply of raw jute.

RECOGNITION BY NICARAGUA

The Government of Nicaragua today accords formal recognition to Bangladesh as a sovereign and independent state. This brings the number of countries that have accorded recognition to Bangladesh to 94.

SOURCES: November 14, 1972 issues of *Bangladesh Observer*, *Dainik Bangla* and *Dainik Ittefaq*.

State Dept blocking world

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victory, saying that "there will be a smooth transition to a second Trump administration," igniting a furor and roiling diplomats.

Biden is also being blocked from getting the same intelligence briefings as the president, known as the President's Daily Brief, and should the Trump administration continue to block a typical transition close to Inauguration Day on January 20, there are concerns Biden's administration will be playing catch-up the day he takes office.



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Re-Tender: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Hiring Consulting Firm (National)

- Name of procuring entity : GCF RPSP Project Implementation Unit, Sustainable Finance Department, Bangladesh Bank.
- Expression of Interest (EOI) : Selection of Consulting Firm.
- EOI Ref. No. & Date : SFD(GBMS)/1003/6/2/2020-1975 Date: 11/11/2020
- Procurement sub-method : Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
- Budget and source of funds : Foreign Grant.
- Project title : Up scaling regulatory landscape of Green Banking for Shariah Based Banks and Financial Institutions in Bangladesh.
- Assignment title : Hiring Consulting Firm (National) for Preparation and Commission of the Policy Guidelines for Sustainable Finance for Shariah Based Banks and Financial Institutions.
- EOI closing date and time : 01/12/2020 at 3.00pm.
- Brief description of the assignment : Bangladesh Bank (BB) has received financing from Green Climate Fund (GCF) to implement a policy framework or a white paper on Shariah based green financing. To carry out the project successfully, consultancy service is needed to prepare green banking and green financing guidelines for Shariah based banks and financial institutions.
- Qualifications and experience : The firm should have at least five (05) years experience in the relevant type of services mentioned above. Firm will engage financial sector specialists and climate finance specialists to perform the said services.
- Other details : Expected term of the assignment is twenty (20) months. The prospective consulting firm shall submit all supporting documents in BB website (<https://etender.bb.org.bd>) or through e-mail stated below. Interested candidates may obtain "Terms of Reference (ToR)" from the website of Bangladesh Bank (<https://www.bb.org.bd/aboutus/tenders/tenders.php>). Application/proposal will not be accepted after EOI closing time.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

- Name of the official inviting EOI : Khondkar Morshed Millat.
- Designation of the official inviting EOI : General Manager (Project Director).
- Address of the official inviting EOI : GCF RPSP Project Implementation Unit, Sustainable Finance Department, 19th Floor, 2nd Annex Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
- Contact details of the official inviting EOI : Phone: 9530320, Fax: 9530327.

This Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) is in compliance with relevant government rules and regulations e.g. Public Procurement Rules 2008. By responding to this EOI, consultant firms are conforming to those rules and regulations. The procuring entity reserves all right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

The details EOI and ToR are available at BB website (<https://www.bb.org.bd/aboutus/tenders/tenders.php>).

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