

MA Rab's 45th death anniversary today

City Desk

Today is the 45th death anniversary of Majr Gen (retd) MA Rab, Bir Uttam, chief of staff of Liberation Forces and first honorary managing director of "Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust", says a press release. Relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Jashore DC, SP

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Shaheen filed a general diary with Jashore Kotwali Police Station after he was asked to pay Tk 50,000.

"I received a phone call from an unknown number around 1:30pm on Thursday. The caller introduced himself as Major Zia and said he was the leader of Sarbahara Party," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

"The caller said they needed a huge amount of money for the release of some of their activists from jail. He asked me to pay Tk 50,000. He threatened to kill my wife and children if I did not pay him."

Shaheen then informed the SP about the incident and filed the GD.

Talking to this correspondent, DC Mohammad Tamizul Islam Khan, SP Muhammad Ashraf Hossain, Additional Deputy Commissioner (overall) Mohammad Rafiqul Hasan, Additional Deputy Commissioner (revenue) Ahmed Ziaur Rahman, Jashore Sadar Upazila Health Officer Mir Abu, Chougachha Upazila Health Officer Lutfun Nahar and Keshabpur Upazila Health Officer Mohammad Alamgir also said extortionists identifying themselves as "Sarbahara Party" members demanded each of them pay Tk 50,000 to Tk 50 lakh either via phone calls or text messages.

The DC said, "I received a text message on my official mobile number around 1:40pm on Thursday. It said they would kill my family members if I did not pay them Tk 50 lakh."

The officials said the text messages include some numbers via which they were asked to transfer money using apps.

Asked, Jashore SP Muhammad Ashraf Hossain said there was nothing in Bangladesh which goes by the name of "Sarbahara Party".

"It does not exist anymore. Those demanding the money are some criminals or extortionists. The matter is very serious. We are investigating thoroughly," he added.



Military vehicles of the Russian peacekeeping forces drive along a road near Lachin in the region of Nagorno-Karabakh, yesterday. Russia is deploying almost 2,000 troops along with tanks and other armoured vehicles to secure a truce agreed this week after a six-week war over the ethnic Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan and surrounding areas in which Turkey-backed Azeri forces captured swathes of territory.

PHOTO: REUTERS

China says removal of Hong Kong lawmakers was 'right medicine'

AFP, Beijing

The ousting of four pro-democracy lawmakers from Hong Kong's legislature was "the right medicine" for the city, China said, telling foreign governments the issue was none of their business.

Fifteen politicians vowed to quit in anger after their colleagues were removed on national security grounds by the Beijing-appointed chief executive, boosting fears that the room for dissent in Hong Kong is shrinking.

Millions of Hong Kongers took to the streets last year in months of disruptive protests over ebbing freedoms. Demonstrations were stamped out by the pandemic and a swingeing new law that made certain opinions illegal overnight.

The expulsions this week were "the right medicine that will start a new chapter in ensuring smooth operation" of Hong Kong's legislature, said China's foreign ministry in Hong Kong in a statement dated Thursday.

"The decision is intended to guarantee normal operation of governing bodies... and better ensure Hong Kong is governed by Hong Kong people with a high degree of autonomy," it said.

Britain -- which handed Hong Kong back to China in 1997 -- summoned China's ambassador in London on Thursday, accusing

Beijing of breaking international treaty obligations that guaranteed the financial hub special status and a high degree of autonomy.

London has increasingly locked horns with China since Beijing imposed a sweeping national security law on Hong Kong this year.

The European Union urged the "immediate reinstatement" of the lawmakers, and Canada said their ousting had the effect of "eroding human rights in Hong Kong".

China pushed back at the criticism, telling a "handful of foreign politicians to grasp the trend of the times, keep their hands off China's internal affairs, stop meddling with Hong Kong affairs in any form, and avoid going further down the wrong path."

London has already angered Beijing by offering Hong Kongers holding British National Overseas passports a route to UK citizenship by relaxing entry and residency requirements.

Hong Kong's leader is chosen by pro-Beijing committees, but half of the legislature's 70 seats are directly elected, offering the city's 7.5 million residents a rare chance to have their voices heard at the ballot box.

The expulsions and resignations will leave just two legislators outside the pro-Beijing camp, both of them unaligned with either bloc.

Ex-AL MP Mohammad Ali passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Prof Mohammad Ali, former lawmaker of Cox's Bazar-4 constituency, died at Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital early yesterday. He was 76.

He left behind his wife, three sons, and a daughter.

Mohammad Ali, also president of Teknaf upazila unit of Awami League, had been suffering from various old-age related diseases, said his son Rashed Mohammad Ali, chairman of Hila Union Parishad in the upazila.

Mohammad Ali started his career as a college teacher. Later, he got involved in politics. He was elected the union parishad chairman five times. He was elected lawmaker from AL in 1996.

Mohammad Ali was buried at his family graveyard following a namaz-e-janaza on Hila Dargah C&B ground.

'No evidence'

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Mr Biden declared he is the winner".

With most Republican lawmakers having yet to acknowledge Biden's win, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, the chamber's top Democrat, accused them Thursday of "denying reality" and "auditioning for profiles in cowardice."

"Instead of working to pull the country back together so that we can fight our common enemy Covid-19, Republicans in Congress are spreading conspiracy theories, denying reality and poisoning the well of our democracy," he said.

Senior US federal and state election officials meanwhile in a statement rejected Trump's claims of fraud, saying that "the November 3rd election was the most secure in American history."

The statement was issued by the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council, a public-private umbrella group under the primary federal election security body, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Turkmenistan

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pedestal, joins another on a different major junction, also coated in gold, of President Kurbanguly Berdimukhamedov himself, seated on a horse.

Dogs and horses are sources of national pride in the isolated desert nation, where they are widely used by the many traditional herders among the population of six million, which largely depends on revenues from natural gas reserves.

Berdymukhamedov has run the tightly-controlled former Soviet republic since 2007 and is unofficially known as Arkadag, or protector. He has praised the Alabai, or Central Asian shepherd dog, as national heritage and written a book as well as a poem about them. He gave Putin an Alabai puppy in 2017.

The large, stocky breed is known as wolf crusher for its prowess in guarding sheep and goats and is also used to guard homes and for dog fights, a popular entertainment in Turkmenistan.

US cities again roll

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including bars and restaurants, should close at 10 pm.

Also launching new restrictions is Greece, which began a nighttime curfew yesterday after its leader said the country had been overwhelmed by a "tsunami" of infections.

New York was the early epicenter of America's coronavirus pandemic, but hotspots have since popped up across the country, leaving practically no region in the US unaffected.

On Thursday, America's third biggest city, Chicago, issued a new stay-at-home advisory, with the mayor calling on its 2.7 million people to scrap Thanksgiving plans and avoid travel.

"Every single one of us needs to step up and 'Protect Chicago' right now, or 2020 could go from bad to worse," said a note on the city's website.

More than 1,000 people are dying every day from Covid-19 in the US, according to data from the Covid Tracking Project.

In embattled North Dakota, the governor has authorized Covid-19

positive medics who do not have symptoms to keep working in virus wards.

The world received a dose of much-needed hope this week when US drug giant Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech said their vaccine was 90 percent effective.

Top US government scientist Anthony Fauci welcomed the news Thursday, saying that the "cavalry" was on its way, but warned people not to let mask wearing, distancing and other measures slip.

Speaking to a London think-tank by video-link, the world-leading expert on infectious diseases said another vaccine is "literally on the threshold of being announced," a comment widely interpreted to mean one developed by US biotech firm Moderna.

But the vaccines will not arrive in time to prevent tens of thousands more deaths.

In Greece the number of daily cases has doubled in the last two weeks to almost 3,000 and the government is facing accusations of "criminal negligence" by the opposition for its response to the crisis.

Bulgaria will study

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their implementation on a long-term basis. A joint communique is issued today simultaneously from Dhaka and Sofia on the conclusion of a three-day visit to Bulgaria by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad. It is also agreed that a team of Bulgarian experts will visit Bangladesh soon to this effect.

The two countries, according to the communique, agree that it is in their mutual interest to establish an all-round and closer cooperation in various fields and conclude appropriate agreements.

SOVIET AID FOR OIL EXPLORATION DISCUSSED

The possibility of increased Soviet assistance in exploration of oil and

gas and cooperation in other fields is discussed in Dhaka today when USSR Envoy Popov calls on Dr Mafiz Chowdhury, minister for natural resources and scientific affairs.

FIRST BATCH OF BANGLAEEES RETURNS

First batch of 80 Bangalees all of whom had gone to Pakistan during the occupation regime last year for tablig, arrive in Dhaka from Lahore on an International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) plane. The second batch of similar number of Bangalees is expected to arrive on November 16, 1972.

SOURCES: November 15, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

104 Bangladeshi RMG

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to Bangladeshi mission to Ethiopia, said the embassy is continuously monitoring the situation.

"We are giving necessary instructions to the officials of Bangladesh embassy in Ethiopia to relocate the trapped workers. We are trying to relocate them to a safe zone at the earliest," he added.

Aljazeera reported that an escalating conflict in Ethiopia's restive Tigray region has killed hundreds of people.

The flare-up in the northern region bordering Eritrea and Sudan has raised fears of civil war in Africa's second-most populous nation where ethnic conflict has killed hundreds since 2018.

The United Nations have warned that aid agencies are unable to restock food, health and other emergency supplies in the region which may trigger a refugee crisis.

The DBL authority is concerned as the food stock is depleting. "That is why we are requesting the Bangladesh government to take immediate steps to relocate them to safe places," Jabbar added.

DBL Group, a leading apparel exporter, has set up a knitwear factory in Ethiopia, encouraged by duty benefits for exports from the African nation to the US markets. The factory began operation in 2018.

Bangladesh does not enjoy a duty benefit from the US as the American government suspended its generalised system of preferences in June 2013.

DBL, which produces items from yarn to garments, has 38,000 workers in different factories in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is the second largest apparel supplier worldwide after China.

"Our country director to Ethiopia got special permission to communicate with us from the regional TV stations that have internet connection," Jabbar said.

Amnesty International in a statement said "scores and probably hundreds" of civilians have been massacred in Tigray in northern Ethiopia.

Rajshahi cop

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police official went to the victim's parents' house and raped her, the statement added.

The victim came to Rajshahi on November 10 and pressurised the accused to marry her but he beat her badly and asked her to keep the day's experience a secret.

The Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Nature directed Rab-5 of Rajshahi to investigate the allegations and report to the court.

Plot for Sale
A south-facing 5,000 katha plot at Sector-04, Uttara. Near Park, Airport, Railway Station, Rab Battalion, School, Collage. Mosque, is ready for sale.
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Burimari mosque muezzin arrested

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to death by a mob after the spread of a rumour, later discredited, that Jewel had disrespected the Holy Quran at the mosque.

With Afiz's arrest, police have so far arrested 33 people over this incident, the police official said.

Trump bans investment in firms that aid China's military

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order banning Americans from investing in Chinese firms deemed to be supplying or supporting Beijing's military and security apparatus, earning a sharp rebuke from China.

The order listed 31 companies Thursday it said China was using for the "increasing exploitation" of US investment capital to fund military and intelligence services, including the development and deployment of weapons of mass destruction.

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Tender Notice (OTM) for Non Consulting Service

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) invites sealed bids from the interested firms for selection of cleaning service provider for cleaning of PKSF Bhaban & its Premises at Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.

The detailed 'Tender Document' is obtainable from the office of the undersigned during office hours (9.00 am to 4.30 pm) from 15/11/2020 to 29/11/2020 on cash payment of a non-refundable amount of BDT 500/- (BDT. Five hundred) only.

Tender should be dropped in the tender box at the office of PKSF by 2.30 pm on or before 30/11/2020. Tender security (refundable) of BDT 1,00,000/- (BDT. One lakh) in favour of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation issued from any schedule bank of Bangladesh will also be submitted along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order. Detail notice is available on PKSF website (www.pksf-bd.org).

PKSF reserves all rights to accept or reject any or all tender documents without showing any reason whatsoever.

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Applications are invited for full-time positions in the following areas:

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For details and to download the **Application Form**, please visit: <http://www.iub.edu.bd/jobs>
Fill it in and email it to: hrdept@iub.edu.bd by **November 28, 2020**
Only online **Application Forms** will be acceptable

Abul Khair Carrier Limited
13, Dilkusha C/A
Dhaka

Tender Notice

1) Application of tender are invited from the bona-fide Local/International qualified salvaging firms for the salvage and removal of wreck of M.V.TITU-18 with the following terms and conditions:

a) Invitation of Tender (Ref No.)	: AKCL/Tender/2020/01 dated 14 th November 2020
b) Scope of Work	: Salvage and removal of wreck "On No Cure No Pay basis" of M.V.TITU-18 to entire satisfaction of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority and require a certificate of completion of works issued by BIWTA to the owner.
c) Location of Sunk	: At position 22° 05' 70N Latitude and 91° 31' 43E Longitude, Sandip Channel Chattogram.
d) Start of sell of Tender Schedule	: November 14, 2020 at 10.00 hrs.
e) Last date of selling tender form	: November 28, 2020 at 12.00 hrs.
f) Date of dropping and opening tender	: November 29, 2020 at 12.00 hrs.
g) Currency	: Local (BDT)
h) Price of tender form	: BDT : 5,000.00 (Non refundable)

2) Tender forms are available at Abul Khair Carrier Limited 13, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka or Abul Khair Group, D.T.Road, Pahartali, Chattogram.

3) Name of contact persons: Manager, River Transport Department, Abul Khair Carrier Limited 13, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka or Abul Khair Group, D.T.Road, Pahartali Chattogram.

4) Tender Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without any reason thereof.

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