

# 123rd birth anniv of Manorama Basu Masima observed

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The 123rd birth anniversary of women’s rights icon Manorama Basu Masima was observed in Barishal yesterday. Manorama Basu Smriti Trust and Mahila Parishad Barishal held a discussion and a cultural event marking the day in front of Matri Mandir Government Primary School in Barishal city. Manorama founded the school at her own residence in 1973. Before that, she established ‘Matri Mandir’, an organisation to rehabilitate destitute women in 1933-34. A devoted social worker, Manorama, later famous as ‘Masima’ (maternal aunt), founded a host of other social organisations and collectives. Some of these include Mohila Attorakkha Samity, Nari Kallyan Bhaban, Mukul Milon Khelaghar, Palli Unnyan Amrita Pathagar. She was also involved in politics, and was sent to jail during both the anti-British Swadeshi Movement and in the Pakistan period. She was a member of the Communist Party and formed the Soviet Shurid Samity in 1932. She remained active in progressive socio-cultural and political movements till she died in October 16, 1986. Speakers and participants at yesterday’s session asked everyone to remember her legacy and take her stories to the youth. Later, Udichi Barishal district unit performed ‘Gonosangeet’ as a tribute.

## Improve

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However, these deaths fail to reach the headlines, in part because they predominately occur in poorer communities, the document says. In light of this, WaterAid demands urgent action from governments and the international community to increase investment in sanitation services.

## Won’t

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“We harbour a culture of complaining. But, look at these youths who chose not to complain. Rather, they are harnessing their merit and giving their best to solve problems they observed in society. Instead of pinning their hope on someone else, they came forward to advancing the country through their leadership,” he added. “Those who are awarded here and those not -- I congratulate you both. This is because the dream Bangabandhu dreamt of was to take the country forward. You carried out that task,” he further said. “When we see the death toll due to the coronavirus, it is quite high in many developed countries, [but] the death toll in our country is low. Not a single death is expected, though!... They didn’t pay heed to their doctors’ advice. We did,” he added. Observing that the country’s economic growth is still on the rise despite the pandemic, the PM’s ICT advisor said, “Many developed countries suffered significant economic losses. But we are still progressing owing to the leadership.” Joy Bangla Youth Award has been awarded to 30 youth-led organisations that turned around lives and brought about positive changes to the country and society. Sajeeb Wazed Joy, the son of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, announced the award-winning organisations through a virtual ceremony launched by Young Bangla, the youth front of ruling Awami League’s research wing CRI. CRI Trustee Nasrul Hamid attended the virtual session, conducted by Dr Nuzhat Choudhury. Certificates, crests, and laptops will be dispatched to the awardees. Apart from them, top nominees will also receive certificates.

## 691 complaints

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An officer of the desk said they work round the clock in shifts. “We are getting most of the complaints through Facebook. In the last two days, we have also received around 250 calls,” said the officer. The official further said they often need to provide counseling to complainants. On Tuesday night, a person called and started crying. “She was badly shaken up and said she was a victim of cyber bullying.” “We assured her that we are beside her and there’s nothing to worry about. We took the details and communicated with the local police station to provide her legal support. We are trying to solve the issues as early as possible... If any investigation is needed, it may need a week or two to resolve the matter.” Presently, two assistant superintendents of police are leading the cell’s activities. Stationed at the Police Headquarters, under the supervision of the Lawful Interception Cell, the wing consisted of has 12 full-time personnel.

## Job market

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Arfanul said employers have to apply directly to Italian authorities by submitting worker’s passport number, name, address and other details. The embassy has plans to collect employers’ list once this year’s recruitment is done, he said, adding this will help create link between Bangladeshi workers and prospective Italian employers in future. Workers’ recruitment from Bangladesh under the process remained suspended after 2012, he further said. **MINISTRY URGES WORKERS TO AVOID SYNDICATION** Meanwhile in a release sent to media, the expatriates’ welfare ministry yesterday urged job-seeking Bangladeshi workers to avoid any syndication and restrain from making illegal payments while securing seasonal and non-seasonal Italian visas. The ministry said it has learned from different sources that a syndicate has been active to lure job-seeking Bangladeshis, and urged potential migrants to abide by rules and regulations set by the Italy government. Wishing anonymity, an embassy official said the embassy has received information that some job-seeking Bangladeshis were trying to get a “contract” per visa of Tk 14 lakh to Tk 15 lakh. He said under a seasonal visa, a Bangladeshi worker will be able to stay in Italy for nine months while a non-seasonal visa-holder will get the opportunity to work for two years. Validity of non-seasonal visa can be extended in future, he said, raising concerns that paying high amount of money would make Bangladeshi workers stay in the country illegally after visa expiry. This could portray Bangladesh’s image negatively, he added. Rules and Regulations According to ministry release, to recruit a worker, an Italian employer has to apply via a designated email to a local government body, mentioning details of the migrant worker, to get a no-objection certificate. Once the employer gets it, he will send it to the potential migrant in Bangladesh. Later, the migrant has to apply for visa at the Italian embassy in Dhaka along with the no-objection certificate. Upon obtaining the visa, the worker will fly to Italy and sign in his employment agreement at the Prefettura.

## 26th death anniv of ATM Walie Ashraf

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Today is the 26th death anniversary of ATM Walie Ashraf, freedom fighter and former member of parliament from Brahmanbaria-6. To mark the day, milad and doa mahfils will be held at his Mayakanan residence and grave in Bancharampur of Brahmanbaria. Walie was a political leader, social worker and journalist, who worked for BBC and was founder editor of Bengali weekly Janomot. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.



## Plastic

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Barisal Launch Owners Association. In the last two weeks, two launches got stuck near the port due to siltation, he informed. This is a cause for alarm for citizens of Barishal, environmentalists, and government officials alike. Rafiqul Alam, Divisional Coordinator Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa), said the accumulating waste has become a threat to navigability of the river port area, and the situation will only get worse if steps aren’t taken immediately. Md Kamruzzaman Sarkar, acting director of the Environment Department, Barishal Divisional Office, said, “This is not just a local problem, it has spread to every region. If everyone were more aware and responsible, all of this could’ve been avoided.”

## Power

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Grid Company Bangladesh (PGCB) told The Daily Star that the power supply to all other upazilas in Sylhet and Sunamganj under Palli Bidyut were restored earlier on Tuesday night through alternative sub-stations. “In the grid substation, the fire blazed at the 33KV feeder line, then to one transformer of BPDB and one of PGCB. Then one control board of the station exploded”, he said describing the incident. Meanwhile, two probe committees -- one of PGCB and another of BPDB -- were formed on Tuesday. Due to the power crisis, services at hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres have been disrupted. “The small health care establishments are not being able to provide services due to the power outage. Larger ones are also suffering to provide uninterrupted services”, said Dr Naseem Hossain, president of the owners association of private hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres in Sylhet. Moreover, thousands of people have been suffering from crisis of water and other related services due to the power outage. Alauddin Ahmed, a resident of Dakshin Sumra area said, “Due to the outage, we suffered most as Mobile phones had no charge, internet connection were disrupted and most importantly -- no water in house”. Zaheda Akter, of the area, said, “Frozen foods are also perishing due to this extended power cut. Candles become scarce in the shops and we had to buy water from sellers moving with drums of water in van”.

Ali Akbar, executive engineer of Sylhet City Corporation (water distribution), said, “We are not being able to supply the demand of eight crore litres per day. People will keep suffering until the power connection is restored completely”.

## ‘Stop arms race’

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Bangabandhu says there is no problem which could not be resolved peacefully through negotiation. Then why is this absurd race for arms and why is strife overtaking the world? He regrets that the big powers are making bombs on the one hand and shedding crocodile tears for peace on the other. He is doubtful whether these powers genuinely love humanity and want world peace. If they really did so, how could they use science to build war machinery when the teeming millions of the world are hungry and shelter-less, he asks. The prime minister expresses anxiety about imperialists disturbing the peace in Africa, Middle East and South East Asia. He regrets that the small nations are being used as pawns in big power politics. He observes that Bangladesh is an underdeveloped country in Asia and greatly needs peace. **BANGABANDHU GREETES INDIRA** Bangabandhu today sends a message of “warm personal felicitations” to the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on the occasion of her birthday. “May the friendship between India and Bangladesh to, which your contribution has been historic, last forever,” reads the message. *SOURCES: November 20, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.*

## Govt to buy 40 lakh MRPs for expatriate

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handing over e-passports to Bangladeshi expatriates, they need to set up machines at relevant offices abroad. “Due to the Covid-19 situation, we are not getting approvals from many countries regarding setting up of machines. On the other hand, passports of many Bangladeshis are going to expire and they need to renew these.” “So, we are procuring these MRP books,” he added. Saidur said they are sending 8,000-9,000 MRPs abroad every day to meet the demand of expatriates, most of whom are migrant workers. He said they cannot switch over to e-passport from MRP directly as e-passport needs more biometric information. He added that they along with the foreign ministry are trying to get permissions from respective countries regarding setting up of machines to hand over e-passports to Bangladeshi expatriates. Saidur said they are distributing e-passports from 64 passport offices across the country, except three hill districts and Cox’s Bazar. On January 22 this year, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina launched the e-passport and e-gate services at a ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. There will be an embedded microprocessor chip that will contain all information of the passport holders, including their photos, fingerprints and scans of their iris. So far, 118 countries have already introduced the e-passport, making Bangladesh the 119th country in the world to introduce e-passport.

## Trump fires US election security chief

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Krebs was in charge of fending off possible foreign and domestic hacker intrusions into myriad voting, sorting and counting machines, as well as databases and other systems that states and localities rely on to tally ballots. Senator Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said: “Chris Krebs is an extraordinary public servant and exactly the person Americans want protecting the security of our elections. It speaks volumes that the president chose to fire him simply for telling the truth.” Republican senator Richard Burr, who until recently was chairman of the same committee, said Krebs and his team “worked diligently to strengthen our election infrastructure, helping to shore up vulnerabilities and build trust between State and Federal Governments.”

## Govt officials outnumber politicians

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Reporters Unity (DRU) in the capital. He said many government officials have houses in Toronto and their children are studying there. Such a situation is not only there in Canada, but also in Malaysia, he added. Momen said it is difficult to get information. He said what they see in media reports on siphoning off thousands of crores of taka are not fully true considering the figure. Some foreign countries were also responsible to some extent in this regard, he said, adding that Switzerland does not give the government information on who is depositing money in their banks. DRU President Rafiqul Islam Azad and General Secretary Reaz Chowdhury also spoke at the programme.

## Robot


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Robovie’s deployment is a trial that started last week and will run at least through the end of the month. It will be extended according to the situation, ATR said. With around 120,000 reported coronavirus cases and close to 2,000 deaths, Japan has weathered the pandemic better than many nations, and people are mostly compliant with requests to wear masks. But authorities are calling for vigilance after a resurgence in cases as the weather gets colder and people spend more time indoors.

## Europe sees

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decline of 10 percent in weekly cases. At the same time though, more than 29,000 new Covid-19 deaths were registered across Europe -- an 18 percent jump from the previous week, it said. The Americas, which is the second worst-hit region, meanwhile continued to show surging numbers of cases and a hike in deaths from the novel coronavirus.

## Schoolgirl

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home from her tutor’s house. All of a sudden, Mashiur intercepted her way and forcibly took her to a roadside bamboo bush in the foggy morning and raped her, the OC said, quoting the girl. As she kept screaming, some locals rescued her, but the alleged rapist managed to flee. She was later sent to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital for medical examinations, he added. Her father filed a rape case against Mashiur with Kaliganj Police Station. Talking to The Daily Star, he demanded capital punishment for the accused. “Police are conducting drives to arrest Mashiur,” said the OC.



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**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited from experienced and reputed suppliers for the works of Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 500 sets Close Circuit Televisions (CCTVs) with 04 Ch. DVR, 02/03 Cameras and 4/6TB HDD with all other accessories (all complete) for proposed 500 ATM/CRM Booths of the Bank throughout the country under the following terms and conditions:

The intending Bidders have to apply in their letter head pad for purchasing Tender Document. Tender Schedule will be issued on payment of Tk.5,000/- (Five thousand) only in cash (non refundable) from November 22, 2020 to December 1, 2020 only. Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 2.00 PM on December 2, 2020 and only the Technical Offers will be opened on the same date at 2:10 PM in presence of Tenderers or their representative(s) who may like to attend at the time of tender opening. Detailed information regarding purchasing of Tender Document is available in the Tender Notice at Bank’s website [www.islamibankbd.com](http://www.islamibankbd.com) or in the form of hard copy at the office of the undersigned.

**Executive Vice President**

**TENDER NOTICE**

Ref: NGOF/AAR Japan/Phase III/Cox's/ITB/2020-02

NGO Forum for Public Health has undertaken a project named "WaSH & Protection Services for the Vulnerable Communities in Teknaf at Cox's Bazar" funded by AAR Japan. NGOF Cox's Bazar Project Office Invites open tender for "Maintenance & Repair of School Latrine in Teknaf at Cox's Bazar".

The interested and bona fide contractors/firms are invited to collect ITB from Cox's Bazar Project Office, Flat#A4 (1st Floor), Plot#71, Sayeman pink pearl, Block-A, Hotel-Motel Zone, Kolatoli Road, Cox's Bazar and Quotation to be submitted in same address as per the following schedule:

ITB Collection	Bid submission last date
22nd to 26th November 2020 by 10:00am	26th November 2020 by before 2:00pm

The trade license enclosure must be shown at the time of receiving the ITB.  
Note: Hard copy of bids with proper document in sealed envelopes only will be accepted.



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**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

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**Extension of Tender Closing Date**  
**(Tender Package No. ER/I&C/ATG/01/2020)**

This notification is in continuation of the tender floated on September 22, 2020 for “**Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Auto Gauging System of 37 Tanks at Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL)**” (Invitation Ref. No. 28.25.0000.027.07.001.20; Tender Package No. ER/I&C/ATG/01/2020). The Tender Closing Date and Time was November 23, 2020 at BST 15.00 hrs. However, due to the request for extension of tender closing date by most of the bidders, the Closing Date and Time has been extended to December 09, 2020 at BST 15.00 hrs. New Tender Last Selling Date will be on December 08, 2020 and Tender Opening Date and Time will be on December 09, 2020 at BST 15.15 hrs. All other information regarding the tender will remain unchanged.  
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