

2 Bangladeshis awarded for saving life of a boy

UNB, London

Two Bangladeshi expatriates have been awarded for saving the life of a white boy in London recently risking their own lives.

Restaurant workers Sheikh Selim and Anwar Khan saved the life of a 12-year-old boy, Diego, from an insane killer, Alistair Crowley, who was earlier sentenced to life term in jail.

Both Selim and Anwar are employees of Sartaz Bulti House restaurant in mid-London area.

Metropolitan police awarded Selim and Anwar for their bravery while Mayor Roger Robinson of Camden announced letters of appreciation for them.

The MP of St Penn Kings, Frank Dobson, also praised the two youths for their heroic efforts.

Sources said Selim rushed out of the restaurant to save two boys when he saw a man beating them mercilessly. By the time Selim reached the spot, one of the boys -

- Pinor Villar, 15, brother of Diego -- was stabbed to death.

Selim wrestled with the killer for some time to save the other boy and managed to take away the knife from the man's hand. But in the process Selim received several stab wounds.

When Anwar noticed it, he rushed to the aid of his co-worker. Two of them ultimately managed to overpower the killer.

At that time, a lot of people were passing through the road, but none came forward to help them.

WASA Diploma Engineers Assoc executives

Md Fazlul Huq and AKM Moshikul Alam have been elected president and general secretary respectively of Dhaka WASA Diploma Engineers Association for the year 2002-03, said a press release.

The other office-bearers are: Salauddin Ahmed-senior vice-president, Farid Ahmed-vice-president, ASM Rezwan Mian-joint secretary, Mohammad Abdur Rab Mian-organising secretary, Sahidur Rahman-associate joint secretary, Abu Sattar Mohammad Jan-publicity secretary, Mohammad Rafiqul Islam-associate publicity secretary, Mohammad Habibul Hasan-literary and sports secretary, SM Rakibur Rahman-associate literary and sports secretary, Mohammad Subbar Ali Talukder-social welfare secretary, Mohammad Sahidullah-office secretary, Mohammad Kamrul Hossain Bhuyian-training and research secretary and Mohammad Aftabuddin-finance secretary.

UNESCO, ISESCO fellowships, prizes for 6 Bangladeshis

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Six Bangladeshis have won United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) fellowships and prizes.

Dr Azharul Islam, Professor of Physics at Rajshahi University, has won ISESCO prize in Physics. It carries 5,000 US dollars and an ISESCO certificate.

Hasina Akter, Scientific Officer of Institute of Food and Radiation Biology, has been selected for a fellowship under UNESCO-L'OREAL Cosponsored Fellowships for Young Women in life science 2002. Duration of the fellowship is 12 months and the grant amount is about 10,000 US dollars, said a press release.

Besides, MA Sadek has been awarded Grand Pix Prize while Monira Morshed Munni Okamoto prize and Minhaj Mustakim Saki ACCU prize.

Jahanara Begum has won UNESCO Craft Prize in recognition of his outstanding contributions to creative use of dyed indigo thread for embroidery. His prize carries 1000 US dollars and a certificate, the release added.

Congratulations

Mohammad Mehruz Hasan Saikat has obtained Ph.D degree from the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding of St Istvan University, Gado, Hungary under the supervision of Prof Dr Kertesz Zoltan, says a press release.

The title of his research was 'Utilisation of doubled haploids in plant breeding and variety maintenance'.

Dr Saikat is the youngest son of Prof Md Hasanul Bari and Mrs. Sufiz Bari.



Opposition Leader and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina consoling the family members of Shamsuzzoha Khan Majlis, Dhaka district AL president, who died on Thursday. Hasina visited his residence at Savar yesterday.

Siltation, fall in water level disrupt navigation in southern region

BSS, Barisal

Navigation in the rivers of southern region of the country has been severely disrupted due to fall in water level, shortage of buoy-lamps, icon lamps, speckle buoys, heavy fog and absence of proper dredging.

Communications through the water routes of Barisal-Dhaka, Barisal-Ramgati and Barisal-Khulna are being disrupted with the siltation of rivers and experts opined that if this situation continues, the plying of first class heavy river craft would be stopped within next ten years.

Meanwhile, some light water craft also can not ply in some water routes due to fall of water levels in rivers and canals in this season.

The navigability at 11 points on Barisal-Dhaka, Barisal-Ramgati and Barisal-Khulna routes has already been decreased to a great extent.

The depth of water at these points has been recorded at about 6 to 8 feet at the time of ebb-tide while it increases only from 9 to 10 feet at the time of full-tide now-a-days.

As a result, oil tankers, coasters, cargoes and passengers' ships can not ply normally in this season.

The masters of these water vessels have to wait for long time to

carry the passengers to their destinations.

Besides, river craft used to run aground at different points of the routes in this dry season. A number of luxurious double-decker passenger launches run aground at Daori outlet of Kodalpur, Kathpotty of Munshiganj, and Alurbar of Chandpur on Barisal-Dhaka route during the current season, said one launch master Matiar Rahman.

A BIWTA pilot of Barisal-Ramgati route, preferred to remain anonymous told BSS that, the navigability of this route has decreased due to shoals emerging at Mahisha Char, Babnir Char, Shibir Char, Shaula Char and Char Commissioner under Mehendigonj upazila.

Besides, three pilots of Barisal-Khulna water routes Harun-or-Rashid, Ruhul Amin and Dudu Mia, told this correspondent that Gabkhan Channel of Jhalakathi, Ghasiakhali of Mongla Port and Old Chalna areas have been hindering the movement of the heavy water craft on the way.

The heavy water vessels, however, run from Barisal to Khulna via Bay of Bengal. These craft do not have fitness certificates on plying from the Bay of Bengal, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the Barisal Launch Owners Association has alleged that due to foul play by the BIWTA authorities, the desired results could not be obtained from dredging although crores of taka are being spent every year.

Religious ministry implementing 12 projects

UNB, Dhaka

Religious Affairs Ministry is implementing 12 development projects at a cost of Tk 280.50 crore, including Tk 90 lakh in project aid.

This was told at a review meeting of 'Annual Development Programme' held in the city Thursday with State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan in the chair.

The projects, including mosque-based education and mass education programme under Islamic Foundation, mosque-based libraries and expansion of Jamiatul Falah Mosque-cum-Islamic Centre, are likely to be completed in the current fiscal, according to a PID handout.

Different int'l organisations welcome Shahriar's release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different international organisations and eminent personalities including Nobel laureate German writer Gunter Grass expressed contentment at the release of writer, journalist and filmmaker Shahriar Kabir from custody.

The organisations and the personalities have also urged the government for immediate withdrawal of 'false' charges of sedition against him, said a press release of the Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee.

The release said two of the directors of the Netherlands International Institute for Social History in an e-mail message welcomed Shahriar, who is also the South Asian representative of the institute, on his release from jail on bail recently.

Earlier, the institute sent a letter to the Prime Minister urging her to free Shahriar and opened a web-site called 'Shahriar Web-site' to mobilise support worldwide for release of the jailed writer.

Greeting the Bangladeshi writer, Gunter Grass, in another mail, has pledged to request the PEN, an international organisation for writers, to launch campaign against harassment of Shahriar. Former Indian Speaker PA

Sangma, ex-Indian foreign minister Pranab Mukherjee, CPI leader Sri Kumar Mukharjee, CPIM leader Nibedita Nugh, eminent filmmaker Mrinal Sen, Mahasweta Devi and Prof. BB Datta also welcomed the release of the Bangladeshi writer.

The press release said several discussion meetings were arranged in the Kolkata Book Fair demanding release of Shahriar Kabir. Filmmaker Soumitro Dastidar also formed a forum called 'Muktomon' with well-wishers of Shahriar in Kolkata.

Among others, Convenor of West Bengal Human Rights Protection Committee Kinty Roy, General Secretary of Suchetona Academy Moli Debnath, President of Sankid Rajatmooh Roy and writers Shuvoranjan Dasgupta, Shilpi Shuvaprosanna, Shipra Bhattacharya and Dr EV Shambhu Prasad also welcomed the release of the acting president of Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee.

Shahriar Kabir was arrested on November 22 from the Zia International Airport on his way home from Kolkata under Section 54 of the CrPC. He was charged with sedition and released on bail on January 20.



Visitors admiring a saree at the Nilanjana Palli, an outlet for local clothes, that was inaugurated at Hatirpool, Paribagh, in the city yesterday.

Urs at Bishwa Zaker Manjil begins today

BSS, Dhaka

The first Urs Sharif of Hazrat Moulana Shah Sufi Khawzababa Faridpuri will begin at Atrashi Bishwa Zaker Manjil today, said a press release of Zaker Party.

A large number of Zakeran, Ashkan and devotees from home and abroad are expected to attend the four-day Urs.

Mass prayers will be offered at the Urs seeking divine blessings for the Muslims. The other programmes are fateha sharif, telwate-Quran, jikir, milad mahfil, and waz nasiad.



The Bangladesh Environment Movement launched a campaign against the use of polybags and to raise awareness among the city-dwellers yesterday.

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

01. Tender Notice No : 09-JRD/2001-2002.
02. Name of work : Restoration of broken railing, railing post & painting of railing, parapath wall, guid post etc of diff bridges of diff roads under Road Division, Joypurhat during the year 2001-2002.
03. Estimated cost : Tk 2,71,279/- only.
04. Earnest money : Tk 5,450/- only.
05. Head of accounts : 168-RBF.
06. Time allowed : 40 (Forty) days from the date of issue of work order.
07. Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "D" special category contractor of RHD.
08. Name of offices where tender documents can be purchased : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Joypurhat/Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Lalmorihat/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Joypurhat.
09. Name of offices where tender will be received : i) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangpur, ii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Joypurhat/Bogra/Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Lalmorihat.
10. Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : Up to 10-02-2002.
11. Date & time of receiving of tender : Up to 12.30 PM on 11-02-2002.
12. Date & time for opening of tender box by other receiving officers : At 12.45 PM on 11-02-2002.
13. Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : At 11.00 AM on 16-02-2002.
14. Date & time of lottery (if required) : At 11.00 AM on 19-02-2002.

Md Abdus Samad-4
Executive Engineer, RHD
(Current Charge)
Road Division, Joypurhat.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Khagrachhari Road Division-I,
Khagrachhari
Phone No. 0371/730

Notice of (RHD) Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice : 06/EE/KRD-I of 2001-2002.
2. Name of work : Construction of 1.52 M Span RCC Box Culvert at 2nd KM of Manikchhari-Laxmichhari Road under Khagrachhari Road Division-I during the year 2001-2002.
3. Chargeable to : 168 RBF.
4. Estimated cost : Tk. 3,37,407/-
5. Earnest money : Tk. 6,800/-
6. Time allowed for completion of work : 60 (sixty) days.
7. Eligibility of contractors : "A" to "D" special category enlisted (RHD) contractors.
8. Name of offices from where tender documents will be available : Executive Engineer, RHD, Khagrachhari Road Division-I/UP&D Division, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Khagrachhari Road Sub-Div-I/II at Manikchhari/Ramgarh.
9. Name of offices to receive the tender bids : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Khagrachhari Road Circle, Khagrachhari & the undersigned (It is requested to send the received tenders in sealed condition with the messenger of the undersigned).
10. Last date of selling of tender documents : 17/02/2002 during office hours.
11. Last date & time of receipt of tender : 18/02/2002 at 12:30 PM.
12. Date & time of opening tenders : On 20/2/2002 at 12:05 PM by the undersigned or his authorised representative in his office chamber in presence of the intending tenderer, if they like to remain present.
13. Date & time of lottery (if required) : At 11:30 AM on 02/03/2002. If the date is changed it can be seen in the Notice Board.

Executive Engineer (RHD)
(Current Charge)
Khagrachhari Road Division-I
Khagrachhari.

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DHAKA TODAY

Painting exhibition

A 15-day painting exhibition titled 'Rup Labonne Bangladesh' by eight contemporary artists of the country will begin. Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Dhanmondi, Time: 4.00pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily.

Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Time: 1.30pm.

Discussion

On the occasion of the 14th death anniversary of artist Qamrul Hasan, a discussion on 'Patriotism of Qamrul Hasan' will be held. Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Time: 4.30pm.

DRU talk

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will deliver a talk on 'State of Politics in Bangladesh' at Meet the Reporters Programme, organised by the Dhaka Reporters' Unity. Venue: DRU Auditorium, Time: 4.00pm.

Uttarbanga Samity meeting

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Uttarbanga Janakalyan Samity will be held. Venue: 54, Dikusha C/A, Time: 4.30pm.

FF rally

A grand rally of freedom fighters will be held with Housing and Works Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: Basabaground, Time: 4.00pm.

Health Movement committee meeting

A meeting of the Convening committee of the People's Health Movement will be held. Venue: DORP Office, 44/10, West Panthapath, Time: 5.00pm.

Seminar on eco-tourism

In observance of the 'Eco-tourism year 2002', a seminar on 'Eco-tourism: Sundarbans - the pride of Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: Bon Bhaban Conference Hall, Time: 3.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Rotary meeting

'Rotary Free Heart Camp-2002' organised by the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West and its regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 3.00pm and 5.30pm respectively.

BCL reunion

On the occasion of its 54th founding anniversary, Bangladesh Chhatra League will hold a reunion and discussion meeting with Awami League President and Leader of the opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Engineers' Institute Auditorium, Time: 2.30pm.

Rally

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will hold a rally demanding removal of illegal structures from the bank of the river Bunganga. Venue: Second Buriganga bridge, Time: 4.00pm.

Seminar

Chattagram Unnyan Sanghati Parishad will hold a seminar on the 'Role of the Port in the development of Bangladesh' and the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Palanga Container Terminal in private sector'. Venue: National Press club, Time: 4.00pm.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the region of Sylhet during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the period, Met Offices said.

It also predicted slight rise in the night temperature. Yesterday's highest temperature of 28.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and Jessore and the lowest of 7.8 degree at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.46 pm today and rises at 6:39 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	24.5	12.5	63	50
Chittagong	28.0	13.0	52	57
Rajshahi	26.0	11.3	75	54
Khulna	25.1	11.8	78	72
Barisal	24.6	10.0	73	79
Sylhet	26.5	11.3	48	53
Cox's Bazar	26.0	14.7	60	68

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Ref: DACPF/Int'l Tender /11/2001-02 Dt. 28-01-2002

International Tender

Sealed Tender is hereby invited for supply of following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines:

S/No	Tender Number	Description	Qty.	Cost of Schedule
1.	DACPF/INT'L TENDER/11/2001-2002. Dt. 28-01-2002.	I) Rotable Plate (Side Plate)	60,000 Pcs	BDT. 2500.00 Or, USD 50.00 Per Set.
		II) Rotable Plate (Bread/Butter Plate)	18,000 Pcs	
		III) Salad Bowl	1,20,000 Pcs	
		IV) Tea Cup (All above items will be melamine)	84,000 Pcs	

Tender schedule with details specification Terms & conditions will be available at the cost of USD. 25.00 or BDT. 2500.00 per set (Non-Refundable) from Accounts Officer, Cash & Banking, Biman Admin Building, Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka and Asstt. Manager, Accounts Cash & Banking, Balaka, Head Office, Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka & Office of the Divisional Commissioner (1st-12 storied Govt. Office Building, 1st floor, Room No. 205), Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000 as well as with Finance Manager, Biman, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, Dubai, London, Rome, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Brussels & New York on cash payment on all working days up to 04-03-2002. A formal application in company's letter head pad mentioning Tender Number and date shall be required for purchasing the Tender documents.

Sealed Tender should be dropped in the Tender Box kept in the office of the Dy. General Manager, Stores & Purchase Directorate, Biman Admin Building, Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka, Main Entrance, Biman Medical Centre, Security Counter (ground floor), Farmgate, Dhaka and Office of the Divisional Commissioner (1st-12 storied Govt. Office Building, 1st floor, Room No. 205), Segunbagicha, Dhaka latest by 1100 hrs Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on 05-03-2002. In case of direct offer Foreign Manufacturer/Principal must submit their offer as per Terms mentioned in the Tender schedule. Tender Box will be opened on the same day at 1400 hrs (BST) at the premises of Stores & Purchase Directorate, Biman Admin Building, Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman Management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tender, increase or decrease the quantity of items without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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