

'25pc women cancer patients suffering from breast cancer'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 25 percent of female cancer patients of the country have been found to be suffering from breast cancer, doctors at the National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital said yesterday.

They said this at a press conference organised by Centre for Cancer Prevention and research (CCPR) and Nokia at a city hotel prior to launching Nationwide Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening Programme covering 20 districts.

Head of the department of Cancer Epidemiology Dr Habibullah Talukder Ruskin said, "Of the patients who came to our institute in last three years, around 25 percent are suffering from breast cancer."

Around 10.5 lakh new breast cancer cases occur worldwide annually, of which nearly 5.8 lakh takes place in the developed countries, he added.

Dr Ruskin said considering low resources and lack of modern equipment and trained manpower for a developing country like Bangladesh, we suggest self-examination of breast.

The first programme of the camps will be organised in Mymensingh on October 17 and will be followed up by similar ones until early December.

The objective of the programme is to create mass awareness on primary prevention and early detection of breast cancer, said the organisers.

The programme begins in October, which is globally recognised as the breast cancer awareness month.

In Bangladesh, CCPR also initiates the programme to raise awareness about the disease and conducts screening camps across the country for women for breast cancer during this month, they added.

They also said this year Nokia, a world leader in manufacturing mobile phone, is promoting the cause by sponsoring the district-level screening and detection camps as well as supporting the breast cancer awareness campaign.

Nokia also announced a promotion tied with the launch of its Supernova range of devices whereby Tk 1000 from the sale of each Nokia 7210, 7310, 7510 and 7610 from October to November will be spent to raise breast cancer awareness, they added.

Nokia and CCPR would also carry out a weeklong campaign titled "think pink", which is an international symbol for breast cancer awareness.

The campaign asks one to show solidarity to the cause by wearing pink during the period October 18 to 24.

During the week, pink ribbons will be on sale through various retail outlets and kiosks at key locations across the city including Nokia retail outlets, shopping malls, and educational institutions. The complete sales proceeds from these ribbons will go to CCPR in aid of their efforts.

Nokia is also organising an exclusive fundraising event to cap off the two-month campaign at the end of November.

Executive Director of CCPR Mosarrat Jahan Talukder said, "It is important to remember that breast cancer has the second highest prevalence amongst women who contact cancer."

"Despite this so few women know anything about it or how important it is to screen for early detection of the disease," she added.

Nokia Emerging Asia Managing Director Prem Chand said, "Nokia is committed to contributing to the Bangladesh community and we are pleased to be involved in this campaign to raise the awareness of breast cancer across the country."



BNP Secretary General Khandker Delwar Hossain speaks at a rally at Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city yesterday. BNP-led four-party alliance organised the programme. (Story on Page 1)

Mohiuddin suspends some CCC activities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in an office order has suspended some official activities of the city corporation.

The mayor, who was released on bail from prison on October 8, signed the order at his hospital bed at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BMSSU) where he has been undergoing

Amu, Suranjit yet to meet Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two senior Awami League (AL) leaders Amir Hossain Amu and Suranjit Sengupta, now on a visit to Brussels and London, are yet to meet party President Sheikh Hasina although they tried to get her appointment.

Amu and Suranjit, presidium members of the AL, left Dhaka for Brussels at the invitation of British Foreign and Commonwealth Office and European Union on October 4.

Sources in Dhaka, who have regular contact with the AL chief, told The Daily Star that the meeting could not be held as they were not staying in the same city or country at the same time.

However, Hasina, Amu and Suranjit are scheduled to return to London today.

Sources said Amu and Suranjit may make another attempt to meet Hasina.

While in the order that reached the CCC yesterday, Mohiuddin suspended until further notice all activities including promotion, demotion and appointment of staff, tender-related activities and payment of outstanding bills of the contractors.

The sources said Acting Mayor M Monzur Alam, who is in-charge of the corporation since Mohiuddin was arrested on March 7 last year, received the office order and informed top officials of it yesterday morning.

When contacted, the acting mayor, however, said he did not receive any such order.

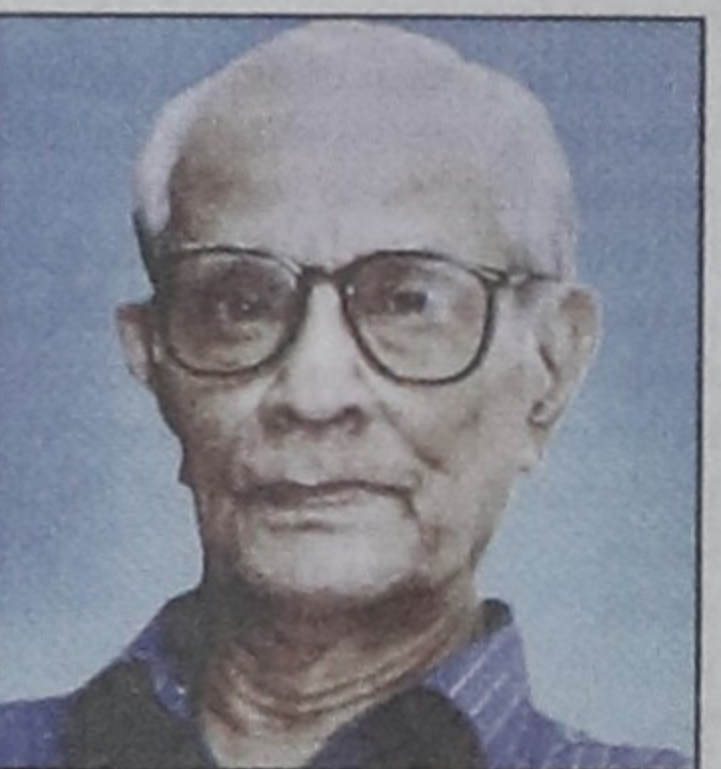
Replying to a query, he said, "As he (Mayor Mohiuddin) is still the mayor as per law, he has no problem to take charge of his office again."

When contacted, CCC CEO Md Shamsuddoha, who is now in Dhaka on an official tour, said that he heard of such an office order but knew nothing about its content.

The Chittagong Metropolitan Police returned the passport of Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury to his lawyer last night following a court order.

Panchlhaish police handed over the passport to the mayor's counsel Iftakhar Saimul Chowdhury at around 8:00pm.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Helaluddin Chowdhury passed the order yesterday afternoon after an appeal by the lawyers, court sources said.



Obaidul Huq's 1st death anniversary today

BSS, Dhaka

Today is the first death anniversary of eminent journalist Obaidul Huq.

On the occasion, a discussion will be held at the Institution of Diploma Engineers at Kakrail at 4:00pm today.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury will preside over the discussion while Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui will be present as the chief guest.

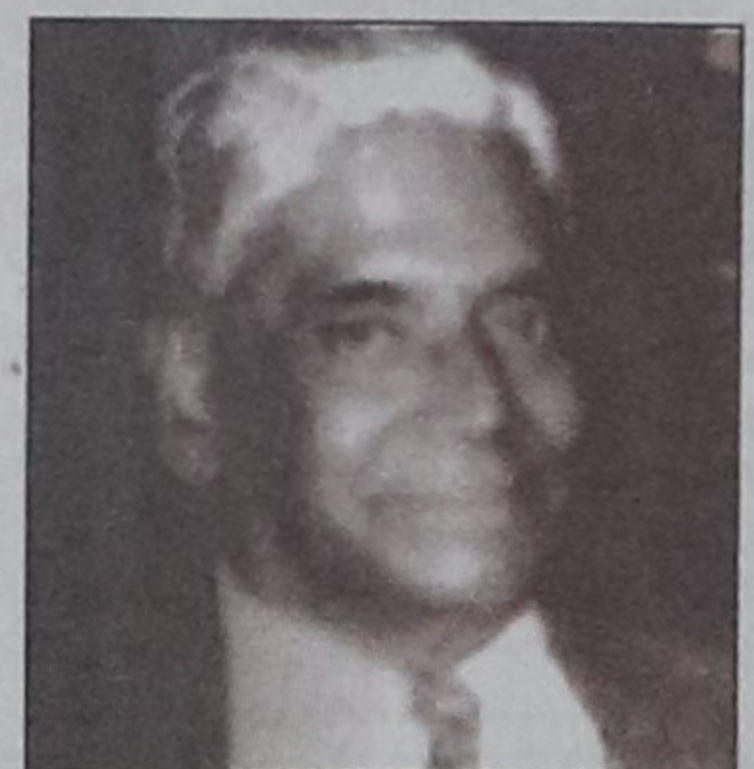
Obaidul Huq, a doyen of Bangladesh journalism, was the editor of The Bangladesh Observer for 12 years from 1972.

Born in 1911 at Feni, Huq had his master's in philosophy from Dhaka University and completed his LLB from Calcutta University.

Huq was also the first Bengali Muslim to make a feature film 'Dukkhhe Jader Jibon Gara' in 1946. He was the writer, producer and director of the film.

He was also the chairman of Press Institute of Bangladesh and the Trustee Board of the now-defunct Dainik Bangla and The Bangladesh Times.

Huq received a number of national and international awards, including Ekushey Padak and Unicef Gold Medal for journalism. He won the Bangla Academy Award in 1964 as a playwright.



Justice Ibrahim's death anniversary today

METRO DESK

Today is the 42nd death anniversary of Justice Mohammed Ibrahim, says a press release.

On the occasion, wreaths will be placed on his grave at Azampur Graveyard in the city. A milad mahfil will also be held in the morning and food will be distributed among the destitute.

Mukundal Sarker Today is the 29th death anniversary of Mukundal Sarker, a prominent leader of anti-British movement and 1971 liberation

war veteran, says a press release. On the occasion, a prayer session will be held at the Lalmaia residence of his second son Manindranath Sarker, adviser to the editor of the Amader Shomoy.

During his long political career, Mukundal Sarker played an important role in building a strong resistance against the imperialist forces and actively participated in the movement against Zamindary system.

Born in 1909 in Gopalganj, Sarker established several colleges and schools in Gopalganj and Khulna.

Jamaat trying to foil JS elections Says Nirmul Committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Forum for Secular Bangladesh, also known as Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, at a meeting yesterday said Jamaat-e-Islami is hatching a conspiracy to foil the next general polls.

The Jatiya Sangsad election scheduled for December 18 will be held in the glorious month when the nation earned victory, they added.

As an anti-liberation force, Jamaat knows that it would be defeated in the poll race. So, it is trying to foil the election, they added.

The leaders further said that during the BNP-Jamaat regime, militancy and fundamentalism had emerged significantly with the

direct support of Jamaat. The forum will launch a legal campaign and also forge a movement if the government tries to negotiate with Jamaat regarding registration and register the party bypassing the constitution, they added.

The meeting decided that the forum would submit memorandum to different international bodies showing the pictures of minority oppressions, vote forgery and repression on political counterparts in the country, says a press release.

Presided over by Acting President of the forum Shariat Kabir at the residence of central leader Shyamoli Nasreen, the meeting was addressed by Prof Muntazir Mamun, Salma Haque, Ferdousi Priyobhasini, Aroma Dutta and Shirin Banu Mital.

New Bangla daily launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the slogan of 'Patriotism is our pledge', a new Bangla daily newspaper named 'Dainik Sangbadpatra' was launched in the city yesterday.

Justice Latifur Rahman, former chief adviser to the caretaker government, unwrapped the copy of the newspaper at the launching ceremony at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

Speaking on the occasion as chief guest, Justice Rahman said the main task of a newspaper is to build a bridge between the people and the government.

He hoped that the newly launched newspaper will discharge its responsibilities being committed to objectivity, neutrality and honest journalism.

Former Anti-Corruption Commission chairman Justice Sultan Hossain Khan urged the journalists to present accurate and informative news.

Welcoming the initiative, Mahbubul Alam, former adviser to the caretaker government and editor of The Independent, said bringing out a newspaper is a courageous task.

He called upon the journalists not to compromise with truth and always present objective news.

The newspaper is expected to be available in the market from the next week at a price of Tk 2 per copy, said the organisers.

The launching ceremony was also addressed by Justice Mohammad Abdur Rauf, former chief election commissioner, Maj Gen (retd) Moinul Hossain Chowdhury, former adviser to the caretaker government, Syed Margub Morshed, former chairman of Bangladesh

Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, Brig Gen (retd) Shafayet Ahmed, adviser of Rtv, and Dr Tareq Shamsur Rehman, former member of University Grants Commission.

Obituary

METRO DESK



Alhaj Bazal Ahmed, former managing director of Janata Bank, Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, Bangladesh

Shilpa Rin Sangstha and United Commercial Bank Ltd., passed away on Saturday at the age of 83, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three sons, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

His qulkhani will be held at Banani Jame Mosque after Maghrib prayers tomorrow.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the programme.

Maniruzzaman Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brig Gen (retd) Maniruzzaman Khan, PSC Artillery, passed away at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Alhaj Abdul Kader Mian

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alhaj Abdul Kader Mian, founder president of the then East Pakistan Yarn Merchant Association and chairman and former managing director of Tamijuddin Textile Mills Limited at Narayanganj, passed away at a city hospital yesterday at the age of 90.

He left behind his three sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death, says a press release.

Abul Kalam Azad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abul Kalam Azad, a leader of Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, passed away due to cancer at his residence in the city yesterday at the age of 46, says a press release.

He left behind his wife two daughters and one son.

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