



Eminent statistician Maswood passes away

METRO DESK

Dr Mir Maswood Ali, a professor of statistics emeritus, University of Western Ontario, and a brilliant statistician of Bangladeshi origin, passed away at London in Ontario, Canada, due to pulmonary complications on August 18 at the age of 80, says a press release.

Born on March 1, 1929 in Patuakhali, Dr Ali was the eldest son of late Mir Muazzam Ali, a prominent lawyer of Patuakhali, and late Azifa Ali.

He matriculated from Patuakhali Jubilee School in 1944 and then got his Intermediate in science from BM College in Barisal in 1946. He received his BSc degree in mathematics in 1948 and MSc in statistics in 1950, both from the University of Dhaka, and stood first class first in both the exams. He was awarded a gold medal for his highest mark in MSc exams.

Dr Ali served as a lecturer in the Department of Statistics at Dhaka University from 1950 to 1952. He then worked from 1952 to 1957 as an actuarial assistant at Norwich Union Life and Canada Life. In 1958, he obtained a second Master's degree in actuarial science at the University of Michigan and worked there as a teaching fellow until 1959. He then went to the University of Toronto where he obtained his PhD degree in statistics in 1961.

Dr Ali joined the mathematics department at the

US helps promote clean energy in Bangladesh

Says Moriarty

UNB, Dhaka

US Ambassador James F Moriarty in a statement said the nations of the world are working hard right now to negotiate a new international agreement to combat the impacts of climate change, one of the greatest challenges facing the world today.

In Bangladesh, he said the US government is promoting clean energy by partnering with the local NGO Gramen Shakti to increase access to renewable energy sources in rural areas.

The envoy said the US government, through USAID, is promoting solar energy, fuel-efficient stoves

and biogas to reduce the use of imported petroleum products and deforestation. This reduces costs and improves air quality.

Moriarty said it is estimated that by 2012 about 500,000 solar home systems would be installed in remote areas, providing a source of clean energy to three million people.

In addition, the US government is supporting the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission to promote professionalism, accountability and transparency which would attract investment into clean energy generation.

He said the US government is helping Bangladesh conserve its tropical forest resources to mitigate the impacts of climate change as well as to empower poor rural communities to manage the resources.

He said major developing nations must take actions that would substantially reduce their emissions by 2020 on a relative basis, compared to their so-called "business as usual" path. There is no other way to contain climate change.

International Energy Agency estimates 97 percent of future emissions growth would come from the developing world.

Moriarty said other developing countries have a much different role to play. They should focus on preparing low-carbon growth plans -- with financial and technical assistance where needed -- to guide their longer-term development path.

The envoy said US President Barack Obama would speak to world leaders on global climate change during a special UN summit in New York on September 22 on the eve of the 64th session of the UN General Assembly.

He said the US president is taking the US in a new direction. The president called on the US Congress to develop comprehensive clean energy legislation to cut emissions 14 percent from 2005 levels and 83 percent in 2050.

A bill was passed in the House of Representatives and is making its way through Congress. The president's economic stimulus package includes over \$80 billion for clean energy. The recently instituted vehicle standards would increase fuel economy and reduce emissions.



Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad speaks at a discussion and iftar party organised by Bangladesh Public Relations Association (BPRA) at the National Press Club in the city on Monday. Information Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, right, and BPRA President Mirza Tarekul Kader and General Secretary ASM Bazul Haque also spoke.

MJF places draft RTI rules to CIC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) yesterday handed over a copy of draft regulations on the Right to Information Act 2009 to the Chief Information Commissioner.

It also organised a seminar to bounce ideas off the civil society on the draft regulations for Right to Information Act 2009 on August 24.

The regulations were prepared on the basis of the views and recommendations of the government and non-government level experts and Information Rights Forum members.

Guidelines for preserving and managing information, publication of information and its publicity and receipt have been incorporated in the draft regulations.

Executive Director of the Manusher Jonno Foundation and convener of Information Rights Forum Shaheen Anam handed over the draft to the Chief Information Commissioner M Azizur Rahman. Information commissioners Abu Taher and Sadeka Halim were also present on the occasion.

Shaheen Anam said the Manusher Jonno Foundation expects the Information Commission would consider the opinions from the civil society while finalising the regulations. She also said the organisation is ready to provide all-out cooperation to the Information Commission.

The Manusher Jonno Foundation played the key role in the advocacy process in formulating draft Right to Information Act.

The organisation is working as the secretariat of the Information Rights Forum comprised of 40 organisations and individuals.

US Embassy closed Sept 20 to 22

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The American Embassy, including Consular Section and Public Affairs Section with Archer K Blood American Centre Library and Student Advising Centre will remain closed from September 20 to 22 on the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr, says a press release.

Expectant mother seeks security of life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An eight-month pregnant woman yesterday alleged that police are not recording a case against her 'attackers' despite repeated requests to file the lawsuit.

Tania Yeasmin Trina, wife of advocate Ali Abdul Baten of North Mugdapara, was attacked by her in-laws, as they wanted to grab her residence by ousting her on August 28, leaving her injured.

The expectant mother brought the allegations at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium in the city.

She said her stepmother-in-law Rehana Begum, father-in-law Mohammad Rustom Ali, sisters-in-law Jannat Yeasmin Rita, 38, and Mabruka Yeasmin Nipa and their husbands along with 20 to 25 hired goons attacked her residence and tortured her on that day.

The attackers also said they got her husband arrested by police and they would also implicate her in

the false case if she does not leave the house, she said adding that her father-in-law filed a false case against her husband on charges of extortion and drug addiction.

As the medical test proved that there was no symptom of taking drug by her husband, the court awarded him bail, she added.

Trina said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Mohammad Asaduzzaman and Sub-Inspector Razzak of Sabujbagh Police Station along with her in-laws forced her husband to sign an agreement.

Even the OC did not record her case as she tried to file a case against the attackers, she said, adding that the OC misbehaved with her men as they went to the police station, seeking police help for her and her family.

Contacted, OC Asaduzzaman denied the allegations and said he was not informed of the attack on the woman.

Trina claimed that her mother-in-law, who was the owner of the four-storey building, gave her elder son

Baten through a notary public in presence of many relatives, but now her rival in-laws denied giving the building to her husband.

Trina's family resides on the first floor of the building and the other floors are rented, she said, adding that her father-in-law realises the rent of the other units.

Obituary

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Begum Badrunnesa, wife of Advocate Abdul Kuddus, one of the organisers of the Liberation War and mother of Ruhul Kuddus Selim, former president of Kishoreganj Press Club and district correspondent of Bangladesh Television, passed away due to old-age complications at her residence in Kishoreganj town on Wednesday at the age of 80, says a press release.

She left behind her son and three daughters to mourn her death.

She was buried at Sholakia Nurani Bag Zannat graveyard.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over all the six divisions with moderately heavy falls at places in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:59pm today and rises at 6:46am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 35.7 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 24.7 degrees Celsius at Rangpur and Mongla.

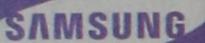
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.5	25.8	79	92
Chittagong	31.4	25.4	80	78
Rajshahi	31.5	24.8	97	90
Khulna	34.3	27.5	82	81
Barisal	34.0	26.4	79	90
Sylhet	31.7	25.7	86	90
Cox's Bazar	35.0	25.2	77	84

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