

# Burial of unclaimed bodies resumes

DNCC allocates space at Bosila Graveyard

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The unclaimed decomposing bodies left at Dhaka Medical College and Sir Salimullah Medical College mortuaries in the capital have started to be buried as a new burial ground has been allocated for the purpose.

Anjuman Mufidul Islam, a charitable organisation that buries such bodies, has started taking the bodies from the mortuaries to Bosila Graveyard following receiving an official approval letter from Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC).

The decision came after The Daily Star on July 4 ran a news report headlined "Unclaimed bodies rotting at DMC".

Anjuman stopped collecting the bodies from DMC 18 days back and 23 days back from SMC as Jurain Graveyard -- the only designated graveyard for burial of unclaimed bodies -- was inundated with rain water.

Enayet Hossain, social welfare officer of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), told The Daily Star that the DNCC authorities at a board meeting on Wednesday have taken the decision to allow Anjuman Mufidul Islam bury unclaimed bodies at the Bosila graveyard.

"We will talk with Anjuman to select a particular place in the graveyard... we are now working on it," he further said.

Anjuman Mufidul Islam's Assistant Director (service) Mahmudul Hasan confirmed the development, saying that they received an official letter from the DNCC on Wednesday in this regard.

Earlier on June 8, Anjuman sent a letter to the DNCC requesting permission for burying unclaimed bodies at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectual Graveyard and Bosila Graveyard.

Meanwhile, the Jurain graveyard authorities said they were working to improve the waterlogging situation there and 18 unclaimed bodies were buried there in the last couple of days.

Sources at the DMC mortuary, the largest in the country, said Anjuman collected 10 bodies on Tuesday for burial. There have been more than 30 bodies lying haphazardly inside the mortuary for the last several days, they said, adding that three of the five freezers at the DMC mortuary have been out of order for almost two months, reducing the storage capacity to eight bodies only.

## 7.69 lakh illegal gas lines cut since 2014

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The vigilance team of Gas Distribution Companies disconnected over 7.69 lakh illegal gas connections since January 2014 across the country, the state minister for power and energy told parliament yesterday.

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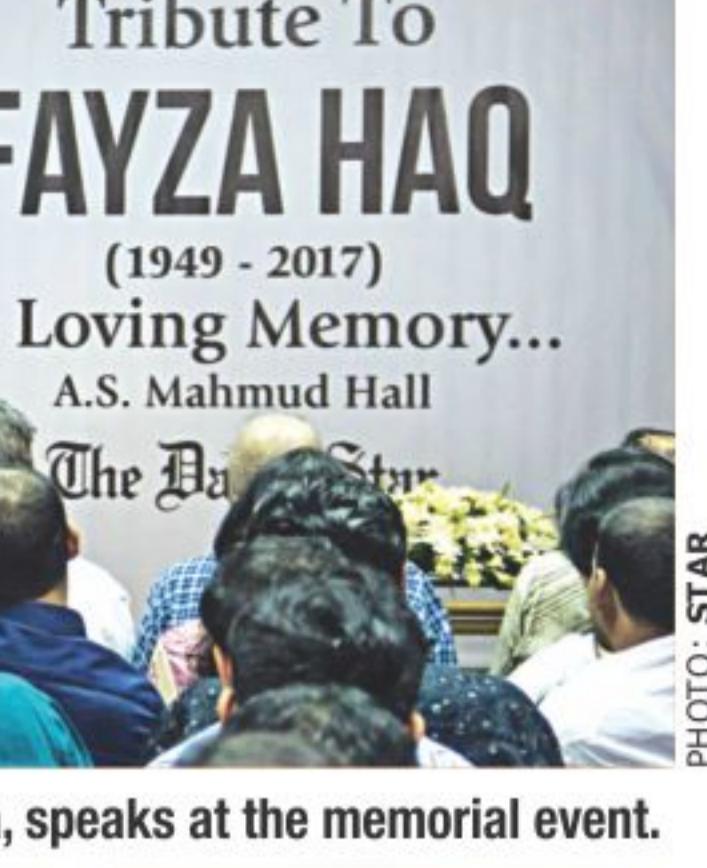


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## MPO teachers resent

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additional benefits we would get if they cut additional money from our salaries," he told The Daily Star.

Azizul said it would be quite difficult for the teachers to support their families if more money was cut from their salaries.

For example, he said, a senior teacher gets Tk 22,000 per month and Tk 2,200 would be deducted from her/his salary per the new decision.

If the decision is upheld, the government will have to introduce a pension scheme enjoyed by the teachers of government educational institutions, he said. "We want the education minister to sit with leaders of all associations and withdraw the decision. Otherwise, we will go for a tougher movement," Azizul said.

NFTI is supposed to hold a press conference today on the decision.

Terming the decision controversial and discriminatory, Abul Bashar Hawlader, president of Bangladesh Teachers Association, said the government had to withdraw it considering the reality. "As the Baishakh allowance, we only get 25 percent of what the teachers of government schools get. Moreover, we did not get the yearly five-percent increment either. This new decision would add insult to the injuries," he said.

The teachers formed human chains in Dhaka, Manikganj and Bogra demanding cancellation of the decision.

Contacted, Principal Shahjahan Alam Saju, general secretary of the non-government teachers and employees' welfare trust, said there were around 45,000 applications pending for retirement benefits and welfare allowances due to a lack of money.

He said as per the rules, when a teacher went to retirement he would get the benefits on the basis of his/her latest scale. Since the teachers' salary was doubled in the last fiscal year, the amount of their retirement benefits also went up, he added.

"Now where would we get the additional money from?" he asked. Moreover, the law on the retirement board and welfare trust does not say anything that the government will have to contribute an equal amount of money to the teachers' retirement fund.

Currently, there are over 28,000 MPO-enlisted non-government schools, colleges, madrasas and technical institutions in the country where around five lakh teachers and employees work.

Centenary of October Revolution to be observed in Bangladesh

Press conference told  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 100th anniversary of October Revolution, also known as Bolshevik Revolution, will be observed in Bangladesh like other countries across the world.

October Revolution Centenary Observance National Committee in Bangladesh has chalked out month-long programmes to observe the anniversary.

Dhaka University Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, also co-convenor of the committee, announced the programmes at a press conference at Mukti Bhaban on Wednesday.

The month-long programmes will begin through a rally in front of the national museum at Shahbagh at 3:00pm on October 1. Programmes including discussions, seminars, exhibitions and cultural events will take place throughout the month.

On October 24 and 25 in 1917, leftist revolutionaries led by Bolshevik Party leader Vladimir Lenin launched a nearly bloodless coup and a socialist Russia was formed, ensuring equal rights for all.

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## Probe body finds

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reporters about the report at the DC office yesterday.

On July 3 evening, the boiler exploded, killing 13 workers and injuring around 50 others. The district administration formed the eight-member committee headed by Rahenul Islam, additional district magistrate.

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