



Guests hold copies of a book titled, "A State of the Marginalised in Bangladesh 2016: Experience of Marginalisation, Exclusion and Rights Violation", at its launch at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. From left are press club General Secretary Farida Yasmin, Zakir Hossain, Former chairman of National Human Rights Commission Mizanur Rahman, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) Executive Director Shaheen Anam, noted rights activist Sultana Kamal, Prof ASM Amanullah, MJF Director Rina Roy and Nirupa Dewan. MJF published the book. PHOTO: STAR

HC clears way for resumption of Sylhet Dak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for the authorities concerned to resume running publication of the Sylhet Dak, a daily published from Sylhet.

The court stayed the government's decision to cancel the declaration of the daily owned by industrialist Ragib Ali and his son Abdul Hy.

Sylhet district administration cancelled the declaration on June 15 this year as its publisher Ragib Ali and Abdul Hy were found guilty of forging legal documents for grabbing an endowed property in Sylhet and sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice Md Ataur Rahman Khan stayed the cancellation of the declaration of the daily, launched in 1984, following a writ petition filed by Ragib Ali.

Ragib Ali's lawyer AM Aminuddin told The Daily Star that there is no legal bar for his client to run the publication of Sylhet Dak following the HC order.

Poor execution of plans behind unplanned Dhaka

Prof Jamilur tells Smart City campaign event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka remains an unplanned city despite having some notable urbanisation and transportation plans, thanks to poor implementation of the plans, said noted civil engineer Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury.

Within three days of publication of Dhaka's detailed area plan (DAP) in June 2010 in official gazette, it was subjected to a further review by a seven-member ministerial body virtually holding back its actual implementation, he said.

Meanwhile, most of the conservable flood flow zones earmarked in the DAP were filled up to give way for real estate developers and others leading to a frequent inundation of Dhaka city even in normal monsoon rain, said Prof Jamilur at the inauguration of a week-long Smart City campaign in the capital yesterday.

United Nations Development Programme and the Access to Information (a2i) programme of the Prime Minister's Office jointly organised the event at Bangabandhu Novo Theatre with an aim to build awareness about smart city ideas.

Agricultural land has been destroyed in the same fashion, he said.

The Strategic Transport Plan for greater Dhaka city put emphasis on pedestrian-friendly transportation system, but nothing has so far been done to that end, said Prof Jamilur, who led the technical body for both urbanisation and transportation plans.

Kabin Bin Anwar, project director of a2i programme, said it was true that there were plenty of plans and laws for planned urbanisation, but those were not properly implemented.

He said the government is working on a four-lane circular road in Dhaka city, and a high-powered committee was working on to prepare a masterplan on saving the four Dhaka rivers.

Selina Hayat Ivy, mayor of Narayanganj City Corporation, said a lack of coordination among various government departments despite a cabinet division circular, was the foremost barrier to an effective functioning of an elected mayor. She demanded that public land be handed over to city corporations and municipalities for turning those into green and open spaces.

Charlotte Schlyter, ambassador of Sweden, said good governance and fighting corruption are the keys to building smart cities.

Citing that some features of a smart city are inclusiveness, cycling, water conservation, good air quality, emergency services and waste management, she said Sweden turns 99 percent of waste into energy and her country would remain beside Bangladesh in such endeavour.

Among other events, the campaign week holds a three-day display of innovative ideas by government and private organisations for a smart city at the Novo Theatre.

A total of 66 government and private organisations including 36 municipalities are showcasing their ideas on city plan, transport, low-cost housing, green building, waste management, urban poverty reduction, water for all, public toilet, pollution control, disaster management, ICT and public space.

HM Ahidul Islam, mayor of Kotalipara municipality and secretary general of Municipal Association of Bangladesh; and Sudipto Mukerjee, country director of UNDP Bangladesh, also spoke.

Anwara Khatun's anniversary of death today

CITY DESK

Today is the 29th death anniversary of Begum Anwara Khatun, a member of erstwhile Bengal Legislative Assembly.

She died in 1988 due to a prolonged illness, says a press release.

Anwara was one of the few Bengali Muslim women who had obtained MA, BT, LLB in British India.

A close associate of Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Moulana Bhashani and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, she was actively involved in the Language Movement of 1952.

Azharul Islam

CITY DESK

Today is the 29th death anniversary of Azharul Islam, a filmmaker and a playwright, says a press release. A doa mahfil will be held in his Jhikar Kaloi village residence of Manikganj's Harirampur.

He died in 1988 due to cardiac arrest.

Azharul is the father of Sumon Islam, news editor of the Daily Sarabela. His family members have requested all to pray for the departed soul.

Senior citizen runs for cause

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parents identified her from photograph three days later.

Shamsunnahar, Shajahan's wife, said, "After seeing the news on Facebook about the barbaric gang rape and killing of Rupa on a running bus, my husband started losing sleep at night."

"My husband has fatherly adoration for girls as we don't have any daughter. He was crying and feeling unbearable pain, picturing Rupa as our own daughter," she said, adding, "At one point, I told him that to relieve his pain, he should do something to protest the brutality committed against the girl."

"I used to run six kilometres everyday for health reasons. But, after the gruesome rape and murder of Rupa, I put on an extra four kilometres as an expression to protest violence against women," Shajahan humbly said.

Dismissing concern for his health due to age, the determined father said, "If my physical condition doesn't allow running 10 kilometres, I'll ride a bicycle for the same distance. If I'm unable to do that, I'll move on a wheelchair."

Advocate Ataur Rahman Azad, general secretary of Tangail district unit of Bangladesh Manobadshikar Bastobayan Sangstha, said, "Mirza Shajahan's protest is unique and his message against repression and violation against women is swiftly gaining overwhelming support among people."

Yesterday, five transport workers were indicted for killing Rupa from Tarash upazila in Sirajganj.

128 drug peddlers, addicts surrender to Barisal police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

With a vow to return to normalcy, a total of 128 drug dealers and addicts surrendered to police in Barisal yesterday.

They surrendered to the deputy inspector general of police (DIG), Barisal range at a programme arranged by the district police at Barisal Police Lines around noon.

Md Shafiqul Islam, DIG of Barisal range, also distributed 58 sewing machines among them.

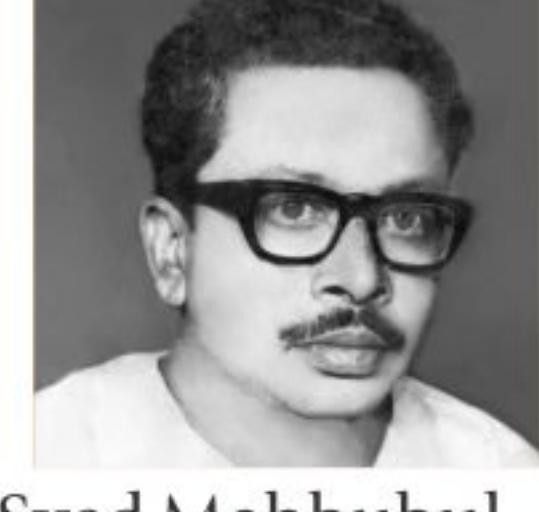
Saiful Islam, Barisal district superintendent of police, presided over the ceremony where district and sessions judge Syed Enayet Hossain and upazila chairmen were present among others.

The DIG said they introduced the programme to rehabilitate the addicts and peddlers through employment and other support. "We'll also arrange monitoring programmes for them..."

However, some of the persons who surrendered claimed that their names were given to police by some of the locals out of enmity.

When asked, police said they would verify the claim and if found to be true the names will be scrapped from the list of the peddlers and addicts.

Earlier, DIG Md Shafiqul Islam took similar initiatives in Rajshahi while serving as commissioner of its metropolitan police.



Syed Mahbubul Haque's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 18th death anniversary of Syed Mahbubul Haque (Benu Mia) will be observed today.

A freedom fighter and leading businessman in Magura, Mahbubul Haque died on November 30, 1999 at the age of 72.

A doa will be offered followed by feeding of the destitute after Zohr prayers at his home in Magura, according to a release from the family.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the doa and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Zaglul remembered fondly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The way Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury pursued journalism for over four decades is inspiring for journalists, speakers told a commemorative meeting yesterday.

They said the untimely death of an honest, ever-smiling and multi-faceted personality is an irreparable loss to the country.

Marking his third death anniversary, Journalist Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury Memorial Trust organised the event at Jatiya Press Club, attended by ministers, senior journalists, friends and family members.

Speaking as the chief guest, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed said Zaglul was an amicable and modest person. "He respected all. Journalist like Zaglul is rare nowadays," he said.

"Zaglul is the brightest star in the journalism arena. He will be remembered for ages."

The minister said Zaglul started journalism during his student life and pursued the profession with sincerity until



Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury's elder brother Rukan Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury speaking at the commemorative meeting at Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

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Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Joynal Abedin Tarafder, an artiste, died of cardiac arrest at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) on Tuesday night. He was 65.

He served as the senior designer at the anatomy department under veterinary faculty at Bangladesh Agricultural University.

Joynal obtained his bachelor degree in fine arts from Dhaka University in 1975. He was a student of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, family sources said.

He was the founding principal of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Fine Arts Institute in Mymensingh.

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১। ক্রেতিট কার্ড সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ ডিপিডিসি এলাকাধীন যে কোন গ্রাহক বিশ্বের ক্ষেত্রে প্রাপ্ত থেকে ডিপিডিসি'র ওয়েব সাইট (www.dpdc.org.bd) অথবা BRAC Bank এর ওয়েবসাইট এর মাধ্যমে ঘেরোন্দে ব্যাংকের ডিপিডিসি'র বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করতে পারবেন।

২। ইন্টারনেটের মাধ্যমে বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ: ডিপিডিসি'র গ্রাহকগণ ডিপিডিসি'র ওয়েব সাইট (www.dpdc.org.bd) ব্যাংক (SEBL, PRIME, AB, EXIM, MTBL) এর ওয়েবসাইটের মাধ্যমে ইন্টারনেটে বিল পরিশোধ করতে পারবেন।

৩। অনলাইন ব্যাংকের মাধ্যমে বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ: ডিপিডিসি'র ঘেরোন্দে অনলাইনে বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করতে পারবেন।

৪। মোবাইল ফোনের মাধ্যমে বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ (গ্রামীণফোন):

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