



Ex-IGP ASM Shahjahan dies

Former inspector general of police (IGP) and an adviser to a caretaker government ASM Shahjahan passed away at a hospital in Dhaka on Tuesday night, aged 76.

His daughter Dr Ujma Sayeed said ASM Shahjahan was admitted to Apollo Hospitals Dhaka on January 26. He had been suffering from Parkinson disease.

He will be buried at Banani Graveyard tomorrow. Born in 1941 in Begumganj upazila of Noakhali, Shahjahan joined the police force as an assistant superintendent of police in 1966. He was appointed as deputy commissioner of DMP in 1976 and later got responsibility of DMP and CID as its commissioner and chief respectively.

Shahjahan served Bangladesh Police as IGP from 1992 to 1996 and was appointed as secretary immediately after his retirement.

Govt couldn't follow

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from the ministries, while the NHRC also could not monitor the incidents.

Stressing the need for enacting a comprehensive law, Reazul said they would form a working group and action plan based on recommendations of the meeting, and submit it to the government.

"Hopefully the government will consider it," he said. He, however, stressed the need for implementing the HC guidelines of 2009 until a new law is enacted.

Speaking on Jaha Alam (an innocent man who was wrongly imprisoned for three years), Reazul thanked the media for playing a vital role in creating scope for his release.

"In Jaha Alam's incident, media played a significant role. It is the media which first brought the issue into the commission's attention," he said.

"What is done to him is unjust. He deserves due compensation," Reazul added.

Responding to another query, the NHRC chief said the recent surfacing of "Hercules" (the name chosen by an apparent vigilante who murdered three alleged rapists and left warning notes on their bodies) was unacceptable, and that the state has to ensure rule of law to stop it.

Speakers at the consultation emphasized the need for enacting a comprehensive law to deal with incidents of sexual harassment against women. They also said awareness should be built among people in combating sexual harassment.

Sohrab Hossain, senior secretary to secondary and higher education division of the education ministry, said they were working on reducing sexual harassment incidents at educational institutions.

Kamrun Nahar, secretary to the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, said the ministry has plans to expand its ongoing "Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence against Women" to eliminate gender violence from society.

Afroza Khan, secretary to Ministry of Labour and Employment; and Kyoko Yokosuka, deputy resident representative of UNDP Bangladesh, among others, spoke.

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public life," he said.

"Your success has not only been appreciated in the country but also in the international arena. I firmly believe that you will become more trained and skilled to face new challenges in the future," the president added.

The president mentioned that various steps, including accommodation, ration, risk allowance and medical facilities, have been taken for the force's welfare.

Steps have already been taken to establish a bank named "Community Bank Bangladesh Limited" for police. These government initiatives will help people get police services in a much easier way, the president said.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, Inspector General of Police Javed Patwary and senior government officials were present during the event. Cabinet members, MPs, leaders of various professional bodies, members of civil society and secretaries to the president also attended the programme.

Bangladesh elected VP of Unicef executive board

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been elected as a member and vice president of the executive board of Unicef this year.

The announcement came after an election during the first regular session of Executive Board of Unicef 2019 at UN on Tuesday, according to a press release issued by Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to UN in New York yesterday.

Henrietta Fore, executive director of Unicef, and Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed, the newly-elected president of the executive board, also the permanent representative of Sudan to the UN, addressed the opening session.

During his speech in the session, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN Masud Bin Momen said Bangladesh has made consid-

erable progress in protecting and promoting child rights.

"Major achievements include reduced child mortality, declining malnutrition, increasing primary school enrolment, distribution of free textbooks on the first day of the year, child focused expenditure tracking and implementation of national action plan to control repression against women and children," he said.

A recent study by Unicef reveals that Bangladesh government's investments in social safety net programmes, adolescent health, and opportunities for secondary education for girls helped positively towards ending child marriage, Masud Bin Momen added.

He acknowledged the excellent support by Unicef to Bangladesh government for tackling the forcibly displaced Rohingya women and children.

HC order on petition against MPs' oath-taking Feb 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed February 18 for passing an order on a writ petition that challenged the legality of oath taking by lawmakers elected in the December 30 general election.

The bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil set the date after hearing the petition filed by Advocate Taherul Islam Tawhid on January 17.

AM Mahub Uddin Khokon argued that oath taking by the lawmakers on January 3 was unconstitutional as the tenure of the 10th parliament expired on January 28.

"Therefore, there were two parliaments from January 3 to January 28 -- which is unconstitutional," he added.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam argued that as new MPs took charge on January 30, oath taking was not illegal.

Want to complete

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services and modernising waste management system as well as continuing the fight against drugs.

Sukanta Gupta Alok of Desh TV asked Atiqul about his plan to complete the late mayor's works.

"I have prepared a plan. There could be multi-storey underground parking facilities, and utilisation of open spaces," Atiqul said.

Sohrab Hossain, joint editor of Bangla daily Prothom Alo, spoke about the limited power of a mayor, obstacles from various

development authorities as well as absence of BNP in the by-polls.

Atiqul said, "Bringing all the 54 authorities under a single umbrella is a challenge. I need your [media's] cooperation in this regard."

Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutta moderated the discussion, where Ajoy Dasgupta of Bangla daily Samakal, Khaled Mohiuddin of Independent TV, ZI Manun of ATN Bangla, Pranab Saha of DBC News, Rahul Raha of Channel 24 and Press Club Joint Secretary Shahed Chowdhury were present among others.

Hospitals don't care

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palliative care institute to flourish this sector.

Prof Moarraf Hossen, director of National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital, said approximately 80 per cent cancer patients begin their treatment when it reaches the last stage.

"We can help these patients to get a relief from sufferings, if they are given palliative care properly," he added.

Former finance minister AMA Muhith said

the society and the state has a responsibility to do something for the people who are going to die soon. He also assured to request the government to allocate a certain amount of the national budget for the palliative care sector.

Abdul Quayum, associate editor of Prothom Alo; AHM Enayet Hossain, additional director general of the Directorate General of Health Services; and Nusrat Aman, chief patron of AYAT Education; among others, spoke at the roundtable.

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Refuting the claim, Ekramul told The Daily Star yesterday, "The association had around Tk 3.12 crore in 52 FDRs when they [the accused lawyers] took charge in 2010. In January 2017, when the new committee was about to take charge, we found around Tk 6.33 crore in 42 FDRs." "There should be more money in the banks... also, every year we deposited around Tk 1.4 crore from the sales of court items... what happened to that money and the 10 FDRs?"

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07.	Tender closing date and time	i. 10 April 2019 Time: 11:55am for Tender A. ii. 25 February 2019 Time: 11:55am for Tender B.
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Deprived of basic

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themselves with little to no help from the authorities concerned," he alleged.

But the problems do not end there. Residents are also facing gas crisis. They rely on cylinders as they do not have any gas lines yet.

Homeowner Arafat Rahman said, "Our house was completed three years back, but we moved here last year, hoping that the situation would improve. It, however, remains the same."

South Manda used to be under Manda Union Parishad. Though it became a part of DSCC more than one year ago, the area is being maintained jointly by the union parishad and DSCC.

Contacted, Manda UP Chairman Almas Hossain said, "The area is under our union parishad. We do not have enough budget to set up sewage lines or build roads."

"While we need crores of taka for the area's development, we only get paltry amounts from the government," he said.

The UP chairman said some parts of the roads were constructed with locals' help, and DSCC is working with them to set up sewage lines.

South Manda is next to Maniknagar (ward-7) under DSCC and its residents address it as East Maniknagar Balur Math. They get electricity from Dhaka Power Distribution Company and water from Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority.

A small portion of the area falls in Maniknagar, while the majority is under Manda.

Contacted, Maniknagar Councillor Abdul Basit Khan Bacchu said, "A small part of the area [South Manda] is under my ward. I'll take necessary steps to improve the area."

"The area shares border with union parishad so it used to be a problem to coordinate development works among the two authorities. As it is now under DSCC, it will receive amenities provided by the city corporation," he assured.

HOW SOUTH MANDA BECAME PART OF DSCC
In 2017, the local government, rural development and cooperatives ministry issued a gazette notification and formed 36 wards in 16 union councils under the two city corporations.

Following that, South Manda became a part of DSCC.

By-polls to the wards were scheduled to be held on February 26, 2018. But the polls could not be held as the HC stayed the election schedule for six months, following three writ petitions that challenged legality of the schedule.

This year, the HC cleared way for holding the polls. Though South Manda became part of a new ward last year, its councillor post is vacant as there has not been any election yet.

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