

Embarrassing errors taint Kulaura lists

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Jame Mosque.

But Farid Uddin is the imam of Chakapan North Faridpur Mosque in Kadipur union. "I used to be the imam of Karergram Jame Mosque in 2016," he said.

Similar mistakes were found in the list for Kulaura municipality.

Nazim Uddin, an expatriate living in Qatar for the last five years, was listed as the imam of Dakshin Joypasha Jame Mosque of ward-8 of the municipality, said a resident of the area, requesting anonymity.

The mosque secretary, Kalim Uddin, told The Daily Star that the current imam of the mosque is Maulana Hafiz Selim Ahmed. And they were not informed while the list was prepared, he added.

Former Chhatra League activist Abdul Latif's name was included as the imam of Chakapan Noorani Mosque in Kadipur Union.

"I do not know how my name came up [in the list]," Latif told The Daily Star.

"There are eight mosques in ward-1 of our union, but 12 mosques were listed. Around four names are fake," he added.

Names of four people, listed as

imams of Chakapan Jame Mosque, East Chakapan Mosque, Chakapan Rail Station Mosque and Dakshin Chakapan Jame Mosque, were identified as activists of a local Islamist party by Abdul Latif.

Locals claimed they never led any prayers in any of the mosques.

Examining the lists, The Daily Star found that names of seven mosques were mentioned more than once. On the other hand, names of a number of mosques were left out.

Baradal and Kanehat Jame Mosque's names were not included in the list, said Mahfuz Hamid, a resident of Karera village under Bhuksimoil union.

Mafuz, who runs a citizens' group on Facebook, alleged that 80 percent of the information in the lists is flawed.

Abdur Rakib, field supervisor of Kulaura Islamic Foundation, told this correspondent that they received a phone call from their Dhaka headquarters on May 15 morning to prepare and complete the lists by the afternoon.

Earlier on May 14, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made an announcement about providing financial assistance to imams and muezzins of all mosques to cope with

the crisis created by the coronavirus-induced shutdown.

Because of the haste, there were so many mistakes and misinformation in the lists, Abdur Rakib admitted.

He said the lists were prepared by some teachers of the foundation at the union level. However, as the matter has become known in various quarters, the lists are being checked and rectified through the upazila nirbahi officer's (UNO) intervention.

UNO ATM Farhad Chowdhury of Kulaura said a total of Tk 38,55,000 has been allocated for 771 mosques of the upazila at the rate of Tk 5,000 for each mosque.

Admitting to the information discrepancy in the published lists, the UNO said those were provided by the Islamic Foundation and the irregularities have been reported to the higher authorities.

There is no scope to misappropriate money by making fake lists, he added.

Farhad also said the chairmen of the 13 unions of the upazila and the mayor of the municipality were instructed to prepare a new and accurate list after checking and sorting out the lists prepared by the Islamic Foundation.

Monsoon

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The met office, in its one-month climate outlook, said there was a chance of one or two depressions in the Bay of Bengal.

Rivers in northern, north-eastern and South eastern part of the country would overflow and cause flood and flood like situations as the Monsoon will be active throughout the month, reported the climate outlook.

Almost all areas of the country will experience more shower than usual, the climate outlook mentions.

In May, the country experienced 17 percent more rainfall than usual, states the climate outlook.

Socialism

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TAJUDDIN'S APPREHENSION ABOUT AMERICAN AID

Finance Minister Tajuddin Ahmad says today that socialism cannot be established with the assistance from imperial powers like the USA. He asks people to be aware of the motives of the imperialist forces and says that they always try to interfere in the internal affairs of a country on the pretext of providing aid. The imperialists should not be given any chance to halt Bangladesh's march towards socialism, adds the finance minister.

CASES FILED AGAINST SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS

The government has filed war crimes charges against more than a thousand people for collaborating with the Pakistan army during the Liberation War and committing crimes against humanity, informs Home Minister Abdul Mannan. Many of them have already been arrested, he adds. The minister further says that all the accused persons will be given adequate time and facilities to prepare their defence.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad reiterates at a press conference in Malaysia that the government will hold trials of war criminals at any cost. This will be an open trial and all the international norms will be followed properly, he adds.

SOURCES: June 7, 1972 issue of Purbodesh.

Zafrullah's condition

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this newspaper.

Zafrullah's lungs have been affected, which can be called an earlier stage of pneumonia, Tanvir said, adding that his chest X-ray reports were also not good.

"He requested everyone to pray for him," he said.

Zafrullah tested positive for Covid-19 on May 25. Plasma therapy was also administered on him and he had no major complications since he tested positive.

Gonoshasthaya Kendra in a Facebook post said it was seeking blessings from all for the recovery of Dr Zafrullah.

"We hope he will recover soon and start working again to build a Bangladesh he dreams of," it said.

Zafrullah made significant contributions to the country's health sector since the Liberation War in 1971. He was behind Bangladesh's drug policy that helped flourish its pharmaceutical industry.

The physician, also a freedom fighter, has been demanding fast approval of Gonoshasthaya Kendra-developed rapid test kit for Covid-19.

Testing with this kit would be cheaper and it would enable the authorities to go for large-scale testing and isolation measures, said Gonoshasthaya Kendra.

Human rights

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Frontline health workers are the worst-hit amid the crisis because they do not have adequate access to health safety measures. They have also been restricted from talking to the media, said the report, detailing a list of incidents where health workers were penalised for speaking out.

The report presented a holistic picture of the plight of workers from all sectors. "Between February and May 20, garments workers staged demonstrations almost every day for their wages. On the other hand, entire neighbourhoods and residences were put under lockdown ... No factory was locked down, even though 97 RMG workers had tested coronavirus positive until May 7, 2020," it said.

"Labour organisers in Ashulia alleged that they received phone calls from law enforcers warning them not to write anything on social media regarding unpaid wages," the report stated. It said five labour leaders were taken to the Ashulia industrial police lines in May, were interrogated throughout the day, and released only upon signing an agreement swearing that they would not write anything on their social media accounts.

Meanwhile in Moulvibazar's Kulaura, tea workers who only earn Tk 102 per day to begin with, had not been getting paid for 12 weeks, mentioned the report. "The full-time staffers of a tea garden have not been getting paid for 11 months either."

Transport workers have been going hungry as well, in spite of paying "fees" to different societies and associations throughout the year, the report stated.

"Around 70 lakh transport workers are in peril, even though there are 300 associations whose yearly earnings from "fees" is Tk 2,000 crore.

"The workers' welfare foundation collected Tk 400 crore from the transport workers over the years, but that money cannot be used because the labour and welfare ministry said there is no legal scope to spend it for relief works."

On April 16, thousands of indigenous workers trying to go back home after the lockdown left them unemployed, were stopped at the Khagrachhari-Fatikchhari border by law enforcers, the report noted. "Most of those stopped were women. The police charged at them with batons, grievously injuring five, of whom four were women."

Private university teachers are not being paid properly either, the report said. "Only 32 of 96 private universities paid their staff in full in April."

The report also noted that in such a situation, relief is far and few in between. "Between March 29 and April 28, there were 12 protest programmes for relief in Jashore, 11 in Dhaka, 9 in Chattogram, 8 in Rangpur, 7 in Nilphamari, 7 in Gaibandha, 6 in Pabna, 6 in Rajshahi, 5 in Lalmonirhat, 5 in Sirajganj, 4 in Jamalpur, 4 in Panchagarh, 4 in Dinajpur, 4 in Thakurgaon and 4 protests in Barisal."

The plight of migrant workers also featured in the report. "The sudden loss of jobs and inability to send money home affected the well-being of migrant workers. A Kuwaiti newspaper reported that at least nine migrant workers died by suicide and four attempted it."

946 Bangladeshis brought home

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chartered flights, Md Mahbubur Rahman, a doctor at the health desk of HISA, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The rest 203 migrants returned from Russia by another special flight, Mahbubur said.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen in early April said different Middle Eastern countries, especially the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq, are likely to send back around 29,000 Bangladeshi workers in the next couple of weeks.

Many of these Bangladeshis are now in prisons or detention camps,

foreign ministry sources said, adding that they have, however, been granted general amnesty due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Of the 29,000, several thousand Bangladeshi workers have already returned from different ME countries in the last three weeks, said the sources.

All the Bangladeshi workers and others who returned to the country recently were sent to home quarantine after they showed health certificates proving they have tested negative for Covid-19.

But public health experts have

raised questions about the certificates.

Earlier, a government-appointed expert committee warned that the country might face a second wave of coronavirus infections if the government failed to ensure strict institutional quarantine for the 29,000 Bangladeshi workers.

Prof Muzaherul Huq, former adviser (Southeast Asia Region) of the World Health Organization, yesterday said in the recent past we had a bitter experience by allowing migrant workers to go into home quarantine.

"Therefore, we should not make the same mistake."

OBITUARY

Our beloved Iftekharul Islam Asad (Mirju) died in his sleep, from hypoglycemia, on 03/06/2020. He was laid to rest in Sirajganj. Iftekhar was a crack platoon commander in Dhaka during 1971. His bereaved family requests prayers for his soul.

Cambodia police refuse probe into Thai activist 'disappearance'

AFP, Phnom Penh

Cambodian police yesterday ruled out a probe into the alleged disappearance of a self-exiled Thai democracy activist after a rights group said he had been abducted in broad daylight from outside his Phnom Penh apartment.

Wanchalearm Satsaksit, a sharp critic of the Thai government led by ex-general Prayut Chan-O-Cha, was dragged into a black car on Thursday evening, according to Human Rights Watch.

Citing several witnesses and CCTV from security cameras, HRW says he was on the phone with a colleague when he was taken by "a group of armed men".

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Largest ancient Maya

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exceeded ancient Egypt's Great Pyramid of Giza built 1,500 years earlier.

There were no signs of sculptures depicting high-status individuals, suggesting Maya culture at this early stage was more communal and only later developed social inequality and a hierarchical society led by royalty, the researchers said.

"Because it is so large horizontally, if you walk on it, it just looks like natural landscape," said University of Arizona archaeologist Takeshi Inomata, who led the research published in the journal Nature. "But its form comes out nicely in lidar."

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EU presses

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Brazil's death toll topped 34,000, overtaking Italy's to become the third highest in the world, while cases in Mexico, Peru, Ecuador and Chile continued to mount.

Impoverished Haiti, with its fragile health system, is also seeing worrying trends as infections and deaths rise in the face of swirling rumours and disinformation about the severity of the disease.

When 25-year-old Jonel Cadet tested positive, he said: "I didn't believe it, and I even said the president was talking nonsense."

"It was only by coming here that I really started to believe, because I saw people who were much worse off," he told AFP from a hospital in Cite Soleil.

OXYGEN SHORTAGES

Since emerging in China late last year, the virus has infected at least 6.6 million people, killed more than 391,000 and wreaked havoc on the global economy by forcing millions to stay inside their homes.

After Brazil reported a new 24-hour record death toll, its fatalities stand behind only the United States, with more than 108,000 deaths, and Britain, with nearly 40,000.

Far-right President Jair Bolsonaro has fiercely criticised coronavirus stay-at-home measures, arguing that they are needlessly hurting the economy.

Brazil is the hardest-hit country in Latin America, though Mexico reported a record number of new infections for the second straight day, with 4,442.

And in Peru, desperate residents lined up to buy oxygen tanks for their loved ones, as the government declared oxygen a "strategic health resource" amid an acute shortage.

'GLOBAL PUBLIC GOOD'

With the pandemic starting to hit the developing world with full force, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said a new vaccine had to be available to everyone across the world.

"A vaccine must be seen as a global public good - a people's vaccine, which a growing number of world leaders are calling for," he said in a message to a virtual summit hosted by Britain.

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1.	465828	Preliminary Survey, Detailed Topographical Survey & Preparation of Land Acquisition plan of Kotallipara-Rajoir (Z-8032) road under Madaripur Road Division during 2019-2020.	15-06-2020 at 17:00	16-06-2020 at 16:00	16-06-2020 at 16:00
2.	465829	Preliminary Survey, Detailed Topographical Survey & Preparation of Land Acquisition plan of Proposed Mahisherchar-Kulpadbi-Gagonpur new bus stand connecting road under Madaripur Road Division during the year 2019-2020	15-06-2020 at 17:00	16-06-2020 at 16:15	16-06-2020 at 16:15
3.	465830	Installation of reflecting road studs at major curve portions & speed breaker location (different chainages) of Bhanga-Bhatiapara-Mollahat National Highway (N-805) & Dhaka-Jatrabari-Mawa-Bhanga-Barishal National Highway (N-8) under Road Division Madaripur during the year 2019-2020	15-06-2020 at 17:00	16-06-2020 at 16:30	16-06-2020 at 16:30

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Mourns with deepest sympathy

Zandrotex Fashion GmbH Liaison Office Bangladesh extends our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Riazul Alam (Riaz) who passed away on 27th May 2020, Wednesday in a tragic fire incident at United Hospital while taking treatment as a suspected COVID 19 patient. Innaillaha Wainna Ilaie Rajiun. May Allah shower His choicest blessings and grace on the departed soul.

Mr. Riazul Alam has been working with our company since August 1, 2006. He started his career in Zandrotex Fashion GmbH as a merchandiser and have developed into Manager- Merchandising over the years through his remarkable achievements. He was very trustworthy, dedicated and professional both as an employee as well as a human being. He was very supportive, energetic and motivating as a colleague. He would always keep his company and colleagues before himself which is such a rare quality to find. His contribution to the company will be always appreciated.

He will be missed dearly and fondly remembered for his compassion and dedication to the company. We will surely miss him each and every day at work and Zandrotex Fashion will always wish that he could be there with us to share his creative thoughts with us.

Our prayers and thoughts will always be there with his family in these challenging times.

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