Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yesterday was the 35th death anniversary of Mahmudun Nabi Tareque, son of Alhaj AKM Nurun Nabi, a retired district registrar, said a press release.

Tareque was the brother of daily Financial Times Editor Anwarul Kabir Shahzada.

He was a meritorious student who used to study at Begumganj Pilot High School in Noakhali, attaining remarkable results.

He died of cardiac arrest at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in 1985, at the age of 17.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and doa mahfils will be held today at the mosque adjacent to his Nijpanua village house in Chagalnaiya upazila of Feni, and Shah Saheb Bari Mosque in Momenbagh and Gulbagh Mosque in the capital after Asr prayers.

His family members have requested all to attend the events and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Peace prize

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The trust is in fulfilment of the pledge by Bangabandhu for the welfare, treatment and rehabilitation of physically disabled freedom fighters. The government has constituted an eight-member Board of Trustees with the relief and rehabilitation minister as its chairman.

MONI SINGH CALLS ON BANGABANDHU

Moni Singh, chief of Bangladesh Communist Party, calls on Bangabandhu at the Gono Bhaban today.

SOURCES: October 11, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

Deaths from

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In the same 24 hours yesterday, a total of 1,278 new infections were recorded, taking the total number of people infected to 375,870, read the press release.

Against 11,256 tests in 109 Covid-19 testing laboratories yesterday, the positivity rate was 11.35 percent. The overall positivity rate stands at 18.33 percent.

Considering the total number of confirmed cases, Bangladesh is currently on the 16th position in the list of worst affected countries in the world.

The position is one step behind Iraq and one step ahead of Italy, according to worldometers.info.

Meanwhile, 1,596 Covid-19 patients have recovered in the same 24 hours.

With this, the total number of recoveries rose to 289,912 which is more than 77 percent of all confirmed cases.

Among those who died yesterday, nine were males and eight females. All of them died in hospitals, read the release.

One of them aged between 31 and 40 years, eight between 51 and 60, and the rest eight were above 60.

One each of them was from Mymensingh, Rangpur and Chattogram divisions while two were from Khulna and the highest 12 from Dhaka division, the release added.

8 arrested in Ctg over gang-rape

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at Chattogram Medical College Hospital around 4:30am, Bijoy Boshak, deputy commissioner (north) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, said.

The arrestees are Jahangir Alam, 38, Yusuf, 32, Debu Barua alias Jobair Hossain, Shahed, Rintu Dutta Biplob, Ripon, Sujan, and Monwara Begum alias Lebur Ma.

The woman was present at the spot during the incident, said DC Bijoy.

In Khulna, police arrested a man named Asanur Rahman Gazi yesterday afternoon for allegedly raping his 15-year-old niece.

Asanur mixed sleeping pills with soft drink and offered his niece to drink it last Saturday. As the girl fell unconscious, he raped her.

The victim's father filed a case with Paikgachha Police Station yesterday, said Ezaz Shafi, officer-in-charge of the police station.

In Savar, police on Thursday night detained five people for allegedly gang-raping a 23-year-old housewife in Ashulia.

The arrestees are Saiful Islam, 18, Antar, 19, Jotirmoy Saha, 20, Pappu Saha, 19, and Milon, 21, said Inspector (Investigation) Ziaul Islam of Ashulia Police Station.

Quoting the victim, a residence of Dhaka's Mirpur, said Ziaul, Saiful and Antar forcibly took her to an abandoned place in Ashulia and they along with seven other youths raped her on September 23.

After that incident, the victim was gang-raped again by the same people and three other persons after she was forced to meet them.

The victim recently revealed the incidents to her husband who sought help from police on Thursday night.

Inspector Ziaul said they arrested the five persons in separate drives in Rustompur area of Ashulia.

Abdur Rashid, inspector (operations) of Ashulia Police Station, said around 10 persons were involved in the incident.

In another incident, Helal Uddin, 57, a landlord, was arrested on Thursday night allegedly for raping three girls including twins, all aged about nine, on August 6.

The father of the twins, a garment factory worker, filed a case with Ashulia police on Thursday night over the incident, said Inspector Ziaul.

According to the case statement, Helal lured the three girls to his room saying he would buy them bottle of cold-drink on the day of the incident when their parents were away at work.

Also, police arrested a 35-year-old man from Nama Genda area of Savar on Thursday night on charge of raping his daughter on October 6, said Saiful Islam, inspector (investigation) of Savar Model Police Station.

In Tangail, a 10-year-old girl was allegedly raped by two men at Bhuapur upazila.

Police and the family sources said Ismail Hossain, 40, of the same upazila, called the IV-grader victim at his house on October 5. Later, Ismail and Mostofa raped the girl there.

The girl's father filed a case with Bhuapur Police Station on Thursday afternoon accusing Mostofa and Ismail.

Mostofa, who was arrested yesterday, admitted to rape the girl during primary interrogation, said Rashidul Islam, officer-in-charge of Bhuapur Police Station.

In Feni, police yesterday arrested Emon Faruk Badsha, 20, of Chhagalnaiya, for allegedly raping his four-year-old niece on Monday.

The district police also arrested Tomij Uddin Nayan, 50, president of ward-7 unit of Awami League in Motiganj union of Sonagazi, from Bhadadia village in the same upazila for allegedly raping his 14-year-old niece on Thursday night, reported UNB.

Police on Wednesday arrested Kamrul Islam, 40, in Laxmipur's Raipur on suspicion of raping and abducting his nice, a 10th grader from Chandpur's Faridganj, read a separate UNB report.

Without trial, 2 boys in jail

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who is now posted in Sylhet Range Police, said the SIM card was activated just two days before the murder. It was switched off after the incident, he added.

"Analysing the call list, police spotted one of them [the arrestees], who is a worker of GPH Ispat. In the meantime, police also learned that another worker of GPH Ispat named Dilip was missing for a few days from the workplace."

Later on April 25, officials arrested Jibon and Durjoy in the murder case while Kanchan was released after interrogation.

According to police sources, Jibon gave his confessional statement before the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Safi Uddin on April 26, describing how he and Durjoy murdered Dilip and burnt the body to destroy evidence.

In the statements, he mentioned that they murdered the man over a brawl for Tk 50 and consuming marijuana, the sources said.

But on May 2 that year, police found Dilip in a remote area of Manikchhari upazila of Khagrachhari and produced him before the court with a report in this regard.

Jibon's father Suman Chakrabarty, who is also a day labourer, told The Daily Star, "My son is a worker of GPH Ispat factory and he went to the spot with his friends to see the dead body.

"They [police] tortured my son in custody and forced him to make a confessional statement. A police informant Palash Shil framed my son because of his rivalry with my family."

"I am a poor man living hand to mouth. I placed bail prayers two times through a lawyer but failed to have my son released due to the lawyer's noncooperation," he added.

Palash Shil could not be reached for comment as his mobile phone was found switched off.

Durjoy's mother Shandya Acharjee said her son was innocent but police arrested him near their house when he went outside to have tea.

However, SI Saifullah refuted the allegations and asked, "If we had tortured the accused, why would we rescue Dilip alive through hectic efforts and place him before the court with documents?"

He added that the accused made the confessional statement before remand. "But when we found Dilip alive, we placed remand prayers to know the truth."

Inspector (Investigation) Sanjoy Sinha of Halishahar Police Station, also the current IO of the case, told the Daily Star, "We are trying to confirm the identity of the victim. The DNA samples have been preserved.

"Once the identity is confirmed, the reason behind the grisly murder will be known."

Act firmly to protect victims

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watchdog made the call amid ongoing countrywide protests after a video clip, showing a group of men attacking, stripping, and sexually assaulting a woman in Noakhali, went viral.

Though the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission has sought to remove the video from the internet, it continues to circulate widely, the HRW added.

The statement also reminded that the High Court had ordered the law ministry in January to form a commission within 30 days to address the troubling rise in sexual violence in the country, with the aim of producing recommendations by June.

More than nine months after the order, the commission, however, has not produced any recommendations, it said.

In the meantime, the government has yet to pass its long-promised sexual harassment and witness protection laws. Survivors continue to face stigma, and do not have adequate access to psychosocial services when they seek help. The attackers are rarely held to account and the conviction rate for rape in Bangladesh is below 1 percent, it added.

The Bangladesh government should create the High Court-ordered commission on sexual violence and publicly report its recommendations; provide comprehensive sexuality education in schools, including on the meaning of consent; and provide training to law enforcement and court officials on working with victims of gender-based violence, the statement said.

The government should ensure that adequate and accessible resources for psychosocial support are available and accessible and should heed activists' calls to finally pass a sexual harassment bill, provide witness protection, and reform discriminatory legislation, the statement added.

"The Bangladesh government needs to listen to women," Ganguly said. "The government should ensure that this woman, and all sexual assault survivors, are treated with dignity and have access to services, and that their right to a fair, timely, independent investigation and adequate legal remedy is respected."

Rajapaksa draws

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trade agreement were last held in 2017.

China has been making increasing inroads into South Asia with its Belt and Road Initiative, aimed at financing critical infrastructure in dozens of countries across the world.

In 2017, Sri Lanka signed over control of a Chinese-financed port and land around it to Beijing after incurring heavy losses, to the alarm of the United States and regional power India.

Yesterday, Rajapaksa rejected accusations that China wanted to trap Sri Lanka into mounting debt with the port deal.

"Many geo-political analysis interprets this project as a 'debt trap' set up by China to gain control over Sri Lankan affairs," Rajapaksa told the Chinese delegation, led by Yang Jiechi, one of China's top diplomats.

"I want to prove that it is not the case and that this large-scale project will help improve the living standards of the people," he added.

The countries also agreed to deepen ties in the agriculture, education, tourism, water supply and healthcare sectors, according to a summary of the meeting released by Rajapaksa's office.

WHO reports record

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36.5 million cases have been officially diagnosed.

According to a Reuters analysis of more recent country data, infections are rising in 54 countries, including surges in Argentina, Canada and much of Europe.

Infections in the United Kingdom have reached record levels with over 17,000 new cases reported on Thursday.

"We are seeing a definite and sustained increase in cases and admissions to hospital. The trend is clear, and it is very concerning," said Dr Yvonne Doyle, medical director for Public Health England.

France's new daily Covid-19 infections remained above the record 18,000 threshold for the second day on Thursday with new measures to curb the outbreak expected.

The average number of new infections reported in Belgium has been increasing for seven days straight and Germany reported its biggest daily increase in new cases since April on Thursday.

Spain's federal government declared a state of alarm in and around Madrid to enforce a partial lockdown, overriding both strong opposition from the regional authorities and a ruling by judges had cancelled the restrictions.

Russia registered a record daily number of new infections, surpassing its previous high from May. The 12,126 new infections bring the total number of confirmed cases to 1,272,238 -- the fourth highest in the world.

While India still leads in the globe in most new cases reported per day, new infections are down 20% from its peak.

India's total cases rose by 70,496 in the last 24 hours to 6.91 million yesterday morning, data from the health ministry showed. Deaths from Covid-19 infections rose by 964 to 106,490, the ministry said.

In the United States, which has the largest total number of cases and deaths in the world, new infections are edging higher along with the most hospitalized Covid-19 patients since early September.

The US has passed another Covid-19 milestone, with more than 7.6m cases registered on the Johns Hopkins University tracker.

Another universe existed

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these points are the final expulsion of energy called 'Hawking radiation', transferred by black holes from the older universe.

Black holes are a region of space where matter has collapsed on itself, and has such a high gravitational force that not even light can escape.

Such an event may be occuring in the centre of our galaxy; Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez, who shared the Nobel Prize with Sir Roger, offered the most compelling evidence of a supermassive black hole in the middle of the Milky Way.

There is a possibility that the timescale for the complete evaporation of a black hole could be longer than the age of our current universe, and therefore could not be detected.

"I claim that there is observation of Hawking radiation. The Big Bang was not the beginning. There was something before the Big Bang and that something is what we will have in our future", Sir Roger said, according to The Telegraph.

"We have a universe that expands and expands, and all mass decays away, and in this crazy theory of mine, that remote future becomes the Big Bang of another aeon.

"So our Big Bang began with something which was the remote future of a previous aeon and there would have been similar black holes evaporating away, via Hawking evaporation, and they would produce these points in the sky, that I call Hawking Points.

"We are seeing them. These points are about eight times the diameter of the Moon and are slightly warmed up regions. There is pretty good evidence for at least six of these points."

However, many have criticised the idea and the existence of the type of radiation from these black holes is yet to be confirmed.

Trump eyes to hit campaign

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Trump said that he might hold another rally the following day in Pennsylvania.

But later yesterday, an administration official said the US president was unlikely to travel this weekend for campaign events.

Earlier in the day Trump's doctor gave him the green light to resume public activities this weekend.

"Saturday will be day 10 since Thursday's diagnosis, and based on the trajectory of advanced diagnostics the team has been conducting, I fully anticipate the president's safe return to public engagement at that time," Conley said in a statement.

Having been held back from campaigning, Trump earlier Thursday raged on Fox Business television, insulting Biden's running mate Kamala Harris as a "monster," branding illegal immigrants "rapists," and urging indictments of Biden and former president Barack Obama.

And in remarks that caught Pelosi's attention, the 74-year-old Trump quipped that he beat Covid because "I am a perfect physical specimen and I'm extremely young."

Pelosi warned that Trump is suffering from a "disassociation from reality (that) would be funny if it weren't so deadly."

Senior House Democrat James Clyburn cautioned on CNN that Trump was exhibiting "very erratic behavior" that has drawn public concern. As they questioned the president's claim to be rapidly recovering from Covid-19 and Pelosi announced her upcoming probe, Trump fired back on Twitter.

"Crazy Nancy is the one who should be under observation," he wrote. "They don't call her Crazy for nothing!"

Trump's rejection of next week's debate because organizers decided to go virtual due to his bout with Covid-19 upended the calendar of debates -- usually a set series of three that candidates arrange well in advance.

After back and forth between Trump and Biden's campaign, it appeared likely that only two debates will take place in total, with the next being October 22 and the one scheduled for Miami on October 15 now scrapped.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Jail Super
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Re-Tender Notice

Memo No. 58.04.7000.131.04.005.20-২৯৯১ Date: 08-10-2020

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Publishing, closing date & time
01	502171	Supply of Unnotamaner Mashur Dal Mota to Chapainawabganj District Jail for the period of October/2020 to September/2021	07-October-2020, 14.15am 19-October-2020, 11.00am

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Invitation for Tender (IFT) for Disinfectant (For floor cleaning)

Project name	TB Control Programme
Source of Funds	Global Found
Tender package no.	BPD-TB/04-2020
Reference no. and date	IFT/BRAC/ BPD-TB/20-07 Date: 07 October 2020
Tender name	Procurement of Disinfectant (For floor cleaning)
Time of delivery	As per Tender Documents.
Price of the tender documents	BDT 1,000.00 (Non-refundable).
Tender security	As per tender documents.
Availability of Tender documents	Procurement Department (Ground floor), BRAC Center, 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212. For study purpose please visit procurement.brac.net.
Date & time of Selling Documents	11 October to 25 October 2020 Between 11.00a.m to 3.00p.m
Tender dropping place, date & time	Tender Box-3, BRAC Procurement Department (Ground floor), BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212. 27 October, 2020 Between 10.00am to 1.30 pm
Tender opening place, date & time	BRAC Staff Canteen (4th Floor), BRAC Center 27 October'2020 at 3.30pm

BRAC procurement Department, BRAC Centre, 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212 Phone: 9881265 Ext 3033

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