



Former BAU VC Mohammad Farouk no more

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Dr Shah Mohammad Farouk, former vice chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh, passed away at BSMMU, Dhaka yesterday. He breathed his last at the ICU of corona block in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, said a press release. Dr Farouk left behind his wife, two sons and daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. Eldest son of late Rahima Begum and late Shah Wajed Ali, Farouk completed his BSc in Mechanical Engineering from East Pakistan University of Engineering and Technology (EPUET) (now BUET) in 1963. Following all health guidelines, he was laid to rest beside his parents at Golkibari graveyard in Mymensingh city yesterday afternoon.

EVMs drew

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EC data shows that voter turnout in the first phase was 65.25 percent, while turnout in the third phase using ballot papers was 70.42 percent. Meanwhile, in the second phase where both EVM and ballot papers were used, the overall turnout was 61.92 percent. Savar municipality of Dhaka witnessed a 33.59 percent turnout, lowest among EVM-using municipalities. Turnout at Moulvibazar municipality was 41.87 percent, lowest among municipalities that used ballots. Kalapra municipalities of Patuakhali witnessed 85.31 percent turnout, the highest among EVM-poll municipalities. The highest voter turnout among ballot paper-using municipalities was at Dhamoirhat municipality of Naogaon, at 92.14 percent. Amid reservations of most opposition political parties and experts, and confusion among many voters, the Election Commission used EVM in six constituencies in the 11th parliamentary election in December 2018, for which the average turnout was 51.41 percent. Total turnout for the polls was 80.20 percent. Badiul said that EC had promised that vote rigging and other irregularities would decrease if the elections were held using EVM. "But I cannot understand the reason of this gap of turnout. Which one is problematic, EVM or ballot paper? EC has the obligation to clear people's suspicion regarding EVM," he said. "Credibility of EVM is mainly dependent on credibility of the EC. And credibility of the EC has now reached almost zero, so people are finding it hard to trust a machine in their hands," he added. He feared that there are chances of "digital irregularities through the system", as there is no voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) system in EVM machine. Contacted, Election Commissioner Kabita Khanam said she doesn't think that there is any distrust and lack of interest among voters about EVM. "Rather, we have seen that people showed interest to cast their votes in EVM. Some people even said they came to the polling centre just so that they can cast their vote using machine. People are curious about how to cast vote using EVM," she said. "There was difference in voter turnout even among municipalities that used ballot papers. EC will create an atmosphere so that voters can give cast their vote and choose a candidate freely. It was candidates' responsibility to bring voters to polling centres," she said. Some 56 municipalities will go for election on February 14 in the fourth phase, of which EVM will be used in 31 municipalities. Elections to 31 municipalities will be held in the fifth phase on February 28, all using EVM. So far, ruling Awami League candidates have clinched sweeping victories in the first, second and third phases of the elections. AL contenders achieved success in 18 municipalities out of 24 in the first phase, 45 out of 60 municipalities in the second phase and won 46 out of the 63 municipalities in the third phase.

Language veteran Abdul Malek passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Khandakar Abdul Malek Shahidullah, a Language Movement veteran, died at his Nandibari house in Muktagachha, Mymensingh yesterday, aged 85. He left behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and well-wishers. Malek had been suffering from different old age complications, family sources said. He will be buried with state honour at Muktagacha Municipal graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza on Nandibari ground around 11am today. A former member of the provincial assembly, Shahidullah was also an organiser of the Liberation War. He was also organising secretary of Awami League in greater Mymensingh when Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam was its president. Born to Khandakar Abdul Mannan and late Korimona Nessa Khanam on February 21 in 1936, Malek was only 17 in 1952 when the Language Movement broke out. He was a ninth-grader at that time. He and eight of his fellows were expelled from Cooperative High School in Dewanganj, Jamalpur for taking part in a procession. But all except Malek got back to their studentship seeking apology. His medical officer father did not allow him to apologise, and eventually his education life stopped forever, said family sources. Malek was also elected mayor of Muktagachha municipality in 1997. State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid and former law minister Abdul Matin Khoshru, also AL presidium member, expressed their deep shock at the death.



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 'Return to Work' strategy drafted

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Bangladesh Business and Disability Network (BBDN) with the support of Bangladesh Employers Federation (BEF) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has completed the drafting of a "Return to Work and Rehabilitation Strategy" for people who suffered injuries or disability due to industrial accidents or occupational hazards, said a press release. Following an initial consultation workshop in January 2020 and further inputs from stakeholders on an initial draft, a final validation workshop was conducted in January 2021 to generate further discussion on finalising the strategy and taking the implementation forward. At this high-level strategic workshop, Abdus Salam, secretary, Ministry of Labor and Employment was present as the chief guest. He highlighted the uniqueness of the ministry as there is a tripartite consultative council with the representation of employers, workers and the government to consider and take forward relevant issues. He mentioned that the Labour Act 2006 has some provisions on disability related issues. However, there is a lack of an action plan to operationalise it, he added. Murteza Rafi Khan, CEO of BBDN, contextualised the need for continued improvement of labor standards in alignment with the economic graduation of Bangladesh towards a middle-income country. Shaquib Quoreshi, consultant at BBDN, delivered the keynote presentation on the return to work and rehabilitation strategy and emphasised the six thematic areas identified for strategic intervention in the document. An open floor discussion followed the keynote. Moazzem Hussain, senior technical adviser at GIZ; Rafiqul Islam, additional secretary of BGMEA; Wazedul Islam, general secretary of Bangladesh Trade Union Centre; Nazmul Ahsan Jewel, member secretary of National Coordination Committee for Workers' Education; Habibullah N Karim, vice president of BEF; Noushin Shah, national programme coordinator at ILO; Farid Ahmed, joint inspector general at Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishment (DIFE); Abdul Latif Khan, additional director general, Department of Labour and Dr Silvia Popp, project manager of EIPS, GIZ also spoke at the event.

Road crashes kill two

STAR REPORT

Two people were killed in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents. In Chapainawabganj, a tractor driver was killed as one of the vehicle's parts broke down at the middle and he fell off it in Nimtala area of Gomostapur upazila, said police. The victim was identified as Suman Ali (35) from Pirason village in Gomostapur. Dilip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Gomostapur Police Station said the accident occurred all of a sudden around 12pm and he died on the spot. In Barguna, a 32-year-old woman was killed when a bus ran her over on Patuakhali-Kuakata highway at Shakharia bus stand in Amtali upazila. The deceased was identified as Rehana Begum, wife of Afzal Hossain from Chawra union in Amtali, said police. Her daughter Riamni (3) and her aunt Piara Begum (55) were also injured in the incident. Amtali Police Station OC Shah Alam Hawlader said the body was sent to Barguna General Hospital morgue for autopsy. The bus was seized but its driver managed to flee.

Firm Hiring for Business Continuity Plan (BCP)
National Resilience Program (NRP) under Programming Division of Planning Commission will hire a firm for piloting Business Continuity Plan (BCP) in selected economic zones and industrial units. Interested firm may visit the following link for application procedures. Application deadline 15 February 2021.
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DEATH ANNIVERSARY
Today is the 23rd Death Anniversary of Former Secretary **M. AKHTAR ALI**. Due to Covid-19 Milad Mahfil and Dua can not be held on the occasion of 23rd death anniversary of former secretary M. Akhtar Ali. All relatives and well wishers are requested to pray for the departed soul.
Mrs. Raushan Ara Akhtar & Family.
House-14A, Road-95, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212.

The bike lanes

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strategy for DNCC in this regard. The paper -- a joint effort by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), VITTI Sthapati Brindo Ltd, WBBTrust, Institute of Architects and Institute of Planners and more -- has received DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam's nod. Bapa Joint Secretary Iqbal Habib, coordinator of the initiative, said, "The mayor said he intends to make the city cyclist, pedestrian, and eco-friendly. But this cannot be achieved merely by random construction of a few lanes here and there without connectivity." He told this correspondent they are finishing up the strategy paper with these issues, along with existing laws and international perspectives, in mind. If all goes well, it could be finished by March, he estimated.

DNCC'S PLAN
In a recent interview with the Daily Star, Mayor Atiqul Islam said, "Cycles are getting popular. Besides the 9km cycling lanes in Manik Mia Avenue and Agargaon, from now on, wherever we find space we will construct bicycle lanes." The mayor also spoke about the integrated strategy paper by planners and climate action activists and said the city corporation will take appropriate measures according to their suggestions. "In spite of challenges, we will go for an integrated bicycle network as it will be beneficial for the environment and public health," he said. Cycling activist Fuad Ahsan Chowdhury, spokesperson of BDCyclists -- the country's biggest cycling platform and an aide to the paper -- said, "We welcome DNCC's initiative, but we hope they will work to ensure usability of the lanes."

Man held with 1.30 lakh yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) in a drive yesterday arrested an alleged drug peddler with 1.30 lakh yaba pills from Anwara upazila of Chhattogram. The arrestee is Md Alauddin (27) from the upazila's Paschim Raipur area. Nurul Absar, assistant director of Rab-7's media wing, said they had information that a huge consignment of yaba was going to be unloaded at Gohira Bazar. "When Rab-7 personnel reached there, two people started running but law enforcers caught one of them. Based on his confession, they dug out the pills -- hidden behind a shop," said Absar. During primary interrogation, Rab found that peddlers smuggled the drugs from Myanmar via Bay of Bengal, he said. A case was filed.

ঢাকা ন্যাশনাল মেডিক্যাল কলেজ
৫৩/১, জনসন রোড, ঢাকা-১১০০।
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ঢাকা ন্যাশনাল মেডিক্যাল কলেজের ডেন্টাল ইন্ডিস্ট্রি নিয়োগিত পদসমূহে নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।
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সর্তকর্তব্য: ১। আবেদী প্রার্থীকে কলেজ অফিস হতে নির্ধারিত দরখাস্ত ফর্ম সংগ্রহ করে প্রস্তুত পদের জন্য নির্ধারিত ফি (ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/সে-অর্ডার)সহ দরখাস্ত আনতে। ২। ১৫/০২/২০২১ হতে তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর ব্যবসারে প্রেরণ করতে হবে। ৩। প্রস্তুত পদের জন্য কলেজের নির্ধারিত বেতন দেয়া হবে। ৪। শুধুমাত্র বাছাইকৃত প্রার্থীদেরকেই সাক্ষাৎকারের জন্য ডাকা হবে এবং যে পদের জন্য আবেদন করবেন তাদের উপর সে পদের নাম অংশই উদ্ভূত করতে হবে। ৫। চাকরীর প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। ৬। কর্তৃপক্ষ আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়। ৭। কর্তৃপক্ষ কলেজের যথেষ্ট বিজ্ঞপ্তি যে কোন শর্ত শিথিল বা বাতিল করতে পারবেন।
অধ্যক্ষ (স্বাক্ষরিত)
ঢাকা ন্যাশনাল মেডিক্যাল কলেজ

Another one

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in a new generation of moviegoers to the big screen theatres. However, though it was completed early last year, it hit a stumbling block in the form of the coronavirus pandemic and is yet to formally launch. Saik Eunos, one of the owners of Madhuban Cineplex, told this newspaper, "The government did not allow halls to fill 100 percent of audience capacity yet, and there are no new movie releases. So we can't go for full operation at the moment." Mentionable, the government has recently taken an initiative to provide loans of lowest interest to cinema hall owners from a Tk 1,000 crore fund, to patron the renovation and modernisation of movie theatres in the country.

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TENDER NOTICE
Ref: NGO/COVID-19/2021/ITB-001
NGO Forum for Public Health has undertaken a project named "Improvement of Water Sanitation & Hygiene Environment for Prevention of COVID-19 Pandemic at Refugee Camps & Host Communities in Cox's Bazar" funded by AAR Japan. NGO Forum, Cox's Bazar Project Office invites open tender for "Supplying Hygiene Kits of 3000 households of Rohingya Refugees & Host Communities in Cox's Bazar".
Lot Type Quantity Delivery Location
1. Supply of Hygiene Kits 3000 packs Selected Point of some wards of Rajapalong Union, UKhiya & Hnila Union of Teknaf
2. Cloth Face Mask 47,700 pcs Selected Point of some wards of Rajapalong Union, UKhiya & Hnila Union of Teknaf
Bidders may have at least 05 years practical experience in respective area of supply & relevant experience in packaging hygiene kits. All interested bidders are requested to confirm their interest with request for the tender documents by emailing at procurement.ukh.ngo@gmail.com. The email subject should have RFQ reference, example "Tender doc request for hygiene kits of NGO/COVID-19/2021/ITB-001". The feedback email will be sent within office hours (09 AM to 05PM).
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3rd to 6th February, 2021 from 10 AM to 5 PM Ukhya Field Office: Flat#04 (ground floor), Shohag's House, Opposite of Upazila Parasad Gate, Main Road, Ukhya Station, Cox's Bazar.
Only 7th February, 2021 before 4PM.
Note: Only hard copy of bids with proper document in sealed envelopes will be accepted. NGO Forum for Public Health reserves the right to split, accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever and is not bound to accept the lowest bidder.
Project Manager, IWSHEP, NGO Forum, Cox's Bazar.

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