

Sayed Hasan Shikdar new Rajuk chairman

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Dr Sayeed Hasan Shikdar, chief (additional secretary) of planning division, has been appointed as the new chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha.

To this effect, the public administration ministry yesterday issued a gazette notification signed by Deputy Secretary Md Abul Kalam Azad.

Hasan replaces Md Sayeed Noor Alam who was appointed as the chairman on January 12, 2020.

Sayed Noor, member of the agency, had been acting as the chairman since the government promoted his predecessor Sultan Ahmed to power secretary on December 30, 2019.



Merely five days from the Ekushey February, the historic Amtala -- the site near DMCH's emergency gate from where the Language Movement started -- remains obstructed and obscured by vendors and hawkers. If the past holds proof, then there will be a routine eviction drive two-three days before the 21st, after which things will go back to being this way, depriving the world of a view of the important historic site. This photo was taken earlier this week.

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Newborn found abandoned near Dhaka airport

STAR REPORT

A newborn was found in a bush near Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday morning.

The baby girl, aged only a day or two, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after an airport cleaner found her abandoned.

Jahura Akter said they were working when her colleague Rehana heard the sound of a baby crying from the bush on the airport's north side.

"I found the baby wrapped in a towel and we took her to Airport Police Station. With the help of police, the baby was rushed to DMCH," she said.

Airport Police Station Sub-inspector Razibul Hasan said the baby had no injury marks on her body but she had rashes which possibly happened due to mosquito bites. Police are trying to find who abandoned her, he said.

DMCH Director Brig Gen Nazmul Haque said the baby's weight is around 2.5kgs and she was bleeding from the naval which doctors managed to stop. She was on little oxygen support, he said.

Three go missing as boat capsizes in Karnaphuli

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Three people have gone missing after a goods-laden engine-run boat capsized in the river Karnaphuli yesterday morning.

Boat owner Mohammad Zakaria said the vessel with vegetables and commodities -- including rice and lentil -- sank around 5am while it was on the way to Kutubdia from Chaktai canal.

Seven persons could be rescued by the people of a trawler heading for the same destination while three others -- the boatman and two vegetable traders -- remained missing. Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) Secretary Md Omar Faruk said the boat capsized at the Karnaphuli channel near

buoy No. 5 but vessel movement was not hampered.

The reason behind the accident could not be known, he said, adding that a rescue team from the port on a vessel rushed to the spot, salvaged the boat and shifted it to Ghat No. 15 of the river.

Port officials, however, suspect that crack might have developed in the bottom of the boat due to overloading.

Coastguards and other agencies were engaged in search of the missing persons, said Omar Faruk. Vegetables and commodities are transported from Chaktai on boats to Kutubdia and other coastal areas using the Karnaphuli channel.

Step forward for Char people: Shakib

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Top Bangladeshi cricketer Shakib Al Hasan has called upon people from all walks of life to stand beside people of chars and climate-impacted areas, marginalised and deprived of fundamental rights due to their proximity to the coast.

"We are still a developing country, and we all need to come together for the welfare of these marginalised people," he said at the launching of a campaign of Friendship, a non-government organisation (NGO).

The campaign, titled 'Heroes and Friends' was launched yesterday through a virtual press conference.

Shakib said he had no idea about the difficulties faced by the people of Char areas. "They are deprived of basic facilities that city people have easy access to," he said.

Runa Khan, Founder Executive Director of Friendship, said their work is linked with managing disasters.

Killed for Saraswati puja

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Nurul Islam Swapan (25), Ratan (23), Shafiqur Rahman Dipu (30), Fahim Hasan Tanvir (19), Tariqul Islam Tarek (29) and Masud Parvez (23).

They were already accused in different cases, said Abdul Ahad, deputy commissioner (Wari) of DB. He said the arrestees were involved in criminal activities in Jurain and Kadamtali areas.

According to police, they were drug dealers and killed Zakir and injured one Mujibur Rahman to continue their business uninterrupted.

The families of the victims, however, alleged that the two were attacked as they were police informers.

FROM PAGE 3 to join the celebration.

But this year, the department-wise puja arrangement will not be taking place at Jagannath Hall as the university's dormitories have been closed since March 2020.

Saraswati Puja will be arranged at Jagannath Hall Upasalanoy without its typical grandiose.

The rituals of Saraswati Puja begins this morning at temples, educational institutions and residences followed by offering of anjali, distribution of prashad, cultural function, discussion and rendering of devotional songs.

According to Hindu faith, goddess Saraswati represents power, creativity and inspiration and presents herself when the weather is pleasant and nature is in its full grandeur.

Depicted as a graceful goddess with a crescent moon adorning her brow, she is shown riding a swan or a peacock or is seated on a lotus flower.

The puja will be arranged at Dhakeswari National Temple, Jagannath Hall, Ram Krishna Mission, Siddheswari Temple, Farashganj, Shakhari Bazar, Tanti Bazar and multiple other places in old Dhaka, Banani, Ramna Kali Mandir and Maa Anandamayi Ashram and different educational institutions in the city.

4th Death Anniversary



The 4th Death Anniversary of Mrs. Kohinoor Dastgir, w/o of former Ambassador Major General Quazi Golam Dastgir, KAAO, psc, will be observed on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for her. D-31

Present authentic

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concerned to preserve graveyards of freedom fighters and build memorial museums, so generation after generation can know the accurate history of the Liberation War.

She asked the trustee board members to identify insolvent freedom fighters and their family members and stand by them.

The PM said her government will build homes for all insolvent freedom fighters and their families.

The Prime Minister asked all concerned to speed up activities of the trustee board and stressed the need for holding regular meetings. She said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

had formed the trust for the welfare of the country's best sons.

At the meeting, Sheikh Hasina recalled with due respect Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman under whose leadership the country was liberated, four national leaders, martyred freedom fighters, and others who made the supreme sacrifice in all democratic and progressive movements.

Trustee board members, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, Awami League Presidium Member Shajahan Khan, Mostafizur Rahman Fizar and Liberation War Affairs Ministry Secretary Tapan Kanti Ghosh were present, among others.

Advertisement for 4th Death Anniversary of Mrs. Kohinoor Dastgir, including details of the memorial service and contact information for SMF.

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REMiMS

First of its kind in the country, ReMiMS will contribute to better migration data management and development of targeted reintegration support programmes, according to officials and experts involved in the process.

In addition, stakeholders will have access to information on the skills profiles of returnee migrants and potentially contribute to skills transfers to communities and sectors in demand.

Furthermore, the data will support policymakers to understand the needs and vulnerabilities of returnees and help facilitate the creation of targeted and evidence-based reintegration and safety-net programmes.

ReMiMS was developed under the European Union-funded project titled 'Bangladesh: Sustainable Reintegration and Improved Migration Governance (Prottasha)'.

It is a web-based application that features data dashboards on the information of the status of returnees by age, sex, education, country of destination, and skills.

BMET is the admin user and controls user access. It will work closely with the union development centers and district employment and manpower offices to input returnees' data into the system.

Formally launching the database, the minister said the need for a database on returnee migrants became very essential amid the Covid-19 crisis.

He said the new database has to be integrated with the existing BMET database to have a comprehensive database of both outbound and returnee migrants.

He said nearly 4,00,000 Bangladeshi migrant workers returned home amid the pandemic. "If we cannot use them gainfully, then all the trainings and all the experiences attained abroad will be of no use..." he added.

He also stressed for putting mutual recognition of certificates on agendas of bilateral meetings and enhancing language training capacity.

ReMiMS is a good example of the government's pledge to ensure regular, orderly, and safe migration from Bangladesh, said Giorgi Gigauri, chief of mission, IOM Bangladesh.

"We applaud the government's ongoing efforts to develop a migration management system that generates new evidence, contributes to improve protection of migrant workers, and enables communities to benefit from the dividends of migration," he said.

Rensje Teerink said ReMiMS will facilitate the work of the EU, implementing partners and government agencies to reach their target population.

But most importantly, it will also help in the long run the government to develop solid evidence-based policies to ensure that returnees contribute to the economic development of Bangladesh, she said.

Ahmed Munirul Saleheen, secretary of expatriates' welfare ministry, and Shamsul Alam, director general of BMET, among others, addressed the event.

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