

Prof Syed A Ahad passes away

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Prof Syed A Ahad, founder general member of the North South University (NSU) Trust, passed away at Labaid Hospital, Dhaka yesterday.



He had been suffering from liver cancer, said a press release. He will be buried in his family graveyard at Gafargaon, Mymensingh. The members of the NSU Board of Trustees and NSU expressed deep shock at the demise. They also expressed sympathy to the bereaved family. NSU gratefully remembers his immense contribution to the growth of the university. Apart from being the founder general member of NSU, Prof Syed A Ahad was former professor of Department of Soil, Water and Environment at Dhaka University.

Homeless man roams air base housing Biden's plane for 5 hrs

AFP, Washington

A homeless man spent five hours last month freely roaming the military base where the US president's plane is kept, after easily passing through several layers of security, the Air Force admitted Thursday.

The Air Force inspector general said in a report on the February 4 incident that the unauthorized intruder at Joint Base Andrews made his way onto a C-40 transport plane on the tarmac, but did not get close to Air Force One or the secretary of defense's dedicated Boeing 747s.

The base, just south of Washington, is where the president, defense secretary, and other top officials fly from for official business. It is also the arrival point for visiting VIPs like foreign heads of state.

For that reason security is always tight.

Bribery claims 'hilarious joke'

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and gold bars -- it is the most hilarious joke of all," he told AFP.

"I've never seen such an illegal mudslinging."

Nobel peace laureate Suu Kyi faces other criminal charges including owning unlicensed walkie-talkies and violating coronavirus restrictions by staging a campaign event in 2020.

Suu Kyi -- not seen in public since being detained on February 1 -- has a court hearing on Monday, but Khin Maung Zaw complained that he has not been able to have a private meeting with her.

5 JOURNOS CHARGED OVER COUP COVERAGE

The junta has sought to stem the flow of news about the crackdown, throttling the country's internet connection every night, revoking media licences and raiding independent media offices.

Five journalists, including Associated Press photographer Thein Zaw, were formally charged yesterday over their coverage of the protests under a law against "causing fear, spreading false news or agitating directly or indirectly a government employee".

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for March 24.

Elsewhere, the foreign ministry

in Warsaw confirmed that a Polish journalist had been detained in Myanmar, and said they were seeking to establish "urgent contact" with him.

SOUTH KOREA SUSPENDS DEFENCE EXCHANGES International pressure has been building on the Myanmar junta, but it has shown no signs of heeding calls for restraint, continuing to try to quell daily protests by force.

Myanmar activists held more rallies against the junta yesterday as South Korea said it would suspend defence exchanges and reconsider development aid to the Southeast Asian nation because of the military's harsh crackdown on the protests.

Yesterday's rallies came a day after a rights group said security forces killed 12 protesters.

Seoul said it would suspend defence exchanges, ban arms exports, limit exports of other strategic items, reconsider development aid and grant humanitarian exemptions allowing Myanmar nationals to stay in South Korea until the situation improved.

The United Nations has condemned the crackdown, which has seen more than 2,000 people arrested, with even traditional Myanmar ally China calling for "de-escalation" and dialogue.

3 madrasa teachers, 4 others

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the madrasa's managing committee tried to cover up the incident and brand it as a case of suicide, police said.

Sabbir was a resident student. Around 11:30am on Wednesday, Zubayer called Sabbir's mother over phone and informed her that Sabbir had just died by suicide.

Sabbir's parents later received the body and buried it at their family graveyard in their village home in Shantinagar area of the district's Rugganj upazila, said ASM Shameem, sub-inspector of Siddhirganj police station.

During the burial, the family members saw injury marks at different places of the body. They filed the case with the police station yesterday morning and the seven accused were arrested hours later, said the SI.

Contacted, Officer-in-Charge Moshir Rahman of the police station said Sabbir's family alleged that he was beaten to death. Details would be known after the autopsy, he said.

"We will appeal before the court

seeking permission to exhume the body for the autopsy. Besides, we will produce the three accused teachers before the court with a seven-day remand prayer for each of them. The four students would be sent to the juvenile court."

Talking to The Daily Star, Sabbir's father Jamal Hossain said, "My wife talked to Sabbir around 9:00am on Wednesday over phone. At that time, Sabbir was very normal. Around two and half hours later, madrasa teacher Zubayer called my wife over phone and said Sabbir has died by suicide.

"We rushed to the madrasa. Then the madrasa teachers and managing committee members took us to a separate room. A person identifying himself as a freedom fighter and an Awami League leader asked us to not to go to the police."

Madrasa's Managing Committee President Mohiuddin, a freedom fighter and AL president of Ward-10 of Narayanganj City Corporation, could not be contacted over phone for comments despite repeated attempts.

Jahanara Rahman's death anniversary observed

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The first death anniversary of Jahanara Rahman, wife of late Air Commodore Ghazi Lutfur Rahman, was observed yesterday, said a press release.



On this day last year, she passed away at CMH Dhaka due to old age complications.

Her relatives, friends and admirers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

No reason

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rollouts as they had found no reason to alter course. Canada said there was no evidence the jab causes adverse reactions.

Top German public health officials said AstraZeneca's vaccine was safe and Germany would continue to use it.

"Everything we know so far suggests that the benefits of the vaccine, even after every individual case reported, are greater than the risks, and that continues to be the case," Health Minister Jens Spahn told a news briefing.

Lothar Wieler, head of the Robert Koch Institute for Infectious Diseases, added that there was no statistical evidence of excess mortality after any coronavirus shot.

Meanwhile, the EU's drug regulator yesterday said severe allergies should be added to the possible side effects of AstraZeneca's vaccine after likely links were found to a number of cases in Britain.

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) said it had "recommended an update to the product information to include anaphylaxis and hypersensitivity (allergic reactions) as side effects".

FIGHT NOT OVER

In the US, President Joe Biden offered Covid-weary Americans hope of a return to some kind of normality by July 4, marking the national holiday as his target for "independence" from the virus.

Bhutto cornered

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Bhutto was increasingly being isolated because of the growing support for Bangabandhu's demands from both wings.

"TEETERING ON THE BRINK" The Economist, on March 13, 1971, wrote in article titled Teetering on the brink that martial law was pushing East Pakistan towards declaring independence -- unless Bangabandhu got the substance of full autonomy.

Commenting on the upcoming visit of Yahya Khan, the paper said the only realistic course for the president seemed to be to acknowledge that in the new situation only Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was preventing an outright declaration of independence, and to do a deal with him while he is still in control.

Comparing the situation to the one in Biafra where Britain supplied the Nigerian government with arms to crush the secession, Economist indicated that no British government would wish to get involved in a civil war in Pakistan. They presented the following reasons for the different response: "East Pakistan is a territory whose frontiers already exist. Sheikh Mujib has demonstrably wider support there than General Ojukwu had in the territory claimed for Biafra. The 70 million East Bengalis,

culturally distinct from their western partners, not only constitute a nation that qualifies for self-determination by present standards, but actually represent the majority of Pakistan's whole population."

CIVILIAN STAFF OF DEFENCE ORDERED TO JOIN DUTY

A martial law order issued by the headquarters of the Martial Law Administrator Zone 'B' today asked all civil employees in East Pakistan to resume their duties. The order came with the warning that those who fail to follow it would not only be dismissed but be tried as an absconder.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman gave a statement in this regard saying that because the Bangladeshis were fighting against military rule, such a military order would prove to be provocative.

He further said the people were no longer afraid of such threat as they were now determined to reach their goal of freedom.

PREVENT CAPITAL FLIGHT

Swadhin Bangla Sangram Parishad today issued a directive asking people not to buy shops, houses or any other properties deserted by West Pakistanis and thus prevent capital flight from Bangladesh to West Pakistan.

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New rules

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takedown orders. However, it also extends to news websites.

The rules impose a three-tier regulatory mechanism, requiring a grievance officer to resolve complaints and a government panel to have broad oversight. The most senior government official in the information and broadcasting ministry will also have emergency powers to order content be blocked.

Media executives fear such oversight could lead to censorship of content seen as critical of the government, and three digital news outlets have approached state courts.

"These...rules will signify the death of media independence in India," said Siddharth Varadarajan, editor of independent news website 'The Wire'. Its publisher has challenged the regulation in the Delhi High Court.

LiveLaw, a legal news website, has challenged the rules in the Kerala High Court, which this week said no coercive action should be taken against the website for non-compliance.

The government says the new rules are aimed at achieving parity between digital media and print and TV news regulations. Referring to the rules for digital media, information and broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar last month said "every freedom has to be responsible freedom".

The number of online media outlets in India has increased in recent years, but some journalists have complained they face intimidation for reporting stories critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his administration.

Modi's administration says it favours press freedom.

"I think these rules will restrict and constrain press freedom, as indeed freedom more generally," said Zoya Hasan, a former professor of political science at New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University.

"This whole regulation is about control of digital media and other platforms as there's little tolerance for dissenting voices."

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Scientists capture

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in a flash of light.

Astronomers call this a "Type Ia supernovae", because they consistently give out the same amount of light anywhere in the universe, but Sagittarius A East is no ordinary Type Ia.

Rare leopard

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This animal is protected under the Wildlife Act of Bangladesh, he added.

Meanwhile, wildlife enthusiasts have repeatedly asked for limitations on vehicles' speed in the forest area. They also urged the authorities to train the drivers properly on the route.

Shamsul Haque, the joint convener of Lawachhara Bon O Jibobochitro Rokkha Andolan, said, many animals were killed on the roads in the park but only a few came to the limelight.

"Wild animals need a corridor as they come out of the jungle at night in search of food," he said.

Many vehicles use the 15-kilometre Kamalganj-Sreemangal road and rail route passing through the reserve forest area, which often causes such deaths, he added.

DIPLOMATIC CONTACT

Turkey, Egypt resume it for the first time since 2013

AFP, Ankara

Turkey and Egypt have had their first diplomatic contacts since breaking off relations in 2013, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said yesterday.

The two regional powers have sparred over a range of issues, including the war in Libya where they backed rival sides.

Ties deteriorated after a military coup spearheaded by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ousted the Ankara-backed Islamist leader Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

Cavusoglu said earlier this month that Ankara was prepared to negotiate a new maritime agreement for the eastern Mediterranean with Cairo.

Yesterday, he told Turkish state media that the two countries have had their first talks.

"We have had contacts both at the level of intelligence and foreign ministries with Egypt. Diplomatic-level contacts have started," the Anadolu state news agency quoted Cavusoglu as saying.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites proposals from interested Firm/Organization for Strengthening Employment Support Services (ESS) in 52 TVET institutes in Bangladesh. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the ILO Dhaka website under Procurement Notices at https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS_367536/lang-en/index.htm

The deadline for submission of proposal is Thursday, April 08, 2021, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

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Memo. No. IEDCR/GHSA/MSR & Others/E-tender/2020-21/ Date :11.03.2021.
E-Tender Notice : 04/2020-21.

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Sl.No	Package No.	Name of the Items	Tender ID NO.
1.	IEDCR/GHSA/MSR & Others/E-tender/2020-21/ P-1, P-2, P-3, P-3, P-4, P-5, P-6, P-7, P-8, P-9 & P-10	MSR Items (AMR), MSR Items (Anthrax), MSR Items (Leptospira), Tab (Leptospira) & Laptop (FETP,B)	557032, 557095, 557098, 557117, 557126, 557128, 557401, 557409, 557415, 557441.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, Registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches up to 2.00 PM on 04.04.2021.

The Closing & Opening Time of Tenders are Shown Below :-

Sl. No	Description	Date	Time	
			Closing	Opening
1.	IEDCR/GHSA/MSR & Others/E-tender/2020-21/ P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9 & P10	04.04.2021	3:00 PM	3:00 PM

Further Information and Guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

NB: Funding for this Procurement under GHSA Project NOA will be issues based on availability of fund.

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e-Tender is invited through e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Director, Dhaka Mohanagar Shishu Hospital under Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of following package, which will be available at e-GP website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of goods	Publication date and time	Tender closing date and time
01.	Tender ID-555910 Package No. egp/dscc/dmsh/2020-21/001/002	Purchase of Medicine Surgical items equipment chemicals and pathological items for DMSH for the FY 2020-2021	15/03/2021, 17.00	06/04/2021, 14.00

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Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief description of tender	Publication date	Last selling date & time	Opening date
1	537950	Supply of different mechanical valves for HRSG and Steam Turbine Auxiliaries.	04/03/2021	31/03/2021, 3:45pm	01/04/2021
2	527519	Supply of different pumps with spares. [Axial Piston Gear Pump, Centrifugal Pump, different chemical dosing pump kit etc.]	04/03/2021	30/03/2021, 3:45pm	31/03/2021

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