



## Shamsul Huq Chowdhury passes away

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Shamsul Huq Chowdhury passed away on March 19 at the Bangladesh Specialized Hospital in the capital.

He was 100 years old, and was suffering from old-age complications, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons, two daughters and grandchildren.

Chowdhury retired as a senior officer in 1991 from Karnaphuli Paper Mill Ltd, an enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC).

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Chouddagram of Cumilla.

Chowdhury is the father of renowned architect Ziaul Huq Chowdhury, managing director at Architects Limited.

## Serving

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Meanwhile, Minu Akhter came to the jail in 2018 following a conviction warrant in a murder case where her name and photo were registered in convicted-prisoners' register book, the jail superintendent added.

"The photos of two women were different but when she [Minu] came to jail, she introduced herself as Kulsuma. She even had the correct answers to her family members' names, addresses, and other information. However, after finding out the mismatch recently, we informed the court," he added.

Asked how they found out about the discrepancy, he said they found it while conducting an inspection of the female ward.

According to court sources, the jail superintendent came to the judge's room with both the register books. Minu was also with her.

On the court premises, Minu, a mother of three, told reporters that one Morzina Akhter of her area offered her money to go to jail for a few days.

Minu said she did not know Kulsuma. Once in jail, she said, she found out that she was serving life-term imprisonment.

Meanwhile, family members of Minu said her children are now living in an orphanage in Sitakunda.

Advocate Golam Mowla Murad who is providing legal support to Minu, told The Daily Star, "The court has seen the documents and ordered to send those to the High Court for the next course of action."

"Had the jail authorities checked the register books of the prisoners before Minu's entry, the mistake would have been found out much earlier," he added.

Meanwhile, court sources said Kulsuma had earlier filed a petition with the HC to review her punishment.

As the case is now with the HC, it will decide on the matter as well as Minu's fate, said senior lawyers at Chattogram.

Even if Minu gets bail in the case, the prison authorities may file a fraudulent case against her, they added.

Minu hails from Sitakunda upazila while convicted Kulsuma from Lohagara upazila of Chattogram.

## SHAB-E-BARAT

# Holiday moved to Mar 30

BSS, Dhaka

The government has rescheduled the public holiday for the upcoming Shab-e-Barat on March 30 instead of March 29 since the holiday for the religious event is determined based on the sighting of the new moon.

The Public Administration Ministry yesterday issued a notification in this regard.

Earlier on March 14, the National Moon Sighting Committee decided to observe the Shab-e-Barat on the night of March 29 as the moon of Shaban was not sighted in the country on that day.

## Int'l cooperation needed to protect labour rights

### Law minister tells ILO governing body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to work on a six-year action plan to ensure labour rights and safe working spaces, said Law Minister Anisul Huq.

The action plan has been prepared in consistency with Bangladesh's graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status in 2026.

The law minister said this on Monday while virtually speaking to the 341st session of ILO's Governing Body, seeking cooperation from all international organisations -- including the International Labour Organization (ILO) -- to protect the rights of all working-class people.

The minister also placed four specific issues -- namely labour law amendment, trade union registration, empowerment of labour inspection department, and giving up anti-labour interest activities -- before the ILO's governing body.

The government is working to eradicate child labour in line with sustainable development goals, he said.

ILO Governing Body's Chairperson and India's Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra presided over the session where representatives from India, China, Russia, Turkish, Morocco, Cuba, Iraq, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, Canada, USA, Switzerland, Germany, and Mexico attended, said a law ministry press release.

## Don't incite

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But if BNP carries out their evil attempts to create unrest in the name of movement, Awami League, along with the people, will face them, he said.

"Now Awami League is very much united, strong and well-organised," he said.

Quader said when BNP was in power, it introduced politicisation in administration. On the other hand, the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stopped it.

The current administration is very much skilled and efficient, he added.

The minister said the administration is working with efficiency to materialise Vision 2021, Vision 2041, Delta Plan and other long-term visions.

There is no government interference in lower and high courts and that is why the court gave verdicts against many AL leaders and activists, he said, adding that AL does not want to intervene in the judicial process by any means as it is respectful to the law.

But BNP maintains a double standard on law and judicial matters, he added.

Referring to the rise in coronavirus infection rate, the minister urged the all to maintain health guidelines properly and wear facemasks.

He urged all of AL's organisational units to arrange prayers at religious establishments on every Friday from now till December marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu and golden jubilee of independence, keeping consistency with the central programmes as per the directives of the party president.

Quader also announced AL's programmes for Genocide Day on March 25. AL's Dhaka city north and south units will arrange a discussion at 11am at AL central office on the day, he said.

## Govt

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Fakhrul said their party has long been saying the unsettled issues, including a fair share of the water of common rivers and border killing, should be resolved to improve further the bilateral ties with India.

"It should also be made clear to people what we're gaining from increasing the connectivity," he said.

The BNP leader said their party thinks border killings should be stopped immediately as it is an inhumane act.

"The government cannot solve this problem though it says it has a very strong friendship with India," he added.

He alleged that the government has given India the share of water of Feni river unilaterally, though it has failed to sign any deal over the sharing of water of Teesta river.

"A bridge is also being built for connectivity. But there's no solution to our basic problems," Fakhrul added.

Fakhrul said their party still hopes that the government will solve the problems of the country's millions of people by presenting their demands in the "right" way.

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## Wasa

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undrinkable water against Wasa.

There are allegations that residents of many areas of Dhaka, such as Jurain, are supplied poor quality tap water.

Besides, many face acute shortage of drinking water and don't have access to sewage network.

A group of residents of Jurain and its adjacent areas had staged a demonstration in front of Wasa's Karwan Bazar headquarters on April 23, 2019, demanding supply of hygienic water.

## Why govt

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to the HC through lawyer Ishrat Hasan on March 4, seeking its directive on the respondents to digitise the marriage and divorce registrations.

During hearing, lawyer Ishrat Hasan told the HC that marriages and divorces are registered in accordance with the provisions of existing law

which is an analogue system without any technological support.

As a result, any husband and wife whose marriage was registered in one jurisdiction can easily conceal it in another jurisdiction and enter into another marriage fraudulently concealing their previous marriage or marriages, the lawyer said.

She said marriage and divorce registrations need to be preserved on a website.

Therefore, people before their marriage will be able to verify whether their future spouses have any previous marriage or divorce records, which will reduce thousands of cases.

Deputy Attorney General Nawroz MR Chowdhury represented the state.

## Deal on

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Group, an Indian company. However, as Indian power grid should be used for transmission of power, a trilateral agreement is required, said officials of the Power Division.

An official of the Power Division yesterday told this correspondent that the power ministry has sent a power purchase agreement to the law ministry for vetting. Once done, this has to be endorsed by Nepal. Then, the issue of power grid needs to be settled with India as it has to be transmitted through India.

Bangladesh has also been in favour of investing in Nepal's hydropower sector.

"We were working to identify the projects. We have already visited Nepal several times to identify projects. Due to the pandemic, the work has been slow," the official said.

Both Dhaka and Kathmandu have stressed on extended cooperation on hydropower, Minister Momen said.

Experts say as Bangladesh will need more energy, and that too from renewable sources. Nepal, Bhutan and Northeastern Indian states could be the major sources of hydropower.

Momen said Nepal and Bangladesh stressed on trade and connectivity during the meeting. A Preferential Trade Agreement is also at the final stage and is likely to be signed soon.

The government wants to turn Bangladesh as the multimodal connectivity hub between South and Southeast Asia. As part of it, various initiatives are underway to widen connectivity network with landlocked Nepal.

As an addition to the Protocol of the Nepal-Bangladesh Transit Agreement signed in 1976, a letter of exchange has been signed between the two countries to include Rohanpur-Singhabad Rail Link.

Nepal is also interested in using Chattogram, Mongla and Payra sea ports. Bangladesh has agreed to work on the modalities for this during the visit of Nepalese president.

Nepal has also expressed its interest to use inland waterways of Bangladesh. Besides, Nepal is also interested in using the Saidpur Airport for direct flights with Viratnagar.

"Bangladesh is open to it. We want to facilitate connectivity," Momen said.

He said Bangladesh and India have already agreed to sign passenger protocol under the BBIN. Nepal is expected to give nod to it at the soonest, he added.

For implementing the Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA) among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal, options of some new routes other than the existing ones are being explored, he said.

In response to a question, State Minister for foreign affairs Shahriar Alam said Nepal and India in principle agreed for MVA. As the Bhutan parliament has yet to agree on it, the three countries will go forward.

Biden, Putin to give messages  
Momen said Russian President Vladimir Putin has sent a message on the occasion of Bangladesh's golden jubilee of independence and Mujib Borsho. Besides, US President Joe Biden will also deliver a message.

Prime ministers from Canada, Japan, Cambodia, as well as the Chinese President, and UK Queen Elizabeth II have given greeting messages on the occasion.

Besides, presidents of France, Germany, Italy, UAE and the Prime Minister and King of Spain will also give messages.

"We are very lucky that so many world leaders are joining our celebrations," Momen said.

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