



Ex-Ducusu GS Murshed Ali passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Murshed Ali, a freedom fighter and a Communist Party of Bangladesh leader, died at a city hospital yesterday, aged 76.

Former general secretary of Dhaka University Central Students' Union, Murshed was a member of CPB's Central Control Commission, a supreme disciplinary body of the party.

He was admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital on March 26 following a stroke. CPB Dhaka Committee General Secretary Sajedul Huq Rubel told The Daily Star.

His fellow comrades and people from all walks of life paid their last respect at CPB office and Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka.

Dhaka District Administration paid state honour to Murshed at the Shaheed Minar.

Murshed Ali was laid to rest at Ishwardi in Pabna after a namaz-e-janaza. His first janaza was held at a mosque in the capital's Shewrapara.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, and host of relatives and well-wishers.

Murshed was also founder of Bangladesh Trade Union Centre and former president of Bangladesh Krishak Samity.

He was one of the organisers of 1969 Mass Uprising, the 1971 Liberation War and the anti-autocracy movement in the 1990s.

Road, Transport and Bridges Minister and Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader expressed deep shock at the death.

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পাছপাশে ৩.৫ কাঠা, ধানমন্ডিতে ১০ কাঠা, মতিঝিলে ৮ কাঠা কমার্শিয়াল জায়গা সহ বিজ্ঞান বিভাগ হইবে।
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80pc marine

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Brief findings and some recommendations were presented at the session. "About 80 percent fishermen feel they have insufficient safety equipment on board and half of the fishermen said there is no warning system that reached them at sea," reads the assessment, adding that 97 percent fishermen found harbour facilities unsafe.

They go fishing with fear of violent encounters with robbers at sea and death by drowning. During fishing, they lack adequate food, drinking water and spaces to rest.

One-third of respondents said they are underpaid and caught in cycles of debt. Fishers are not recognised as labourers under the existing labour law and that is why they could not undergo the official registration procedure required for trade unions.

Almost all the fishermen reported fishing as their main source of income, but it does not generate enough money to cover their families' basic expenses, reads the assessment. About 70 percent reported having lost half or more of their income during the Covid-19 pandemic, while 74 percent did not receive any social security allowances.

Wives of fishermen live with a high degree of insecurity, and according to the report, 68 percent of women respondents report that they have experienced problems and harassment when family members go to sea.

MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam requested the government to take the recommendations of the SWIA into cognisance and incorporate those in the appropriate policies.

Professor Abdul Wahab, team leader of Worldfish's Ecofish project, said the women are the worst sufferers as many fishermen face disastrous accidents while fishing at sea.

He suggested women of the fishing villages form co-ops and communities to help each other at the time of need.

National Operations Officer of Food and Agriculture Organisation, Begum Nurun Naher, said fishermen often go out to sea without any proper communication system, and as a result they often encounter disastrous weather at sea.

Dr Samiya Ahmed Selim, associate professor and director of Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) suggested facilitating alternative livelihoods for women in fishing villages to overcome their financial insecurity.

Emphasising the need for pollution reduction at sea, Dr Md Niamul Naser, professor and chairperson of Dhaka University's zoology department, said valuable fishing grounds are being lost to pollution, adding to the misery of fishermen.

Saying that many fishermen get trapped by dadon (loan) system, Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of COAST Trust called for an integrated plan to ensure human rights in the small-scale fisheries sector.

Jatiya Samrak Jote General Secretary Naimul Ahsan Jewel said fishermen of coastal areas must be included in the development process if the government wants to carry on its pledge to leave no one behind.

Sille Stidsen, senior adviser of human rights and development at Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), and Towfiqul Arif, additional secretary at Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, also spoke at the event.

13 injured in gas leak blast at Mirkadam mayor's house

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A gas leakage caused an explosion at the residence of Abdus Salam, mayor of Mirkadam municipality under Munshiganj on Tuesday, injuring 13 people.

The injured include the mayor's wife Kanun Begum, and four councillors. Kanun, who was seriously injured, and 11 others were admitted to Sheikh Hasina Burn Institute in the capital.

The blast occurred around 8pm inside a kitchen on the second floor of the building. The injured were taken to Munshiganj General Hospital, and later to Dhaka.

After inspecting the spot, Munshiganj Superintendent of Police Abdul Momen said several technical agencies, including Bomb Disposal Unit and Titas, have visited the spot and confirmed that the explosion was caused by a leakage in the gas line.

Abdus Salam said he and councillors were talking in a room of his house when the explosion occurred. His wife was near the kitchen, and she caught on fire. Witnessing the incident, he became unconscious.

A complaint will be filed against unidentified persons. Salam claimed the incident was caused by a vested quarter.

Facebook posts

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weapons, she escaped the house leaving rice boiling on the stove. Upon returning, she found all her belongings were destroyed. She had some gold jewellery which was also missing. A television she bought a few days ago was broken into bits, said Dhaka University Mass Communication and Journalism professor Dr Robaet Ferdous, who was one of the delegates, and presented the keynote paper at the press conference.

Jhomon Das' mother Niva Rani Das told delegates that she heard that Jhomon, the youngest of her four sons, wrote something on Facebook and police arrested him for that. "I don't know why they attacked us," she said.

Fifteen-year-old SSC candidate Shrabony Rani Das said when she saw the attackers coming towards their house, she fled with her parents to the nearby haor. When she returned, she found everything in her house was broken, while her books had been torn to pieces and set on fire.

Freedom Fighter Anil Chandra Das told the team he felt the attack was not less than 1971's and it was unimaginable for him that a freedom fighter in an independent country faced such disrespect.

CPB central committee secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince said that it seems that there is a planned attempt to build a trend of communalisation in our society and the administration had failed to take the kind of action it could have taken after such incidents.

He also said that this communal force can not grow without the help of political parties.

Mentioning the constitutional rights of every citizen, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal central leader Tanima Siddiqui said, "The minorities are also citizens of this country. We are not being able to keep the promise that the state has made in the constitution that it will not discriminate against anyone."

Executive Director of Citizens Initiative Zakir Hossain, veteran farmer leader Amar Chand Das, Development agency ALRD assistant project coordinator Advocate Rafiq Ahmed Siraji, IED assistant coordinator Harendra Nath Singh, Bangladesh Adivasi Forum's information secretary Dipayan Khisha, Sammilito Samajik Andolon's Parvej Hashem and some journalists were the other members of the delegation.

Supreme Court lawyer Advocate Subrata Chowdhury said none of the incidents that have taken place in the last decade -- especially between 2001 and 2016 -- have been brought to justice, adding that the government's zero-tolerance has now become a "100 percent tolerance."

The delegation also made an eight-point recommendation, including: bringing back confidence of the people of Noagaon through a dialogue between Hindus and Muslims arranged by the local administration; ensuring that farmers are able to harvest Boro paddy peacefully; police accepting the case of Jhomon Das' mother, and ensuring necessary actions against those involved as instigators and bringing them to justice.

It further recommended providing cash assistance to students for buying food, books and other materials; ensuring security so that SSC candidates can sit for exams, along with special measures for security of women and children, especially those who are still in trauma; proper compensation for victims; establishing a police check post in Noagaon; and departmental disciplinary action against all the officials who have failed to prevent this incident.

Field hospitals

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This correspondent could not reach Rezaul to confirm the matter, despite multiple attempts.

Asked about the CCC isolation centre, its chief health officer Dr Selim Akter Chowdhury said the isolation centre has been introduced initially with 50 beds. All sorts of treatment facilities for Covid-19 patients will be provided in the centre, except for ICU support. He said a 36-member medical team including 13 doctors will be on duty at the centre round the clock.

Jamal Uddin, coordinator of Bidyanando Field Hospital, Chattogram, told The Daily Star that the 70-bed field hospital would open on April 15 at a building of Premier University Chattogram at Sagarika Road.

"We already have a setup of necessary equipment and we are now installing those," he said. "Covid-19 patients will be treated under supervision of expert medical team. However, ICU support could not be arranged."

Meanwhile, there are only 300 beds dedicated for Covid-19 patients in government hospitals of the port city. Of those, Chattogram General Hospital (CGH) has a 150-bed ward including a 10-bed

ICU; Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) has a 100-bed ward including a 10-bed ICU while Bangladesh Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (BITID) has a 50-bed ward with no ICU facility.

According to Chattogram Civil Surgeon's office, a total of 494 positive cases were detected out of 2,540 samples tested in 24 hours till 10pm Tuesday, putting the positivity rate at 19.44 percent. Meanwhile, 66 patients recovered from Covid-19 within that time period.

Contacted, Dr Abdur Rob, head of Covid-19 ward at CGH, said eight out of 10 ICU beds are occupied while two-third of beds in Covid-19 wards have been filled.

CMCH director Brig Gen SM Humayun Kabir said the 100-bed Covid-19 ward of the hospital has already been overwhelmed with patients. Many were having to stay on the floor of the ward for treatment, he added.

Contacted, Dr Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Chattogram divisional director of Directorate General of Health Services, said they would take initiative to increase the number of beds in government hospitals and appreciate any initiative by private organisations to open isolation centres.

Small vendors

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Monsur Hasan, who passes his nights under the passenger shed of bus stops at the university campus, used to live on alms.

"A tea seller gave me a bread yesterday [Monday] afternoon at [Dhaka] medical area. I've not gotten anything to eat today [Tuesday]," he said.

Last year, Tanbir Hasan Shaikat, a former member of Ducusu arranged food for floating and low-income people on campus.

Contacted, he said the scenario is different this year. "Chhatra League has prepared to provide iftar, masks and sanitiser during Ramadan," he said.

Chhatra Union Central Committee President Foyez Ullah said the government has suddenly declared restriction without ensuring food for the poor. "We demand food and proper treatment of the poor," he added.


Fire at

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The biodiversity and ecological balance of the campus are being harmed due to frequent fires. Authorities should look into the real cause to stop such incidents, he added.

Abdur Rahman Babul, acting officer of the university's estate office, could not be reached despite repeated attempts.

Expressing his dissatisfaction over the incident, Prof Khair Uddin of JU's environmental sciences department, said, "Fires will not only affect trees and animals but also damage the land permanently, as micro-bacteria and other micro-components of soil get destroyed."



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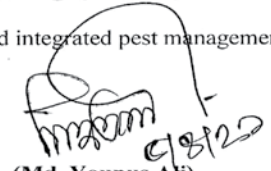
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দুধে ফরমালিন সনাক্তকরণ কিটঃ


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