

Kazi Sirajul Islam no more

CITY DESK

Kazi Sirajul Islam, a renowned social worker of Cumilla Sadar South, breathed his last on Wednesday.



He was 90 years old at the time, says a press release. Sirajul was suffering from old-age complications. He passed away at his own residence at the Suagazi Kazibari in the upazila. His Qulkhani will be held at the Kazibari today. The mourning family has asked relatives and well-wishers to be at the programme and pray for the departed soul.

'HARASSING' DU BCL LEADER OC withdrawn, case filed, one arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Officer-in-Charge of Dharmapasha Police Station Delwar Hossain was withdrawn and attached to Police Lines on Wednesday night over harassment of a Dhaka University Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader in Sunamganj. Sunamganj Police's Assistant Superintendent Sujau Chandra Sarkar confirmed it to The Daily Star yesterday. Afzal Khan, BCL's international affairs deputy-secretary of DU unit, filed a case on Wednesday night, accusing 29 named and 20-25 unnamed persons. On March 29, Afzal posted on his Facebook, criticising Hefajat-e-Islam for their recent vandalism all over the country. Afzal alleged he was harassed at Jayasree Bazar in Dharmapasha upazila on Tuesday afternoon by supporters of Hefajat and some local Awami League leaders for it. Al Mujahid, son of local AL leader Abul Hashem Alam, gathered a mob and harassed Afzal at Jayasree Bazar. Afzal was later confined at union AL office in presence of AL leaders. Police reached the spot, cuffed Afzal, and forced him to apologise to the crowd, Afzal told this newspaper. Afzal was taken to the police station and later released. Police arrested AL Jayasree Union unit's general secretary Abul Hashem Alam over the incident. Alam was suspended from AL in an emergency meeting of upazila AL unit

Galib Ahsan passes away

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dr Galib Ahsan Khan, a retired professor of philosophy at Dhaka University died of Covid-19 early yesterday at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University while undergoing treatment. His brother Prof Mahub Ahsan Khan confirmed the news. He died at 72. Dr Ahsan was admitted to the hospital with Covid-19 symptom, and tested positive. Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof M Akhtaruzzaman expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family members.



Fresh embargo

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They underwent PCR tests as per guideline, 72 hours before the flight at 13 government-enlisted health centres, approved by the South Korean embassy, and boarded the plane with obtaining the Covid-19 negative certificates. It was not possible to collect their details, neither could it be known how many Bangladeshis entered South Korea since February 7. Expatriate businessman and former president of Bangladesh Community in South Korea Habil Uddin entered the country last week. He informed that after reaching the airport, one has to undergo a fresh PCR test there. A person who is tested positive has to undergo institutional quarantine at own expenditure while those who tested negative has to undergo home quarantine for 14 days. After that, one needs to undergo a PCR test again and they are able to rejoin workplace only if they test negative. The South Korean government-fixed expenditure for institutional quarantine is over KRW 3 million (about Tk 2.28 lakh), whereas more than KRW 10 million could be spent depending on the situation. Covid-infected Bangladeshis have to bear the expenditure now. Negligence in following "self-isolation or home quarantine" was blamed mainly for the positive cases. It is also reflected in the advice given by the South Korean embassy in its notice. "It is advised to avoid contact with anyone for two weeks prior to entering Korea; follow self-quarantine rigidly and rigorously; please change your travel plan if you have Covid-19 symptom." Many agreed about lack of awareness. South Korea-based expatriate Zakaria Khalid said, "As far as we know, many did not maintain self-quarantine after taking the Covid-19 test. They spent time visiting relatives and shopping as travel preparation. As a result, they got infected and tested positive after reaching South Korea." Several Bangladeshis who returned to South Korea in special flights in May-June last year were tested Covid-19 positive and as a result, Bangladesh faced the visa ban in June. To lift the ban, Bangladesh foreign ministry and Bangladesh embassy in South Korea started diplomatic efforts. The Bangladesh foreign minister himself tried to get approval of Seoul through letters and phone conversation. Following assurance of highest

cautionary measures, the South Korean embassy in Dhaka started receiving visa applications from Bangladeshis after the lift of ban in February. Many expatriates are blaming negligence of agencies concerned in Bangladesh over lack of awareness of those who tested positive. Jahangir Alam, international affairs secretary of Bangabandhu Parishad in South Korea, said, "Positive cases are reported within one month of the new start, and there are 17 cases. As the embassy's notice cites the prevalence as 'successive', it means it is not ending. So, it is normal to question how cautious or aware the relevant agencies are regarding Korea-bound passengers, after they gave assurance of the highest cautionary measures. They should have allowed South Korea-bound passengers in plane after ensuring the highest cautionary measures through monitoring their 'self-quarantine'." Writer-journalist Omar Faruque Himel recently shifted to Germany after spending 10 years in South Korea. Last June, when the embargo was imposed, he was in Korea, observing everything closely. Besides, he wrote various articles in media for the return of Bangladesh expatriates who got stranded in Bangladesh. In light of that experience and long diplomatic efforts for lifting the embargo, he thinks Bangladeshi agencies have failed to do their duty accordingly. In his view, although the embargo was lifted after eight months' diplomatic efforts, the present situation indicates no one took lessons from the past embargo. "If the agencies were sincere then today such concerns would not reappear. No agency appears to be alerted, although 23 people have been tested positive so far, whereas the South Korean embassy has come forward to alert and aware us. They themselves do not want to impose embargo. The Bangladesh embassy also raised alert by sharing the notice. However, the main agencies involved in overseas employment activities are totally nonchalant; even there is no response after the notice by the South Korean embassy." Like Himel, many others opined that it is urgent to take special steps to ensure the highest cautionary measures for South Korea-bound passengers without delay. Since they are not maintaining home quarantine, they have to be put in 14-day institutional quarantine under

government arrangement. For this, they emphasised coordination and sincerity of all relevant agencies including the foreign ministry, health ministry, and expatriates' welfare ministry. Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Limited (BOESL) is the only state-owned manpower exporting agency. The agency -- under the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry -- is tasked upon to send "EPS (Employment Permit System) workers" to South Korea and look after their wellbeing. BOESL was proactive to send back those who got stranded at home amid the pandemic to South Korea and also in lifting the visa embargo. Although worried about the new concern, Acting Managing Director of BOESL Md Mahabubur Rahman is reluctant to accept allegations of government negligence behind it. "The ministry and agencies under it, including BOESL, are aware so that Bangladesh's labour market, not only in South Korea but all over the globe, does not face any crisis, and they are fully monitoring the situation. Besides, there is a clear sign of passengers' lack of awareness in the Korean embassy's notice. Besides expatriate workers, many students, professionals, and businesspersons are going to the country. So, we applied for inter-ministerial meeting to decide doable amid overall situation. Hopefully, initiative will soon be taken in this regard." "We also think there is no alternative to institutional quarantine, so our proposal is to ensure at least seven days' institutional quarantine in hotel under rigorous monitoring for all South Korea-bound passengers (before the flight)," said the managing director. South Korea is home to about 18,000 Bangladeshis. Although small in number, they have been playing an important role in remittance inflow to the country due to their high education status and high salaries. More than a thousand workers have remained stranded at home due to complications regarding visa, after they came home on holiday amid the pandemic, while sending new EPS workers remains suspended. Sector insiders said if a fresh embargo is imposed, the situation can be even worse than last time, while concerns also remain regarding losing South Korea's labour market. The reporter is a freelance journalist writing for The Daily Star.

Age group

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Echoing the same, Dr Aniruddha Ghosh, professor of medicine at Chattogram Medical College Hospital, said, "Although the death rate in young people is low, they transmit the virus to old family members." According to the data of Chattogram Civil Surgeon Office, a total of 42,715 cases have been detected out of 3,64,476 samples tested so far in Chattogram. A total of 400 Covid-19 patients so far died. SECOND DOSE OF VACCINATION STARTS
Meanwhile, second dose of vaccination for Covid-19 started at 33 centres in Chattogram city and 14 upazila health complexes, said Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr Asif Khan. A total of 4,36,615 people received the first dose so far till April 7, he said.

Metro rail

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Failing to meet the deadline, the authorities in May 2019 said the project would be launched on December 16, 2021, when the country would be celebrating the golden jubilee of its independence. Visiting the project site in February this year, Planning Minister MA Mannan said the first phase -- from Uttara to Agargaon -- of metro rail is likely to be operational in December this year. UNLIKELY TO MEET DEADLINE
When a correspondent asked whether they would be able to meet the deadline, MAN Siddique did not give any direct answer. He said they have continued their works even during the pandemic. "We can't fix deadline unilaterally. Our minister, while talking to you journalists has already said it may take until June next year to complete the project," MAN Siddique said. "Whether we will be able to complete by June [next year] depends on global Covid situation," he added. While signing Annual Performance Agreement (APA) with Road Transport and Highway Division in June last year, DMTCL set target to complete 75 percent of overall work within this fiscal year. But it recorded 15.36 percent progress

in first nine months and has to complete 13.51 percent work in next three months to achieve the fiscal target, shows DMTCL documents. Asked whether they will be able to meet the target, MAN Siddique said they are hopeful about achieving it, subject to the Covid situation. He said till yesterday around 7000 people, including around 1000 foreigners, are working for the projects and almost all the foreigners are now in Bangladesh and they are willing to continue the work following proper health safety guidelines. They are considering adding more beds in their two field hospitals due the fresh surge of Covid cases, he added. Asked about the progress in providing training to the manpower to be required for metro rail operations, MAN Siddique said most of the training to be provided at national level has been completed. However, some practical training has to be arranged, which is not possible for now due to the pandemic. DMTCL has already talked with the Delhi Metro Rail authority to provide training on several matters but that also cannot be done at the moment, because of the pandemic.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

E-Zone HRM Limited is a management consulting group providing one-stop HR solutions. E-Zone HRM Limited has a formal agreement with one of the United Nations agency to provide outsourcing services under a third party contract.

E-Zone HRM Limited is now seeking applications for a UN Organization from Bangladeshi Nationals for the following vacancies under third party outsourcing contract modality. For detailed Job Description, please visit the following website link to apply for the post.

Title: Upazilla Nutrition Supervisor

Duty Station: 8 Upazila (Sadar, Chakaria, Ramu, Moheshkhali, Pekua, Kutubdia, Ukhia & Teknaf) of Cox's Bazar District. **Contract Duration:** 20.5 Months. **Number of Vacancies:** 8 (Eight), **Contract Type:** Contract with E-Zone.

Last Date of Application: April 15, 2021

<https://hotjobs.bdjobs.com/jobs/ezone/un47.html>

ACC

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Following a writ petition, the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman on March 16 delivered a verdict observing that a specific law or rule needs to be formulated soon regarding imposing embargo on corruption suspects or accused from leaving the country. The full text of the HC judgement was released on April 4. The ACC on March 21 filed the petition with the Appellate Division seeking stay on the HC verdict. The stay petition is pending with the apex court.

NSU

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Advisor to the PM Salman F Rahman said in his speech as convocation speaker, "It is really up to all of you graduates here today to carry the country to greater development," the press document quoted him as saying. Among others, UGC chairperson Prof Kazi Shahidullah; chairperson of NSU's Board of Trustees (BoT) and former president of FBCCI MA Kashem were present as special guests; while university VC Prof Atiqul Islam; Azim Uddin Ahmed; Freedom Fighter Lion Benajir Ahmed; Yasmin Kamal; Rehana Rahman; Tanveer Harun; and Aziz Al Kaiser were present as guests of honor. Prof Tanvir Ahmed Khan, executive advisor to the VC was present as convocation marshal. The programme was moderated by Jamil Ahmed, TV presenter and director of NSU's Public Relations Office. Abu Mohammad Shabbir Khan from School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS) spoke on behalf of the graduates. Among others, Pro-VC Prof M Ismail Hossain, Deans of the various schools of NSU, directors of various departments, department Heads, senior officials, and teachers were present at the programme, the press release added. The convocation was also attended by parents and students through live broadcast of the event.

To Let 2800sqft. 4 bed WF bath, living room, family room, w/dning, 2 car garage, servant room, w/bath & balcony, Address: Road-55, House-2/A, Gulshan-2. 01725-126120 01714-878383 D-61	Flats Rent At 19/12 Babar Road, Block-8, Mohammadpur a newly constructed building 30' wide road for family. 02 Flats (Each 03 Beds, Drawing, Dining, Servant room, Garages, Kitchen-Cabinet & Hood, Lifts, Generator, Security Guards) ready to Rent. Flats (1720 sq.ft & 1685 sq.ft) Mob: 01735-231247/ 01769-002555	APARTMENT FOR RENT Flat for Rent in Banani DOHS Road No. 3. *2500sqf & 1 parking. *3BHK, 3 bath, 5 veranda, servant bed & *bath, 1 closet with master bed. *2nd floor by lift. *South east corner. *Very airy & bright. *agent not needed. *Contact No. 01302700303 D-60
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Prime Minister's Office
Dhaka Export Processing Zone
Ganakbari, Ashulia, Dhaka-1349

Memo No. 03.06.2672.327.07.021.20-107
Date: 04 April, 2021

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).
3	Procuring entity name	BEPZA.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Expression of Interest for	Business Firm/Investors/Private Organization.
7	EOI Ref. No.	03.06.2672.327.07.021.20-
8	Date	04 April 2021.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Source of funds	Own source of Business Firm/Investors/Private Organization.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	EOI closing date & time	03 May, 2021 at 2.30pm.
15	Date for opening of technical & financial bid	03 May, 2021 at 3.00pm.
16	Name and address of the office(s)	
17	Receiving of EOI	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Ashulia, Dhaka-1349.
18	Brief description of NARI project	Some of the information's has been given below of NARI project: a) Project Area: 5 acres land. b) Buildings: • Dormitory Building (2 Nos., Total area: 11,852.66 Sqm): 4-storied building having 1487sqm. (approx) area on each floor. • Training Centre (1 No., Total area: 3148.80 Sqm): 2-storied building having 1574sqm. (approx) area on each floor. c) Facilities: 500 KVA substation, 150 KVA standby generator, deep tube well, gas supply, water supply system are there for providing utility at NARI Project. The dormitory buildings have been furnished with steel bed, table and chair. In addition, Training Centres is furnished with 150 Nos. sewing machine and 1265 Nos. steel chair at classroom. Internal roads have been constructed to go to the buildings. d) Representative of the business firm can visit the website (www.bepza.gov.bd) for further information before submitting EOI.
19	Qualification and experience	The EOI is open to all eligible business firms who satisfy the following: i) The minimum number of years of general experience of interested business firm/investors/private organization in business shall be 5 years. ii) The required average annual turnover of the interested business firm/investors/private organization shall be at least of the amount of Tk 500.00 (five hundred) lakh over the last three years which will be based on related payment certificates/company's annual audit report. iii) The required minimum liquid asset is Tk 100.00 lakh. iv) Blacklisted/debarred bidders from any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization will be treated as ineligible to participate. v) (i) Up-to-date trade licence, (ii) Income tax clearance certificate, (iii) VAT registration certificate, (iv) Undertaking in prescribed format relating to blacklisting/debarment in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous body.
20	Association with foreign firms	Not applicable.
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	Description	Location
	Providing spaces for rent in existing buildings (Dormitory Buildings & Training Centre) at NARI Project of Dhaka EPZ.	Dhaka EPZ, Ashulia, Dhaka
		Tender security
		5,00,000.00 (five lakh Taka only)
		Validity time
		The vacant floor spaces of dormitory building and Training Centre will be leased to the eligible business firm for 3 years which will be renewable.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22	Name of official inviting EOI	Md. Hasanuzzaman.
23	Designation of official inviting EOI	Superintending Engineer.
24	Address of official inviting tender	Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Ashulia, Dhaka-1349.
25	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02-7789002, Fax: 02-7789003, E-mail: hasan.82072bepza@yahoo.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

26	(i) Incomplete or partial EOIs will be rejected. (ii) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs or annul the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).
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e-Tender Notice(NCT, OTM)
e-Tender notice is invited in national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>)

Sl.	Tender/Proposal ID, Reference No. Tender/Proposal Status	Procurement Nature, Title	Publishing Date & Opening/Closing Date	Ministry, Division, Organization, PE
1	565824, GPI/GOV/2020-21/47	Procurement of Engineering & Other Equipments for GPI	11-Apr-2021 14:36:00 02-May-2021 14:36:00	Ministry of Education, Directorate of Technical Education, Office of the Principal, Gopalganj Polytechnic Institute
2	565933, GPI/GOV/2020-21/48	Procurement of Desktop Brand Computer	11-Apr-2021 12:00:00 26-Apr-2021 16:15:00	
3	566109, GPI/GOV/2020-21/49	Procurement of Official Equipments	12-Apr-2021 10:00:00 27-Apr-2021 12:00:00	
4	566321, GPI/GOV/2020-21/50	Procurement of Furniture for GPI	13-Apr-2021 12:00:00 28-Apr-2021 12:00:00	
5	566456, GPI/GOV/2020-21/51	Procurement of Computer Accessories for GPI	13-Apr-2021 12:00:00 28-Apr-2021 12:00:00	
6	566525, GPI/GOV/2020-21/52	Procurement of Education & Educational Accessories for GPI	13-Apr-2021 12:00:00 29-Apr-2021 11:00:00	

This is 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 service portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and also from e-mail: principal.gopalgonj@gmail.com within timeframe as stated in the concerned tender document. Interested person can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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e-Tender Notice No. 26/2020-2021

Memo No. 35.01.1213.406.14.259.16-715 Date: 08/04/2021

e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Brahmanbaria for the procurement of:

Sl No.	Package No.	Tender ID	Name of the works
1	26/e-GP/EE/RHD/Brahmanbaria/2020-2021	565690	Brick Toe-wall & Earth work on existing Ibrahimpur Bridge Approach at 19th (p), 20th (p), 22nd (p) & 24th (p) km of Nabinagar-Companigonj Road (Z-1206) under Road Division Brahmanbaria during the year 2020-2021.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). e-Tender details can be downloaded are from 06/04/2021 to 21/04/2021 & time 17:00 on e-GP System Portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> for pursue. e-Tenders will be accepted only up to 22/04/2021 & time 13:00. Accepted tenders will be opened online immediately after 22/04/2021 & time 13:00.

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