

Financial Express Executive Editor Shahiduzzaman Khan passes away

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The Executive Editor and Chief News Editor of The Financial Express (FE) Shahiduzzaman Khan has passed away.

He breathed his last yesterday evening at Bangladesh Specialised Hospital in the capital, said his family. "Abbu (dad) has left us this evening, following cardiac arrest," his daughter Shazia Shabnam said, seeking prayers for the departed soul.



He was admitted there on May 7 after developing respiratory problems. He later tested positive for Covid-19.

Four days later, the 71-year-old journalist was shifted to the ICU of the hospital as he needed ventilation support.

Since then his health condition had remained unchanged, according to his family.

Shahiduzzaman left behind two sons and a daughter to mourn his death. His wife died a few years ago.

Shahiduzzaman had been working with the FE since its inception in 1993. After the demise of AHM Moazzem Hossain, founder Editor of the daily in early August 2018, Shahiduzzaman Khan also served as the Acting Editor of the newspaper for a period of time. He also worked for the now defunct The Bangladesh Observer and The Daily Star.

Shahiduzzaman studied English at Dhaka University after passing his HSC from Rajendra College, Faridpur. He also studied at International Institute of Journalism in Berlin, Germany.



Although battery-run rickshaws are banned in the capital, this audacious driver is plying the Old Airport Road, a thoroughfare where no rickshaws are allowed, with four people onboard, posing risk to all of them. This photo was taken earlier this week.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

UNHCR officials to visit Bhashan Char

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Two senior officials of UNHCR will visit Bhashan Char's Rohingya housing facility today.

UN officials Gillian Triggs and Raouf Mazou -- assistant High Commissioner for Protection and Operations respectively -- from the UN Refugee Agency will visit the 100,000 capacity housing facility constructed by the Bangladesh Navy, on the second day of their four-day visit to Bangladesh.

"They will visit Bhashan Char for a few hours and then go to the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar," a UN official told The Daily Star yesterday.

The officials from the headquarters annually visit the major refugee operations and this visit is part of that, the official said. They will see for themselves if there are any innovations required in terms of protection and operations of the refugee camps, the official added.

The visit comes at a time when the Bangladeshi government is eagerly seeking UN involvement in the Bhashan Char project, where some 20,000 Rohingyas have already been relocated from Cox's Bazar camps, since December last year. The humanitarian operations at Bhashan Char are mostly being run by local NGOs now.

The UN, in the latest Joint Response Plan, has made no clear mention of funding the humanitarian assistance at Bhashan Char, though a UN team made positive observations about the project.

The UN team, however, recommended completing the embankment around the Bhashan Char project, and the availability of education and livelihood options for the Rohingyas. It also said the UN was in dialogue with the government on how to engage in the project. The two high officials of the UNHCR will also visit Cox's Bazar, meet UN officials engaged in operations in the Rohingya camps, and hold a meeting with foreign ministry officials.

I believe in

FROM PAGE 3 industry and a leader of the market segment. The construction unit has been recorded to manage the largest fleet of construction-related equipment in Bangladesh.

In 1982, AML acquired the plant of K. Rahman & Company. In 1987, Abdul Monem made an aggressive move of expanding the market by establishing a new bottling plant of 450 bottles per minute (BPM) capacity in Comilla. This instantly elevated their position in the market.

Strategic planning in capacity building, investment in logistics, and aggressive marketing proved to be rewarding. In 1990, the company was awarded the President's Turtle Award by the President of the Coca Cola company in recognition of its contribution toward popularising and positioning the brand.

Since 1964, AML has established Igloo as one of the most popular ice cream brands in Bangladesh. With over 100 flavours, presented in a variety of boxes and designs, Igloo manages to bring the rich yet refreshing flavour we associate with ice cream even today. Another of their ice cream brands, Mi Amore, has quickly gained popularity due to its exclusive nature and immaculate flavourings.

Abdul Monem was also a sports enthusiast and played the role of chairman of Mohammedan Sporting Club Limited, between 1984 and 1994-95.

He believed in technological transformation for the betterment and development of this nation. His legacy is AIIM Global Limited, a sister concern of AML, providing a unique combination of technical expertise and IT-enabled solutions ability.

AIIM specialises in the fields of interactive marketing, quality assurance, software web development, accounting, bank office processing, digital advertising operations, risk compliance services, mortgage operations and servicing.

AIIM is led by his son, A S M Mohiuddin Monem, who also happens to be the deputy managing director of AML.

Abdul Monem founded Serviceengine BPO with only six employees back in 2006. When the concept of outsourcing was completely foreign in Bangladesh, he successfully pioneered the first US-Bangladeshi joint venture BPO company. He solidified the joint venture by ensuring that all initial projects were finished meticulously in due time. Today, they are involved with various institutions in the United Kingdom for outsourcing and are established worldwide.

Abdul Monem was given the title of Commercially Important Person by the Government of Bangladesh for his contribution to business, having been granted the permission to establish one of the first private economic zones of Bangladesh, in Daudkandi, Munshiganj. He left behind a lasting legacy and will continue to be celebrated for the unparalleled feats he has achieved in the private industrial sector of Bangladesh.

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HC orders of ad-interim bail extended 4 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All the ad-interim orders delivered by the High Court including those regarding bails have been extended for next four weeks because of ongoing pandemic.

The Supreme Court's Registrar General Md Ali Akbar issued a notification to this effect yesterday under the directive from Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain.

The HC orders that granted bail to accused for specific periods of time or granted ad-interim bail to accused on condition of their surrender to lower courts concerned in connection with the cases against them and the effectiveness of all other ad-interim orders have been extended for next four weeks, the notification said.

The SC registrar general issued the notification in continuation of a similar one issued on May 2.

The chief justice in April decided to run the court functions on a limited scale to prevent the surge of Covid-19 pandemic.

SC extends

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While she was returning to Jashore, BNP men kept a bus haphazardly on a road near the office of Kolaroa upazila BNP. As Hasina's motorcade reached the area, they launched an attack on it, according to the case statement.

At least 12 people, including AL leaders and journalists, were injured.

On September 2 of that year, Kolaroa unit freedom fighters' commander filed the case against 27 named and 70 to 75 unnamed accused. On February 4 this year, Sathkha's Chief Judicial Magistrate Court convicted and sentenced 50 people in the case. Among them, 34 were sent to jail the same day. The others are absconding.

Increase

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He said Covid-19 has increased disparities and gaps in many forms, and utmost important to address inequities within WASH sector is a must to continue the commendable progress the government has demonstrated in SDGs achievement.

Hygiene stays a neglected cross cutting sub-sector as allocation in hygiene remains low which if not given proper attention may prolong the pandemic, added Dr Rahman.

Speakers recommended a holistic rethinking of WASH priorities with particular focus on elevating hygiene from a mere footnote to a mainstream agenda as a policy window to fight the pandemic.

They also recommended taking steps to explore the links between hygiene, health and under-nutrition, particularly of adolescent girls and children and updating the National Hygiene Promotion Strategy in light of Covid-19 realities.

They also urged the government to address the persisting policy bias that result in spatial inequities in WASH allocations.

According to them, budget should focus on multi-sectoral and multi-agency approach to improve nutrition and hygiene through handwashing and other hygiene practices as conceived in the 8th Five Year Plan 2020-2025.

Women don't

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Shamima Begum, joint commissioner of DMP said the police alone can't develop an entire system to protect women and girls.

"Rather, if we can ensure enough lighting and close circuit cameras in the entire city, inside transports and workplaces, the harasser will know that they can be identified and caught," she said.

"Besides, women must report any incident of violence and harassment, as we have expanded our women's help desk services in every police station during Mujib year. There are national emergency helpline 999, other helplines and apps for reporting violence against women and girls," she added.

Mentioning the role of Beat Policing, Shamima also said that women must have the contacts of the officials deployed in their respective beats to report any violence or harassment.

Brigadier General Md Zobaidur Rahman, chief health officer of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) said, "Only 13 percent of people have been working in the formal sector, the rest have been working for the informal economy and contributing to our GDP."

"To ensure healthcare for women and girls in slums and low-income settlements, we have five maternity centres, where they can have antenatal and postnatal care, safe delivery and maternal health services at a minimal rate," he said.

"There are also family planning officials in each centre, who have been distributing contraception, informing women about family planning methods and making those available for them," he added.

Dr Md Aman Ullah, programme manager of adolescent health at Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said safety for adolescents is a multi-sectoral approach, and every stakeholder must perform their responsibility.

The ministry through its various programmes has been creating awareness at the school level, regarding personal hygiene, child marriage, adolescent health issues, gender-based violence and much more, he said.

Dr Asa Torkelson, country representative, UNFPA Bangladesh said, "Bangladesh has made commendable advances in terms of gender equality and women empowerment. Yet the level of gender-based violence remains too high."

Girls and women need to be safe in all places -- school, home, hospitals, workplaces and public spaces, she added. Ferdousi Begum, lead of SRHR, Plan International Bangladesh; Mayabe Arannya, team lead at peer education team, Kotha; Md Akhtaruzzaman, UN Habitat Representative in Bangladesh; Selim Reza, chief executive director of DNCC, among others, spoke at the event moderated by Zyma Islam, reporter at The Daily Star.

CREDIT RATING REPORT



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ONE Bank Limited has been rated by the Emerging Credit Rating Limited (ECRL) on the basis of Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The summary of the rating is presented below:

Date of Declaration	Valid Till	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
March 10, 2021	March 9, 2022	AA	ST-2
March 10, 2020	March 9, 2021	AA	ST-2

Long Term AA means:

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By order of the Board,

John Sarkar

DMD & Company Secretary

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waste is created.

"The plastic waste is being piled up dangerously in environment," he said, adding that different types of additives are used in plastic which enters the human system and causes serious health risks.

BAS Fellow Prof Dr ZN Tahmidia Begum said plastic particles do not let microorganisms to grow; as a result, soil loses fertility as which hinders crops production.

"Bizzare types of diseases are seen nowadays. It is happening because of plastic," she said.

Professor and Chairman of Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Dhaka University Dr Yearul Kabir suggested giving incentives to manufacturers of alternative bags and containers to promote them.

He said the human body could grow resistance against plastic particles to a certain limit. "When the body fails to fight, it causes cancer," said Kabir.

Prof Dr Haseena Khan, fellow at BAS, laid emphasis on production of jute as it is a good alternative to plastic bags. She also stressed on research to increase production of jute.

Experts also urged the government to encourage the public and private jute mills to produce the right quantum of jute yarns so that entrepreneurs could produce jute shopping bags.

They called for regular updating of regulations related to plastic pollution, and underscored the need for reusing and recycling of plastic and creating awareness among businessmen in this regard.

Prof Dr Liaquat Ali, organizing secretary of BAS, moderated the discussion.

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Tender ID No.	Description of works	Tender publication (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)
Tender ID: 580072	Supply, fitting, fixing & installation the civil, sanitary & electric repairing works of Residential Buildings at Comilla University.	27-May-2021 09:30	13-Jun-2021 12:15
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১১৬(খ), তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা
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নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অর্থকরিত জন্ম আনানো যাচ্ছে যে, বিটাক পরিচালনা পর্ষদের ১১৫তম সভার অধিবেশনক্রমে বিটাক, ঢাকা কেন্দ্রের সিএনসি সেক্টর ব্যবহার অনুমোদিত ৪টি মেশিন যথাক্রমে CNC Milling, CNC Lathe, CNC Wire-cut EDM এবং CNC Machining Center নিলামে বিক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে অত্র বিটাক কেন্দ্রের নিম্নলিখিত নিলাম দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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