

## Justice Ansar Ali's death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 26th death anniversary of Justice Muhammad Ansar Ali.

A doa mahfil, Quran-khwani and discussion have been arranged by his family in Badalgachhi village in Naogaon and Banani graveyard in Dhaka to pray for his departed soul, according to a press release.

Justice Ansar Ali joined the then Dhaka High Court under Pakistan Supreme Court in 1962. During his student life, he played an active role in the Language Movement.

The "Matribhasha Padak" was conferred on him in 2001, posthumously.

He was elected senior vice president of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association and also elected twice as president of then Rampur High Court Bar Association.

## Rain turns Cumilla city into a swamp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Residents of Cumilla city woke up to a bad day yesterday, as incessant rainfall brought back all-too-familiar problems.

From 5am to 9am, the Cumilla Met Office recorded 106mm of rain, said Met officer Ismail Haque. He said the rain, caused by active monsoon, is likely to continue.

Due to the rainfall, thoroughfares, lanes and bylanes were partially or fully submerged in most areas. At places, human waste and dirt came out of sewers.

However, even after the rain stopped, water did not recede, exacerbating sufferings of people. Most of the city areas were still inundated as of filing this report in the evening.

Meanwhile, city dwellers said it is the inadequate storm-water drainage system, not the rain, which caused the waterlogging.

They also blamed the city authorities for failing to manage the drainage systems properly. They said the projects taken to mitigate this perennial crisis were nothing but "eyewash" and a waste of public money.

Rainwater flooded Cumilla Medical College Hospital, Cumilla General Hospital, Police Superintendent's Residents, Water Development Board, Tomson Bridge, Ashoktala, Racecourse and many other areas of the city.

People were seen wading through muddy water to their destinations while many business owners from Kandirpar, Rajonj, Chowkbazar, Racecourse and Jhawtala were seen draining out water as it



A man expertly casts a fishing net on the submerged premises of Cumilla General Hospital, while at least two others are seen in the same photo preparing to cast theirs. Many areas of the city turned into fishing grounds as rain caused severe waterlogging.

entered their shops and offices.

Ahsanul Kabir, a heritage researcher, said, "The city authorities have failed to fulfill their responsibilities. They should be held accountable for this waterlogging."

Cumilla civil surgeon Dr Mir Mobarak Hossain said, "I have informed the city corporation at 10am about water entering the hospitals and they assured that it will recede within two hours. Now it's 3:30pm, and nothing changed."

"What's worse, it's not the first time this happened. Rainwater also flooded the hospitals last Thursday," he added.

Contacted, Mir Shawkat, chief executive officer of Cumilla City Corporation, said, "We have deployed around 100 workers

to clean up the drains. There's a culvert underneath the rail line, which is very narrow and water does not recede quickly through that. We are looking into it."

Mayor Monirul Haque Saku said, "The city corporation has five drainage outlines (a channel down which surface water naturally concentrates and flows). We have cleared all the drains and canals in the city area. We have built RCC drainage and covered it up with slabs."

"But the outlines are in Jagannathpur and Durgapur unions in Cumilla Sadar and Sadar South upazila. The drains and canals outside the city area are narrow. So water is not receding rapidly."

## The struggle for

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For 877 students, there were three residential halls in the 1921-22 academic year (one hall for 292 students). Now, the figure of students stands at 47,197, and there are 19 halls to accommodate them (one hall for 2,484 students).

Educationists and political analysts say this practice remains only for producing "loyal slaves" in the name of political workers on campus. Students are helpless when they get admitted, and political parties take the chance to use them.

The Daily Star talked with 10 first-year students who lived in residential halls. The students, both men and women, wishing not to be named, said seat crisis is a great hassle for them.

They said they are bound to their "political brothers" to get seats in the dormitories.

And if anyone fails to join a political programme, they are harassed at the "guestroom".

A first-year student of Haji Muhammad Mohsin Hall said, "We faced a lot of mental torture. The guestroom is horrible. They order to do lots of unethical things."

A student of Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall said, "I think first-year students need residential facility badly, as most come from outside Dhaka. I didn't find a suitable environment to study after getting seat. When I have no classes, I have to attend the political programmes. If we don't attend, we have to face the guestroom torture."

A student of Zahurul Haque Hall from Netrakona said, "If there were any clashes between political groups or with outsiders, they called us to go there with rods and sticks."

## Detention no

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Rab said they started patrolling in the alleys and shutting down the makeshift shops and tea stalls.

"Many people are still crowding in shops and tea stalls in the alleys. We have asked them to go to their houses," said Khandaker Al-Moin, Rab's media wing director, at a briefing yesterday.

He said that some drug peddlers were trying to use the restriction for peddling drugs in guise of emergency service. Rab had foiled two drug peddling attempts in Chattogram and Rangpur, said Moin.

Outside Dhaka, law enforcers were seen on roads and highways in and around cities and towns yesterday but

they were not seen in the suburbs and rural areas.

In many places, people hid when they saw the policemen. While visiting different alleys and lanes in Chattogram, public movement was found to be like regular time, with people loitering the streets. Some of them were without masks, reports our correspondent.

People started to run when they heard police siren or saw police personnel. Shutter of shops were seen kept down to avoid mobile courts.

In Rangpur, there were more number of rickshaws, motorcycles, and three-wheeler easy bikes yesterday.

Besides, many people thronged

local markets to buy daily essentials. The situation was worse in the alleys and lanes.

Our Munshiganj correspondent reports that there was relaxation at the checkposts in the district. A good number of shops were found open, violating the restrictions. More vehicles were plying on roads and highways than the past few days.

Suman Sarker, who came from Narayanganj to Munshiganj, said that he found five police check-posts on his way.

"Police barred small vehicles. But anyone can cross it by walking and then changing to another vehicle," he said.

## Eau et Vie wins Prince Talal Prize

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eau et Vie (Water and Life), a project working to improve living conditions in the urban informal settlements of Bangladesh, was recently awarded the first category Prince Talal International Prize for human development.

"Eau et Vie was selected for the First Category Prize honouring the 6th Sustainable Development Goal on 'Clean water and sanitation', by the prize committee, made of a number of renowned international development leaders, in particular Professor Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Prize Laureate and founder of Grameen Bank," said an Eau et Vie press release.

Eau et Vie thrives to sustainably improve the living conditions in the urban informal settlements of Bangladesh, through access to essential services. Its social enterprise Shobar Jonno Pani Ltd builds a water network in the targeted areas, to which it connects each household.

## DNCC opens

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the site [www.digitalhaat.net](http://www.digitalhaat.net).

"We sold 27,000 cows through the digital cattle market last year. This year, we have set the target at one lakh," said DNCC mayor Md Atiquil Islam, who chaired the virtual programme.

If successful, the platform could prevent numerous people and cow traders from going to physical cattle markets, which will be crucial during this serious phase of the pandemic, the mayor said.

Atiquil said not only residents of DNCC, but anyone from any place will be able to purchase cows from the market, all without the need to pay "hasil".

LGRD minister Md Tazul Islam inaugurated the cattle market as the chief guest and said everyone should be involved in purchasing their cattle online this year.

Lauding the initiative, the minister said, "We need to find a way to get those who don't know how to use such online platforms."

The minister said he has brought cattle from the market himself.

Tazul Islam also suggested the authorities concerned at the union level to take initiatives to purchase and sell sacrificial animals through such online platforms due to the increasing trend of coronavirus in the country.

"As the coronavirus pandemic has turned worse this year, we have to be more careful of gatherings," he said.

President of Bangladesh Dairy Farmers' Association Md Imran Hossain said the market will protect the interest of both buyers and sellers.

He said there's also the option to get the meat processed and delivered to the buyer's doorstep.

Imran said they have capacity to provide slaughtering service for up to 500 cows and deliver up to 1,000 based on the demand.

President of e-CAB Shomai Kaiser said last year, 60 merchants including 45 members of e-CAB had participated in the initiative. While this year, more than 100 merchants from both e-CAB and Dairy Farm Association will take part in the market.

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## Fired from govt job

# Justice served after 39 yrs

Apex court dismisses state petition

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A man who was dismissed from his government job for selling government jute seeds for higher than market rates, finally regained his rights after 39 long years of legal battle in courts.

The verdict came after the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, dismissed the state's review petition last Monday. At the same time, the judgment of the High Court was upheld to abolish all his penalties and give all the benefits he is owed.

Obaidul Alam Akon, a freedom fighter, had lost his job in 1982 at the behest of the military junta court during Hossain Mohammad Ershad's rule.

Akon, a jute extension assistant, was arrested on April 15, 1982 under the accusation. On September 27 of the same year, a military court fired Akon and sentenced him to two months in jail and a fine of Tk 1,000.

Almost 30 years later, in 2012, Obaidul filed a writ petition with the High Court challenging the military court's verdict to dismiss him.

In the petition, instructions were sought to pay the entire salary and allowance, from the time of dismissal to the time of retirement.

Following a hearing of the petition on November 20, 2017, the High Court declared the sentence illegal and directed that all his dues are paid, including salary and allowances till the time of his retirement.

However, in 2018, the Department of Agricultural Extension appealed against the High Court's verdict.

The Appellate Division gave its verdict on March 8, 2020 on the hearing of this appeal.

In that judgment, the part of the High Court judgment regarding the salary and allowance of Obaidul Akon was upheld and the part relating to the declaration of invalidity of the sentence of the military court was removed (expunged).

However, the Department of Agricultural Extension further sought a review of the verdict, but the Supreme Court dismissed that appeal too.

As per the verdict, the freedom fighter will get back all his salaries and allowances.

Lawyer Prabir Niyogi appeared for Obaidul in the court, while Additional Attorney General SK Morshed appeared for the state.

## Two killed in bike accidents

STAR REPORT

A motorcyclist died and his pillion passenger sustained injuries after their bike collided with a battery-run van on a road in the capital's Paribagh area early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Mohiuddin (30), a shop employee at Gausia Market, police said.

The accident occurred around 1:30am when Mohiuddin and his friend Tanvir (25) went out of his Kamrangirchar home during the "strict lockdown", said Champak Chakraborty, sub-inspector of Shahbagh Police Station.

Even though the streets were empty, as they reached a petrol pump in Paribagh area, the bike collided with the van, leaving both injured, he said.

Locals rushed them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared Mohiuddin dead around 2:30am, the police officer said.

The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. Tanvir was released from the hospital after treatment.

In Manikganj, a housewife was killed after a truck ran her over at Balikhora Puran Para area under Chitor upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Morzina Begum (20), reports our Manikganj correspondent.

Sub-Inspector of Chitor Police Station Selim Hossain said Morzina was on her way to Manikganj on a motorcycle with her husband Abdur Razzak around 10am when the accident occurred. While overtaking a truck, Morzina fell from the motorcycle and was crushed to death by the same truck. The body was sent to Manikganj District Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Her husband Abdur Razzak is unhurt, Selim said.

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**Invitation for Tender (International) of**  
(a) 30,00,000 (+5%) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil  
(b) 3,000 (+10%) M. Ton Onion

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.			
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).			
3	Procuring entity name	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.			
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.			
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
6	Invitation for	(a) Refined Soyabean Oil (b) Onion.			
7	Invitation Ref. No.	a) 26.05.0000.016.08.166.21.1203 (b) 26.05.0000.016.08.166.21.1204			
8	Date	04-07-2021			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (International).			
10	Budget and source of funds	TCB's own fund.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
11	Package No.	(a) TCB/Imp-03/Soyabean Oil/2021-22 (b) TCB/Imp-03/Onion/2021-22			
12	Package name	(a) Refined Soyabean Oil (b) Onion.			
13	Tender publication date	05-07-2021			
14	Date	16-08-2021			
15	Time	17:00pm			
16	Date	17-08-2021			
17	Time	11:00am			
	Address	(1) Sonali Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka (2) Trust Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.			
	- Selling tender document of each item	can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column			
	- Receiving tender document	In front of TCB's reception (2nd Floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
	- Opening tender document	Board Room, TCB.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
18	Eligibility of tenderer	Bonafide Suppliers. Details conditions will be mentioned in the tender documents.			
19	Brief description of goods	Import of (a) 3,00,000 (+5%) (three million plus minus five percent) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil Packed in 02 (two) Liter Food Grade PET Bottle. (b) 3,000 (+10%) (three thousand plus minus ten percent) M. Tons Onion.			
20	Price of tender document	(a) Tk 3,000 (three thousand) only per set. (b) Tk 3,000 (three thousand) only per set.			
21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (USD/Tk)	Shipment schedule
1	(a) Refined Soyabean Oil (SOT-1) (b) Onion	Offers are to be made on CFR (C) Chattogram (Previous name Ch			