

Arrestee

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the OC said.

Police picked up Mukhendra and Jhuma for quizzing while Fulbashi's sister filed a murder case with the police station.

The OC further said Mukhendra's family was going through severe financial hardship. He sold his wife's gold ornaments two years ago for Tk 30,000 and gave the money to his maternal uncle to go abroad.

But he could neither go abroad nor get back the money which often led to quarrel between the couple, the OC added.

Unemployed Mukhendra was struggling to run his family and becoming burdened with loan. Meantime, he promised to return Tk 1,000 to his wife, but failed.

This led to a quarrel the day before Mukhendra killed his wife and the daughter, the OC said.

Mukhendra remained mostly unemployed since the first lockdown imposed last year.

Shahnaz Akhter, the owner of a tin-shed house where Mukhendra was a tenant in one of the three rooms with his family at Tk 2,400 per month, said he could not pay the house rent for the last four months.

Man held with

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2.5 crore. He was trying to smuggle those out of the country," the official said.

Jahangir was a fabric trader. His passport shows that he has travelled abroad 130 times in the last two years.

The detainee will be handed over to Customs, and filing of a case against him under Money Laundering Prevention Act is underway.



Trawlers flood their vessels with passengers and carry them through Kirtankhola River in Barishal, showing no care for lockdown restrictions. This photo was taken on Sunday from Barishal River Port Terminal.

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1st death anniv of Amanul Islam

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Today is the first death anniversary of former adviser to the caretaker government AKM Amanul Islam Choudhury. At 83, he died from the coronavirus last year.

He served as communications, power, energy, water and mineral resources adviser in 2001.

Brother of prominent educationist and intellectual Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, Amanul stood first in first division from electrical engineering department of Ahsanullah Engineering College in 1958.

He also obtained first position from engineering in the public service commission exam in then undivided Pakistan.

He also served as additional director general of Bangladesh Railway, chairman of Chittagong port trust, and chairman of DESA. He retired as additional secretary.



Work for

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The chiefs of the three services briefed the president on their respective steps taken to deal with coronavirus situation and to develop their forces, the press secretary added.

The president's office secretary Sampad Barua, military secretary maj gen SM Salah Uddin Islam, the press secretary and secretary (attached) Wahidul Islam Khan were present at the meeting.

By-polls to

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The article says "an election to fill the seat of a member of parliament which falls vacant otherwise than by reason of the dissolution of parliament shall be held within 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

Provided that in a case where, in the opinion of the Chief Election Commissioner, it is not possible, for reasons of an act of God, to hold such election within the period specified in this clause, such election shall be held within 90 days following next after the last day of such period."

Shishir Manir said holding the by-election to Sylhet-3 of 3.52 lakh voters on July 28 is against the government's lockdown policy. There is no constitutional and legal bar to defer the date till September 7, he argued.

Deputy attorney generals Samarendranath Biswas and Bipul Bagmar opposed the petition, saying that the EC has taken all preparations for holding the by-election on July 28 following the health safety rules.

Earlier in the day, six lawyers of the Supreme Court and seven voters of Sylhet-3 collectively submitted the petition as a public interest litigation to the HC saying that holding the by-polls on July 28 is contradictory to the ongoing lockdown, which has been enforced by the government to restrain the surge of Covid-19 pandemic.

The constituency fell vacant after parliamentarian Mahmud Us Samad Chowdhury died of coronavirus on March 11.

Awami League candidate Habibur Rahman Habib, JP candidate Mohammad Atiqur Rahman, Bangladesh Congress candidate Junayed Mohammad Miah and BNP rebel candidate Shafi Ahmed Chowdhury are contesting the by-polls.

207 killed

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dailies, five online news portals and electronic media.

According to division-wise stats, Dhaka division saw the maximum number of road accidents while Sylhet witnessed the minimum.

A total of 48 people were killed in 33 accidents in Dhaka and four were killed in as many accidents in Sylhet.

The foundation identified 10 main reasons behind the accidents that include unfit vehicles, speeding, unskilled drivers, slow-moving transport on highways, reckless biking, and weak traffic management.

The organisation also placed 10 recommendations to reduce accidents across the country.

Golam Kibria no more

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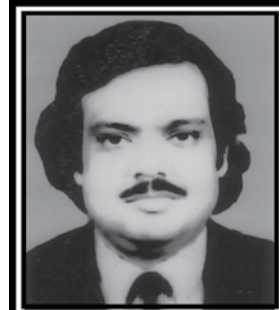
Supreme Court lawyer and former district judge ATM Golam Kibria has died of Covid-19 infection on Sunday evening.

He breathed his last while receiving treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain expressed profound shock at the death of Golam Kibria and prayed for the eternal peace of his departed soul.



29TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF MD. SALAHUDDIN FAROQUE



Today the 27th July is the 29th death anniversary of late **Md. Salahuddin Faroque** Managing Director of **Modhumita Group** and eldest son of late **Md. Sirajuddin** founder of Modhumita Group.

Though he is not in this world he lives in our hearts, in our minds and in our memory.

All friends relatives and well wishers are requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

All Members of Modhumita Family

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জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়ার স্থানীয় সরকার শাখা হতে গত ২৮ জুন ২০২১ তারিখে ০০.৪০.৫০০০.০০৯.২০.০০৫.২১-৩৯১(১০০) নম্বর "মাফেক" ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরের কুষ্টিয়া জেলার ইউনিয়ন পরিষদসমূহে কর্মরত দফতর ও মহল্লাদারদের পোশাক ও সরঞ্জামাদি সরবরাহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি "অফশিফ-ক" এর শুধু ক্রমিক ৫ ও ৬ এর উল্লিখিত তাহিহ নিম্নবর্ণিতভাবে পুনর্নির্ধারণ করা হলো। বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে। নির্ধারিত তাহিহ ও সময়ের পরে দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়।

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e- Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tenders are invited in the national e-GP portal:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	LTM/OTM	Last Selling Date	Opening Date
01	594729	OTM	01/08/2021	01/08/2021
02	595470	OTM	17/08/2021	17/08/2021

This is an online Tender where only e-Tenderer 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 portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Their needs

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"Persons with disabilities had a high self-reported unmet need (60-80 percent) for assistive products, and more than 65 percent of them have unmet health needs, compared to 25 percent of peers without disabilities [who have unmet health needs]," Mazedul added.

Amrita Rozario, country director of Sightsavers Bangladesh, said the social protection system designed for persons with disabilities in Bangladesh will not bring any sustainable change to their lives and livelihood, rather, it will increase their dependency on the government.

"The government should facilitate required education and skills for this group, so they can enter the labour force and achieve self-reliance," she said.

"For those who want to start small and medium enterprises [SME], the government can provide interest-free loans to flourish their ventures. If they can be included in the SME sector, it will bring sustainable transformation to their lives overall," she added.

Along with economic inclusion, Amrita also urged the government to include needs of this group in disaster management programmes.

Dr Tapash Kumar Biswas, director (research) at Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation, said people with disabilities sometimes consider themselves to be incapable of taking loans, thinking whether they will be able to repay them. Also, field officers of microfinance organisations are reluctant to invest in their ventures, considering them to be too risky.

Rozina Haque, programme head of Ultra-Poor Graduation Programme at Brac, highlighted the need for a separate budget allocation to address specific challenges this group faces, and make public services and infrastructure more inclusive.

Mentioning the vaccination programme, Albert Mollah, executive director of Access Bangladesh Foundation, said people with disabilities are not on the government's priority list, even though those who financed vaccine programmes prioritised the group in their documents. That priority was absent in domestic documents.

Prof Shahadat Hossain Siddique of Dhaka University; Prof Shawkat Akbar Fakir, project coordinator at ActionAid Bangladesh; Md Enamul Haque Sarker, programme manager of Islamic Relief Bangladesh; Khandaker Jahurul Alam, executive director of Centre for Services and Information Disability; Ashrafun Nahar Misti, founder of Women with Disabilities Development Foundation; Md Arifur Rahman, chief executive of Young Power in Social Action; Mohammad Shibly of USAID, US Embassy Dhaka; Rabeya Sultana, country director of Muslim Aid-UK Bangladesh, among others, spoke at the event.

Greens condemn

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Sundarbans will be added to the list of world heritage sites in danger," she said.

She emphasised on creating a global alliance to fight the nature-devastating projects and urged all to stay focused on whether the government is abiding by the remaining recommendations to protect the Sundarbans.

"We will not lose hope and leave the battleground as the Sundarbans is a vital source of our resources," she said.

Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bapa, who hosted the conference, said the committee has been getting politicised, driving it to ignore scientific evidence, a trend that is putting the world heritage in jeopardy.

Bapa and NCSS demanded that the SEA be done by independent organisations excluding CEGIS (Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services), a government-influenced research centre.

They also demanded that the SEA be made public and participatory.

Yves Lagord, a permanent member of Earthjustice to the UN, who is taking part in 44th meeting of World Heritage Committee in China (July 16-31) alleged that there is a trend to not follow scientific evidence, which is forwarded by advisory bodies like World Heritage Center and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The SEA, which is set to be finalised in August, is contradictory to other scientific reports, he said, adding that a number of key elements to save the Sundarbans should be included in it as it will be the basis of future decisions.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela (Bangladesh Environment Lawyer Association), said the Rampal project is not a sign of development nor is it being done for power production. It has other implications.

"If the government's only intention is to produce power, it has plenty of cost-effective alternatives..." she said.

She alleged that the government cancelled 10 coal-based power plant projects not because they were harmful to the environment but because it could not manage funds for those.

Strictest

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But there was lax monitoring at some check-posts, where there were no law enforcers.

"We are checking randomly. During office hours, there was pressure of public and vehicular movement. If we check every vehicle, long tailbacks will be created on roads," said a traffic sergeant stationed near Bijoy Sarani.

Those out on the streets without valid reasons or failing to show documents of vehicles were being fined, he added.

Police in Dhaka yesterday detained 566 individuals for being outdoors without valid reasons.

Mobile courts fined 164 individuals and shops Tk 1.26 lakh, while Dhaka Metropolitan Police's traffic division fined 443 motorists Tk 10.21 lakh.

Rab conducted 180 patrols and set up 187 checkpoints across the country. Thirty-one mobile courts accompanied by Rab fined 264 people Tk 1.77 lakh, said a press release.

Amid rising cases of Covid-19, the government announced another lockdown -- which prohibited operation of trains, domestic flights, passenger vessels, and personal vehicles -- from Friday, after an eight-day break for Eid. There is, however, no restrictions on freight services.

The lockdown will end on August 5 midnight. Despite the lockdown, holidaymakers were returning to the capital yesterday with luggage through entry points at Gabtoli, Tongi, Shanirakhra and Jatrabari.

They took detours and even walked to their destinations. Many of them faced police questioning.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people on motorcycles, cars and microbuses travelled across the Padma on ferries between Daulatdia and Paturia, and Bangla Bazar and Shimulia terminals.

Officials said the travellers were allowed to board the ferries on humanitarian grounds.

In Manikganj, there was a crowd on Daulatdia-Paturia ferry route. Physical distancing could not be maintained on the crowded ferries.

Passengers had to walk a long distance, as no public transport was available.

Goods-laden vehicles were seen waiting for long periods, as there was a significant number of private cars.

Farid Hossain from Gopalganj, who works at a private company in Dhaka, said his office is open, so he needed to come to Dhaka.

"It's very difficult to go to Dhaka in this lockdown, but I have to go. I had to come to the terminal by paying an exorbitant fare," he said.

Our Munshiganj correspondent reports that there was pressure of Dhaka-bound passengers at Bangla Bazar-Shimulia route yesterday.

Out of 19 ferries, seven were operating on the route.

WFP

Expression of Interest For prequalification of NGOs for WFP's "2022 Partnership Cycle (1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022) To Implement Humanitarian Assistance Programme in Cox's Bazar To Enhance Food Security and Nutrition" Ref. # WFP-CXB-EOI-NGO-27-07-2021

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) invites Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) with experience as per requirements to submit an Expression of Interest for the implementation of the "Humanitarian Assistance program to enhance food security and nutrition."

About the Programme:
The work of WFP in Bangladesh over the period of WFP's Bangladesh Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2022 – 2026), to be approved by the end of 2021, will support the country on its path to end hunger and reduce malnutrition by 2030 through four strategic outcomes:

- Strategic outcome 1: Populations affected by crisis in Bangladesh are able to meet basic food, nutrition and other essential needs during and after crises.
- Strategic outcome 2: By 2026, the nutrition needs of women, children and vulnerable groups in Bangladesh are met through national institutions that have enhanced capacities to design and implement gender- and nutrition-sensitive social safety net programmes.
- Strategic outcome 3: By 2026, vulnerable communities in Bangladesh are more resilient to shocks and natural disasters owing to enhanced national disaster management capacity and flexible nutrition- and gender-sensitive social safety net programmes.
- Strategic outcome 4: Vulnerable crisis-affected populations in Bangladesh benefit from enhanced coordination and improved common services during and after crises.

In Cox's Bazar, WFP, through its partners, provides humanitarian assistance to around 860,000 Rohingya refugees and 400,000 vulnerable host communities. In collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh, other UN agencies (e.g. FAO, UNHCR, IOM, etc) and in partnership with NGOs, WFP is also working in various sectors, including Food Security, Nutrition and Site Management. In the most vulnerable host communities and the camps, WFP will continue to: i) Provide humanitarian food assistance to the Rohingya population every month through E-Voucher and fresh food corner activities; ii) Self-reliance support through income-generating and skills development activities; iii) Learning centre support and school feeding; iv) Nutrition activities on prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition targeting children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women; v) Strengthening Community Resilience and Safety Net Systems (Government project funded by the World Bank); vi) Livelihood support to vulnerable host communities; vii) Building the Resilience of camps and host communities through Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities; viii) SMEP - Innovative effort to support Rohingya Refugee Communities for emergency preparedness, response, and rehabilitation & maintenance of critical camp infrastructures.

Conditions for entry:
The applicant must have:

- Legal status (valid registration number with NGO Affairs Bureau and Social Welfare Department)
- Appropriate organizational strength
- Physical presence in the area for which it applies
- Past exposure of implementing food and cash transfer based programme, livelihoods programme
- Organization's strategic objectives fit with WFP's strategic priorities and long-term sustainability
- Basic resource capacity (financial and human)
- Financial strength to conduct the required activities supported by an audited financial statement
- Good relationships with the local administration, relevant local and regional institutions
- Work experience and expertise locally with Government, United Nations and NGOs with reliable reputation

Prequalification Application Process:
Interested NGOs need to submit a two-page Expression of Interest and an Organizational Profile in English (template for Organizational Profile & factsheet can be found at: <https://wfp.sharepoint.com/:Forms/Reports/CXB/Eng/71nvRBRbTRUmK-c-wwB2p0BZDT2IzW-Qh22md4LW?e=V8Bpn>), along with the copies of the Certificate of Registration with the NGO Affairs Bureau and Social Welfare Department marked with the reference number by 27 July 2021 (05.00 pm) in the following email address: bangladesh.flataskforce@wfp.org. Please note that you can send only up to 9mb total size of attachment. Local NGOs are highly encouraged to apply.