

## Fourth death anniversary of Rishad Raihan

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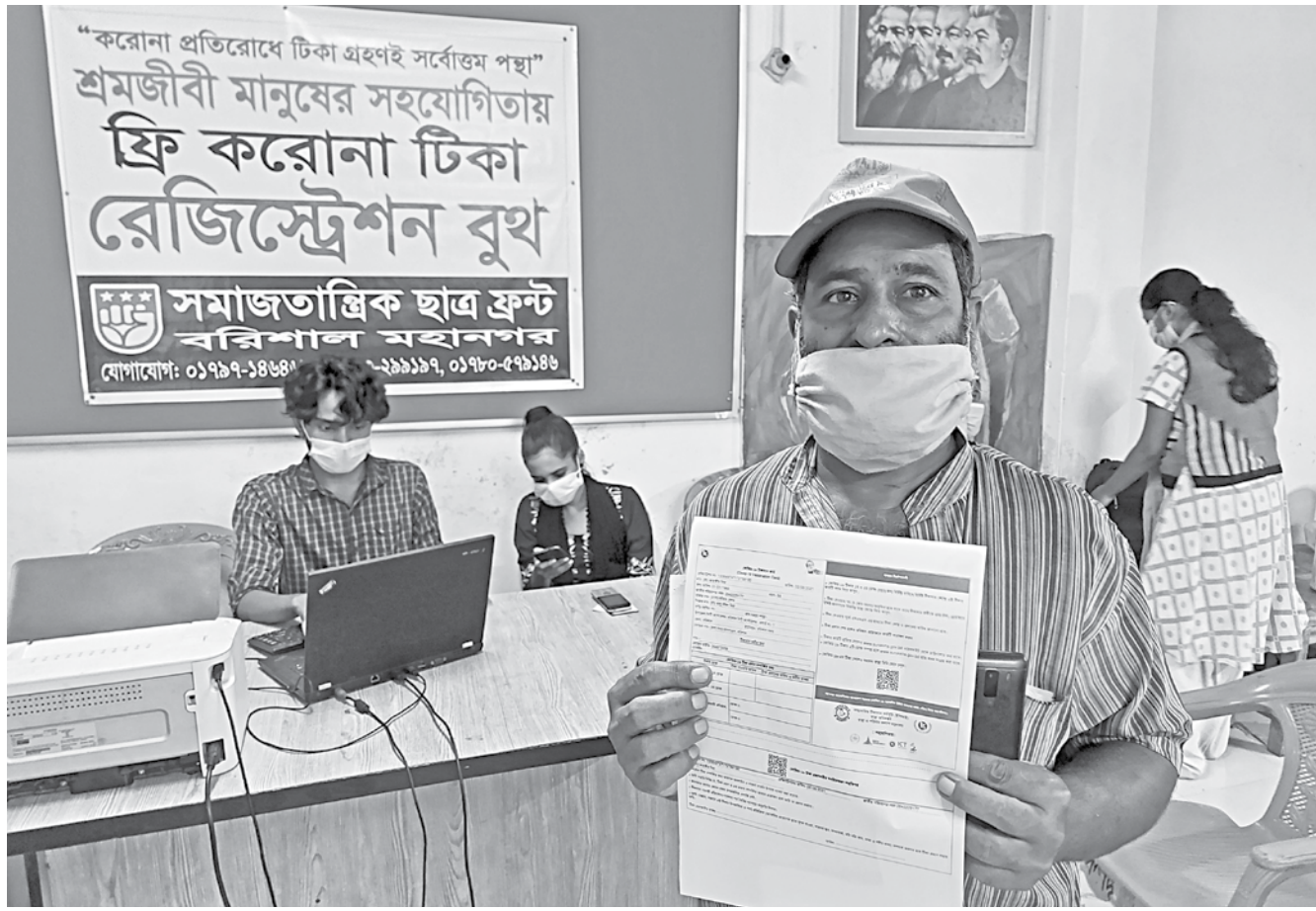
Yesterday was the fourth death anniversary of Rishad Raihan, IT project manager of Daraz.com.

Family, colleagues and well-wishers marked the day with sincere tributes, said a press release.

Rishad died from brain tumour on August 2, 2017. He was 28 years old. He is the only son of Shamima Parvin Lasker, professor and head of anatomy, Shahabuddin Medical College, and secretary general of Bangladesh Bioethics Society.

He is also the grandson of Bazlur Rahman Lasker, a freedom fighter and former vice president of Dhaka city Awami League.

Relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers are requested to pray for his departed soul.



To aid working class people -- many of who have no access to internet -- in Barishal city, left-leaning student organisation Samajtantrik Chhatra Front is operating a free Covid-19 vaccine registration booth at its office at Fakir Bari road in the city. This photo was taken yesterday.

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## Dhaka BNP units get first full committees in 4yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the first time since 2017, BNP's Dhaka North and South units got full advisory committees yesterday afternoon.

BNP chairperson's advisor Abdus Salam and Rafiqul Alam Majnu were made president and member secretary for Dhaka South unit of the party respectively.

For North, party chairperson's advisor Amanullah Aman and sports secretary Aminul Huq were made president and secretary.

The previous committees failed to announce full committees in the past four years.

At the time, Salam was member secretary of BNP's Dhaka city unit, before the unit was not split up, while Aman was the president of Chhatra Dal.

A press release of the party announced the new committee. The Dhaka North advisory committee consists of 47 members while Dhaka South has 49.

BNP last announced committees for the two units on April 18, 2017. Then too, it was only announced in full for Dhaka North, while South's was partially formed.

Habibun Nabi Khan Sohel was made president and Kazi Abul Bashar general secretary for Dhaka South while MA Kaium was made president and Ahsanullah Hasan was secretary for Dhaka North back then.

Kaium has been in Malaysia for the last several years, as he is facing a number of cases. On the other hand, Ahsanullah died last year. Party leaders alleged that the committee was apparently ineffective.

When the previous committee was formed, they were assigned to form the full committee within a month, but they never accomplished the task.

Mayoral candidatus of the party Tabith Awal and Ishraq Hossain were made number one members of the South and North committees respectively.



Abdus Salam Amanullah Aman

## Repatriation

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Earlier, the minister told the news agency that the government has taken a very strong stance against the idea floated by the WB that apparently suggests integration of Rohingyas into Bangladesh.

"We took a very strong stance. We didn't like it and we opposed it strongly. We conveyed it," he said.

The WB came up with a programme as part of its Refugee Policy Review Framework globally for refugee host countries through the Economic Relations Division (ERD).

The foreign minister said integration of Rohingyas in Bangladesh is not the solution but they will have a better future only when they are repatriated. "They should go back. That's the only way-out."

Momen said they might face some kind of pressure from the WB in terms of getting other loans but will remain stick to their position, giving priority to Rohingya repatriation.

He indicated that the UNHCR may also refer to it as a condition to go to Bhasan Char for resuming their operational activities.

The minister said the WB is saying effective steps should be taken to identify, prevent and mitigate social tensions and risk of violence between the displaced people and host community, building good relations with them and to employ them in local works.

He said WB are saying Rohingyas should have the right to work and free mobility; birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates should be issued for the Rohingyas like Bangladesh citizens. "Naturally, we don't accept those ideas. They're willing to give money for these if we integrate them."

As per the WB ideas shared with the ERD, the Rohingyas should have access to the local labour market, including business opportunities the same way Bangladesh nationals have with the same payment facilities.

On education for Rohingyas, there is a proposal to provide education in Bangla language so that they can be absorbed in the local market. However, Bangladesh wants education for Rohingyas in Myanmar language.

"Their (WB) programme is fully related to reintegration of these people with the host country. Naturally, we don't want it," said Momen. Bangladesh does not want anything that might lead to a possibility of Rohingyas' presence in Bangladesh for a longer period.

Bangladesh is hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char.

## Neo-JMB very

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The arrestees are: Shafiqur Rahman Ridoy alias Baitullah Mehsud alias Captain Khattab and Khalid Hossain Bhuiyan alias Afnan.

They are members of the "military wing" of the group and are experts in producing bombs and IEDs, Md Asaduzzaman, chief of DMP's Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit, told a press briefing at DMP media centre yesterday.

The official said Zahid Hasan alias Boma Zahid alias Raju alias Furkan Bhai, the key explosives expert of Neo JMB, used to give training to the outfit's members online.

It cost them around Tk 6,000 to collect materials for an IED, said officials.

CTTC also recovered 400 grammes of explosives, three cans of butane gas, a set of remote-control devices, four packets of small bearing balls, 10 bulbs, two electric tapes, an IED making manual and a motorcycle used in the attack, he said.

Asaduzzaman said the outfit members are very much active in online platforms but CTTC is aware of their activities and arresting militants before any incident takes place.

On July 11, the bomb disposal unit of CTTC arrested Abdullah Al Mamun, a member of the military wing of Neo JMB, from Araihazar area of Narayanganj, with bombs and bomb-making equipment.

Based on information from Mamun, CTTC arrested the two.

A case was filed against them with Jatrabari Police Station. The arrestees were produced before a Dhaka court yesterday and the court placed them on a five-day remand each.

"Efforts are on to arrest Zahid Hasan," said Asaduzzaman.

Contacted, Rahmatullah Chowdhury, additional deputy commissioner of CTTC unit, told The Daily Star yesterday that the arrestees -- Ridoy, Khalid and Mamun -- used to gather funds for the outfit.

"They bought the motorbike to carry the IED and then planted it in the police box," said Chowdhury, also the in-charge of Bomb Disposal Unit.

"We have got some clues and are now verifying those by interrogating the arrestees," he added.

## Dr Najib Mohammad passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Najib Mohammad, head of Gono-shasthaya Kendra Hospital's ICU department and Gonoshasthaya Dialysis Centre, passed away yesterday at Bangladesh Specialised Hospital. He was 66.

He was infected with coronavirus and pneumonia.

Prof Najib Mohammad was the first EDIC passed critical care specialist in Bangladesh, said a press release.

After passing FCPS in surgery, he served in the USA and Saudi Arabia.

Dr Najib has published numerous research papers in various medical journals throughout his career.

His family members have requested all his well-wishers to pray for the eternal salvation of the departed soul.

## Vaccine

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inform the Chinese side beforehand on the quantity of the vaccine that Bangladesh needs.

Dr Momen said the government has planned to vaccinate one crore people each week, and hoped to vaccinate eight crore people within two months.

Talking about his brother and former finance minister AMA Muhith's health condition, he said Muhith has become frail, as he is unable to eat properly and deprived of adequate sleep.

"He took two doses of Covid vaccine. That's the hope. He's now 87 years old but he's an asset. Hope, he'll fully recover. Pray for him," Dr Momen said.

Muhith tested positive for Covid-19 a week ago and has been taking treatment at the Combined Military Hospital, Dhaka after spending initial days at home.

## No vaccine

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He said the nationwide immunisation programme is starting from August 7 and the government has already made necessary preparations to make the campaign successful through proper coordination.

He urged officials concerned to follow the vaccination protocol and conduct the drive in rural areas with patience. Quader called upon the administration to make inoculation drive a success with co-operation of AL leaders at district, upazila, municipality, union and ward levels.

He also defended the reopening of garment factories even amid the lockdown saying it was done in the interest of the country's economy.

In this regard, he lambasted BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir for his criticism of the government move.

"Fakhrul speaks of workers' interests while at the same time opposes reopening of the factories... this is self-contradictory," said Quader.

He also said the government is taking decisions in consultation with experts, considering the welfare of the country.

## OBITUARY



With deepest sadness, we announce the passing of our sister-in-law Professor Gulroo Begum Sufi, Ex-Chairman of Department of Zoology, Dhaka University at Whittington Hospital in London on July 24, 2021. We request prayers for the departed soul.

Ms Lutfun Nahar and family  
Green Road

## Over Tk 3,000cr

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Farhad Alam, project director of CCC, told The Daily Star that they have sent a proposal to the ministry concerned to extend the project duration by few years, as the existing deadline is June next year.

"We got approval for three LA [land acquisition] cases and full funds to acquire land for the 2.9-km long Baroipara canal's excavation. We hope we will be able to complete the project in time," he said. Chattogram city, the country's business

capital, saw unprecedented waterlogging with moderate rainfall in early June and July. The tidal surge with downpour submerges residential areas, key thoroughfares and the country's biggest wholesale commodity market at Khatunganj.

A survey by Planning Commission and UNDP in 2019 estimated the cost of damage inflicted by waterlogging in Chattogram to be Tk 2,517 crore in the last decade, a problem that directly affected 5,000 businesses.

## Negligence

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be re-opened from August 1. Such an announcement causes indescribable misery to low-income workers.

They started reaching the capital on foot or rickshaws or in vans and trucks, risking their lives. They went through not only untold sufferings, but also had to spend additional money to save their jobs, the JP chairperson said.

Thousands of people crossed the river in each ferry, and health safety measures have been neglected severely. To avoid disaster, the government announced to open public transport on July 31 and August 1 on limited scale.

GM Quader said in April last year, there was a "cruel joke" with workers of opening factories amid the lockdown.

The respective authorities of the government did not take lessons from last year's lockdown, the JP chief further said.

## Covid situation

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Dr Mijanur Rahman, resident medical officer of Shamsuddin hospital, the 100-bed dedicated Covid-19 hospital in Sylhet, said, "For the last one month, we are at capacity. Once we release someone or if someone dies, a seat becomes available, only to be filled up quickly."

Contacted, Dr Naseem Hossain, president of Sylhet Private Hospital Owners' Association, said, "We've almost tripled our services for Covid-19 patients. All the hospitals have at least 5 to 10 percent people on waiting lists."

"We are not able to increase our facilities as we are in uncertainty with the oxygen supply, which often gets delayed. Also, due to the expenses at private hospitals, many are unable to afford our services. We urge the government to increase facilities at public hospitals," he said.

Dr Himangshu Lal Roy, divisional health officer of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), said, "The infection rate in Sylhet is increasing fast. However, the rush to the hospital is not that much compared to the infection rate."

"But keeping the worst situation in mind, we're trying to increase beds for Covid-19 patients. But the only problem is uninterrupted oxygen supply," he said.

The health official said they are planning to install oxygen plants at Khadimpara 31-bed Hospital and Dakshin Surma 31-bed Hospital in this regard.

"We are also planning to set up an industrial-level oxygen plant in Sylhet so that we don't have to face any supply crisis," he said.

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Please visit <https://www.pubalibangla.com/tender.asp> for more details. Interested Consultants may purchase Request For Proposal documents by 12 August 2021 duly fulfilling all other requirements.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)



International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites proposals from interested Firm/Organization for conducting Tracer Study to trace trained graduates under Skills 21 project, assess their employment status and relevance of training with employment. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the ILO Dhaka website under Procurement Notices at [https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS\\_367536/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS_367536/lang--en/index.htm)

The deadline for submission of proposal is Tuesday, August 31, 2021, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

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Contract Duration: 5 Months. Number of Vacancies: 2 (Two),  
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**Title: CP Consultant Violence Against Children and Women (VACW) and Harmful Practices**

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