



Abdur Razzak Chowdhury laid to rest

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Abdur Razzak Chowdhury, a businessman from Fatikchhari upazila in Chattogram, was laid to rest yesterday.

He passed away on Monday, at the age of 92, said a press release.

He left behind his five sons – professional organiser Dr Khurshid Jamil Chowdhury, Los Angeles expatriate Khurshid Azfar Chowdhury, senior vice chairman of multinational company Khurshid Irteza Chowdhury, industrial entrepreneur and marketing businessman Khurshid Irshad Chowdhury, eminent corporate personality and former MD and CEO of Transcom Beverages Ltd Khurshid Irfan Chowdhury.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held on Monday after the Isha prayers at Jamiatul Falah Mosque and the second one at 10am yesterday at Shah Nagar in Fatikchhari.

He was buried at his family graveyard there.

10 lakh Pfizer doses

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70 degrees Celsius, which is far below the normal refrigeration level.

The ministry has not yet disclosed details on the administration of the new consignment.

Meanwhile, the country logged 114 deaths from Covid-19 in 24 hours till 8am yesterday -- the lowest in nearly two months, according to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The last time DGHS reported fewer deaths than yesterday's was back on June 29, when 112 died from Covid-19.

Since then, the country has witnessed higher number of deaths every day, with the highest being 264 deaths on August 5 and 10.

Then the number of Covid-19 deaths

continued declining.

With the latest count, the total number of deaths reached 25,513, which is 1.73 percent of all Covid-19 cases detected so far.

With yesterday's 5,249 new Covid-19 cases, the total number of confirmed infections of the novel coronavirus rose to 14,72,964.

A total of 34,708 tests were performed yesterday, and 15.12 percent of them returned positive.

Of the deceased, 56 were male and 58 female yesterday.

The highest deaths, 42, were in Dhaka division, followed by 29 in Chattogram, 13 in Khulna, nine in Sylhet, six in Rangpur and Rajshahi, five in Barishal and four in Mymensingh.



Justice Amir Hossain passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Amir Hossain, a sitting judge of the High Court and the International Crimes Tribunal, passed away at Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka yesterday. He was 64.

A freedom fighter, Justice Hossain died at 8am while undergoing treatment at the hospital. He left behind his wife, two daughters, a son and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

The Supreme Court administration suspended all judicial functions for yesterday in honour of Justice Hossain.

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Law Minister Anisul Huq expressed profound shock at the death. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Supreme Court Bar Association at 2pm yesterday, attended by the chief justice, attorney general, judges and SCBA members, among others.

He was buried at his family graveyard in Nikli of Kishoreganj.

Will start holding

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The University Teachers' Network also demanded starting an online teaching-learning management system for teachers and a separate committee at each university to train them.

They demanded necessary measures for the mental well-being of teachers and students and high-speed internet at low cost.

Teachers also demanded identifying students who drop out and make arrangements for a safety-net for them.

Prof Anu Muhammad of Jahangirnagar University said, university exams started and students are facing a lot of problems. Many have no space at home, no devices or internet connection or uninterrupted electricity supply.

As a result, many JU students have to rent rooms near campus, which is riskier for their health.

"We hope we will not have to take the symbolic classes, as authorities will make wise decisions. Only attending classes online is not proper education. Students' presence on campuses is also a part of education. The present situation is pushing students towards a catastrophe," he said.

Prof Gitara Nasreen of DU conducted the press conference.

Prof Kamrul Hasan Mamun and Kazi Maruful Islam of DU, Prof Abdullah Harun Chowdhury of Khulna University, lecturer Arifat Rahman of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib University of Science and Technology in Gopalganj and Prof Nasir Uddin of JU also spoke at the event.

Earlier on August 16, Rajshahi University teacher Abdullah Al Mamun took a symbolic class under a tree.

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"The first day of school is a landmark moment in a child's life – setting them off on a life-changing path of personal learning and growth. Most of us can remember countless minor details -- what clothes we wore, our teacher's name, who we sat next to. But for millions of children, that important day has been indefinitely postponed," said Unicef Executive Director Henrietta Fore.

Unicef Representative in Bangladesh Tomoo Hozumi said, "Lack of in-person teaching and learning activities have an extremely serious impact not only on children's education, but also on their health, protection, and psychosocial well-being."

"Marginalised children are suffering the heaviest losses. It is crucial that we prioritise a safe reopening of schools and invest in remediation of learning losses for those most affected," he added, illustrating how the longer children remain out of school, the less likely they are to return, as they face increased risks of violence, child labour, and child marriage.

In Bangladesh, prolonged closure of educational institutions throughout the pandemic has affected over 40 million students from the pre-primary to the higher education level, Unicef said.

People can

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"If there's a safari park inside the forest, the character of the evergreen forest will change. The animals and birds that live there will face habitat loss," she told journalists after visiting the spot.

The eminent rights activist criticised those who brag about getting the project approved for a TK 980 crore budget after a lot of effort.

"It has become our national character to lobby for projects that further our own interests, but that doesn't benefit the environment," she said.

BAPA general secretary Sharif Jamil said if the safari park is constructed, various infrastructures, power transmission lines, substations, and heavy infrastructure will also have to be constructed for tourists, putting further strain on its environment.

The project's feasibility report estimates around eight to 10 lakh visitors every year. The forest houses endangered species such as elephants, deer, Asami monkeys, and hanumans, informed Farhad Ahsan Pavel, principal investigator of Pallas's Fish-eagle conservation project.

Among others, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon Sylhet VP and Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) Professor Nazia Chowdhury; founder president of Bhasa Shaheed Abdul Matin Museum Dr Mostafa Shahjahan Chowdhury Bahar; SUST Professor Zahirul Haque Shakil were part of BAPA's team.

Dengue

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yesterday said they will not tolerate any mismanagement in anti-mosquito drives.

He also told those involved with spraying insecticide to do their job diligently, otherwise they will be terminated.

The mayor said this while inaugurating a training programme for supervisors of such workers at Nagar Bhaban in Gulshan.

The mayor said they are training 54 people in this regard, who will later train others at their respective wards.

Responding to a question, the mayor said they have so far realised Tk 65 lakh fine for getting Aedes mosquito larvae in different DNCC areas.

United Hospital's 15th anniv observed



CITY DESK

The 15th anniversary of United Hospital, situated at the capital's Gulshan, was observed yesterday.

After Zohr prayers, an anniversary event started with a recitation from the Quran, and special prayers were arranged, said a press release.

Later in the afternoon, Moinuddin Hasan Rashid, chairperson and managing director of United Group, and Mohammad Faizur Rahman, managing director and CEO of United Hospital Ltd, cut a cake and were present at a luncheon alongside doctors, nurses, directors and other senior officials.

Moinuddin said United Hospital was set up with the aim to provide world-class healthcare. "We are gradually improving our organisation to turn it into a role model, a centre of excellence."

Faizur said, "So far, we have provided healthcare services to more than 5,30,000 patients and their families... We have been able to provide proper Covid care to more than 70,000 patients."

"More than 2,30,000 patients were admitted to the emergency department, which shows the confidence of people on us," he said.

On this day in 2006, the official activities of United Hospital were inaugurated under the ownership and supervision of United Group.

CASE AGAINST SK SINHA Recording statements of witnesses ends

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday concluded recording statements of witnesses in a case filed against former Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha and 10 others for misappropriating and laundering about Tk 4 crore from Farmers Bank in 2016.

Judge Shaikh Nazmul Alam of the Special Judge Court-4 of Dhaka passed the conclusion order, after cross-examination of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Director Benjir Ahmed, also investigation officer, ended.

The judge also fixed August 29 for recording self-defence statements of seven accused, who are now on bail or in jail.

Earlier, the judge recorded statements of 20 prosecution witnesses, including the case's complainant. Seven of the accused were present at the court yesterday, while SK Sinha and three others are absconding.

On December 10 of 2019, ACC pressed charges against SK Sinha and 10 others. The same court framed charges against them on August 13 last year.

Farmers Bank was later renamed Padma Bank.

On July 10 of 2019, ACC filed the case against SK Sinha and 10 others.

SK Sinha resigned on November 11, 2017, from abroad. He is now in the US.

How Rohingya youth

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They also sit for tutorials and final exams; however, they don't get any formal certificate.

But that does not affect students' participation in these schools. Parents from all across the camps send their children to nearby schools.

One of them is Akhtari Banu whose three sons are studying in the school founded by Yassin.

She said, "Schools established by the NGOs only teach songs and rhymes and different types of games. So, I sent them to this school. Here they are learning maths, sciences and the holy Quran as well. I am very happy that we have this school in our camp."

However, running these schools has been extremely challenging for these enthusiastic Rohingya.

"As we don't take any money from the families, we always suffer from severe resource constraints. We have to purchase educational materials frequently because many students have to use same books and they get worn out quickly."

Most of our teachers work for different NGOs as translators and office assistants. We have to provide books and other educational materials with our meagre income," Mohammed Iqbal said.

"Another of our limitation is evaluating and recognising our students. We are evaluating our students regularly through series of exams."

However, our students are not getting any certificate. Many of our students are extremely meritorious but we cannot recognise their capabilities," added Yassin.

The ongoing pandemic has further deteriorated the situation. As Aman noted, "Due to this pandemic, very few aid workers can visit our camp due to Covid-19 related restrictions."

Donation from local and international donors have also decreased a lot. We cannot earn adequately to run our schools. Some NGOs promised us financial aid but we hardly got any support from them."

The precarious situation in Myanmar is also a cause for worry for these educators.

Yassin said, "We are teaching according to Myanmar curriculum as we hope that we shall be repatriated to our homeland with citizenship. But, due to military takeover in Myanmar and the Covid-19 pandemic, we see little hope to return to our country in the near future."

"We need financial support and certification to run these schools effectively. We also feel that we should start technical education in the camps to make our adolescents and youths skilled and employable."

"But we do not have the capacity to start technical education in our schools," he added.

In fact, last year Bangladesh government planned to provide formal education to Rohingya children and youth according to Myanmar curriculum.

For this purpose, on January 27, 2020, the National Task Force on Rohingya crisis chaired by the foreign secretary finally decided to lift the ban on providing formal education to Rohingya children.

According to the plan, children up to age 14 were supposed to go to schools following the Myanmar curriculum and those who are older would attend various vocational and training centres.

The first batch of 10,000 Rohingya children were supposed to get admitted to formal schools and vocational training centres in April, 2020.

However, the entire plan came to stand still due to the pandemic.

Shah Rezwana Hayat, refugee, relief and repatriation commissioner to Cox's Bazar, said, "We decided to provide education to 10,000 Rohingya children on a pilot basis. But we had to postpone the programme due to the pandemic."

"We don't know when we can start the education programme again," Hayat told The Daily Star.

"We are now focusing more on preventing the spread of Covid-19 in the camps."

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