



Shamsul Hoque's death anniversary

CITY DESK

The 13th death anniversary of Shamsul Hoque Mojumder, a retired engineer of PWD and social worker, will be observed today, said a press release.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held after the Juma prayers at Amjad Mojumder Bari Jame Mosque, Addadar Bari Jame Mosque, Alhaj Shamsul Haque Mojumder Jame Mosque and Ferdous Nagar Jame Mosque in Amjadhat union under Fulgazi upazila, Feni.

All of his friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programmes to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Shamsul Hoque Mojumder is father of Zakir Hossain Mojumder, BJMC engineer and Ferdous Alam Mojumder, chairman and managing director of Frontline Communications Limited.

MJF concerned

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and of them, 171 were gang-raped, the press release said. In the release, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam called upon the government to find out the reasons behind the rise in rapes.

She also urged the government to provide security to women and children through taking effective steps, the release said.

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The government is implementing the project in a non-transparent manner, she said, adding that the ministry had not officially informed the petitioners to attend the meeting on Suhrawardy Udyan on June 24, though the ministry was supposed to officially inform them.

People suffer for delay in bridge work

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

Thousands of residents in Dhaka's Dhamrai upazila have been facing immense problems due to delay in construction work of a bridge over Bangshi river.

According to the upazila LGED office, under Dhaka Rural Infrastructure Development Project, construction of a 75-metre-long bridge over Bangshi in Depashai-Nayapara area was planned, with a cost of Tk 4,53,70,064.

On March 11, 2019, construction firm Nuna Traders-Fastbuild JV got the tender and started working.

It was supposed to be completed by March 10, 2020, as per the contract. But after constructing the bridge's pillars and 40 metres of the structure, the firm stopped work citing design complications and Covid-19.

According to locals, when the work started, the structure was too close to the river, which would have hindered vessel movement. Later, when they wrote a letter to the upazila engineer in this regard, the design was changed.

The construction firm then started the work by raising the bridge by a metre.

But work stopped again after a while. Due to this issue, around 25,000 people living in surrounding areas -- including Depashai, West Depashai, East Depashai, Nayapara, Karabil, Goaldi, Kashipur, Chapil, Sombhag, Naogaon, Shailan and Bhalum -- are suffering, they added.



Though set to be completed by March 2020, the planned 75-metre bridge over Bangshi river only has 40-metre of work done as of date.

"When work started, we were relieved, as the bridge was supposed to ease our problems. But the work remains suspended for a long time, and who knows when it will start again," said Korban Ali, a resident of Depashai area.

Azhar Ali, chairperson of Sombhag union in Dhamrai, said due to the delay, thousands of people have to travel an extra 10 kilometres to reach Dhaka.

Contacted, Sanjay Debnath, project director of Nuna Traders-Fastbuild JV, said construction work was halted due to design complications and coronavirus.

About the design complications, he said as locals earlier complained

to the upazila engineer about its low height, they had to fix that, which is why the work got stalled.

Besides, due to the ongoing pandemic, they were unable to restart the work.

However, Azizul Haque, upazila engineer of Dhamrai, told The Daily Star that the construction work was halted due to the firm's negligence.

Although the contractor was issued several letters to complete the work, they stopped it, mentioning various reasons. "Necessary steps will be taken in this regard very soon," he assured.

Asked, the project director of the firm refuted the allegations. "We will start the work soon," he added.

Four killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed and two injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Cumilla, two people were killed and at least two injured when a truck hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw at Goalmoth in Sadar South area.

The deceased were identified as Taslima Akter (25) from Komolpur in Sadar South, and Momotaj Akter (22) from Shahpur in Chaudhagram upazila.

Debashish Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Cumilla Sadar South Police Station, said they died on the spot. One of the injured, a child, was taken to Dhaka from Cumilla Medical College Hospital.

Police and locals said the accident occurred as the truck driver lost control over the vehicle. The vehicle hit the auto-rickshaw from behind while trying to overtake it. Following the accident, locals blocked the road for an hour.

In Rajbari, two people were killed as the motorbike they were on was run over by an unidentified vehicle on Rajbari-Kushtia road at College Mor area of Pangsha upazila in the early hours.

The deceased are Rabik Hossain (37) and Muktar Hossain (40) from Housing area in Kushtia's Sadar upazila.

Pangsha Police Station OC Masudur Rahman said, "The accident took place when the motorcyclist lost control of the vehicle and hit a bridge railing. The two died instantly."

Police handed over the bodies to their family members.



Dr Muhammad Ahsan passes away

CITY DESK

Noted nuclear engineer and reactor physicist Dr Muhammad Ahsan passed away on August 15.

He was 81 years old.

Dr Ahsan worked at the then Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission and retired as a member of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission.

One of his most notable academic achievements is the proof of the three-and-half-century-old Fermat's Last Theorem.

He was a highly-committed Rotarian for about four decades.

He authored the book "The Holy Quran Vs Muslims of 21st Century".

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and Transnational Crime (CTIC) unit visited the spot and analysed the explosion.

Rahmat Ullah Chowdhury, chief of Bomb Disposal Unit, told The Daily Star that "it was a gas explosion".

"Problem arose in the gas line after rain water entered it. After technicians siphoned the water, gas accumulated in the kitchen of the ground floor. When they tried to ignite the burner to check the connection, it just exploded," added Rahmat.

Fire service and police said they are investigating the cause of the fire.

One-stop service

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She stressed enhancing the monitoring system to ensure ideal employment contracts.

Presenting a keynote paper, migration expert Riaz Uddin Khan said many of these workers are provided with job contracts at the last moment of their departure. As a result, they are left with little choice.

Addressing as special guest, Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam said female migrant workers' safety during departure, return, and at work is their right.

She said while such workers with skills training can have some sort of bargaining power, the same workers without training can be more vulnerable to exploitation.

If a woman-friendly migration system is not developed, the sector may see a decline in the number of female workers in the future, she added.

Keraniganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Amit Debnath stressed on creating a dedicated "institutional structure" at upazila level to work on woman migration.

Moderated by WARBE Director Jasiya Khatoon, the programme was addressed, among others, by Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training Director Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan; CARE Bangladesh Programme Manager Mostafa Sorower; ICMPD Bangladesh Country Coordinator Ikram Hossain; journalist Arafat Ara; and BPCMD Member and lawmaker Adiba Anjum Mita.



Even after a whole day of rescue attempts, firefighters could not find vegetable trader Saleh Ahmed, who fell into a canal at port city's Muradpur area on Wednesday. Workers were siphoning water out of the canal using hoses till 5pm yesterday, in hopes of spotting the man.

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INDIAN PM'S GIFT

40 ambulances reach Benapole



Our Correspondent, Benapole

The third consignment of 40 more life support ambulances gifted by Indian PM Narendra Modi has reached Benapole Port yesterday morning.

After completing the formalities of customs and port authority, the ambulances will leave for Dhaka today.

During his visit to Bangladesh on March this year, Modi announced the gift of 109 life support ambulances to help with the Coronavirus crisis.

Forty-eight more ambulances are due to arrive in phases in September.

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