



Maj (retd) Badr-Ul Islam passes away

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Maj (retd) Muhammad Badr-Ul Islam passed away yesterday at Combined Military Hospital. He was 59, said a press release. He had been suffering from hepatocellular carcinoma. He left behind his wife Farida Yasmin, three children Zeehad Usayed, Sababa and Hisham, and siblings Qamrul Islam and Tania Parvez. He was son of late Shamsul Islam and Qamrunnesa Begum, both physics professors at Dhaka University. Badr-Ul Islam received honors in civil engineering from Buet and graduated from Bangladesh Military Academy 7th Long Course in 1982 with the President's Gold Medal. He served in many appointments in the Corps of Engineers, and Army Headquarters and also served as Brigade Major in the Infantry Brigade. He took early retirement for health reasons.

Nothing

FROM PAGE 3 same... so, BNP's plan of organising a movement aiming to oust the government is nothing but a daydream," he said. The minister made this comment while addressing a press briefing at his residence in the capital. Criticising a remark made by BNP's secretary general Mirza Fakhruul Islam Alamgir about "allowing no more time to the government", Quader, also secretary general of Awami League, asked, "Who is he [Fakrul] to allow the government in power?" "The constitution and people have allowed the government in power." Quader also alleged that BNP has made Jatiya Press Club a political stage. "Different organisations including journalists usually organise meetings there, but BNP has made it a political podium. BNP's political gathering inside the press club is totally illegal and unacceptable." The minister also said printing and distribution of nearly 12.50 lakh driving licenses have begun from October 10 and it would be completed within six months. He also gave directives to BRTA officials to continue work during the weekly holiday to complete the work.

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Who decides what's

FROM PAGE 3 Japan in 2007. In the lecture, he briefly discussed the central arguments in his thesis. He also shed light on how some instrumental strategies were used in Bangladesh during and after the regime ruled by the military dictator Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman to make him popular. With his research, he also noted that the privatisation of education is not "merely a process of tangible establishments, but rather a pointed mission of undermining the public educational establishments and popularising the private ones." "Consequently, it is structurally related with one another – promoting images of private higher educational institutes and demoting the public ones. The process features a set of vocabularies, like 'international standards', or 'educational qualities', which are propagated in the media." While presiding over the virtual discussion, writer, researcher, and journalist Afsan Chowdhury said, "It is very important to understand the mechanics behind any event, whether it is fuelled by popularity or seizure of popularity." When people talk about the great achievements of Dhaka University, they always mention its role in the 1952 Language Movement, the 1969 anti-Ayub agitation, the 1971 Liberation War and others, he said. "These are great political moments of our lives but where are the discussions about the academic milestones?" he added. At the event, Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation Director General Ahrar Ahmad gave the welcome speech. He said, "We rely on foreigners for knowledge and surrender ourselves [to them]. We do not promote our own researchers and value them as well. It is essential to change this attitude of dependence. That is what we want to do through the foundation." The foundation's research and administration executive Iftekharul Islam moderated the session. It was the eighth such event organised by the foundation.

Prof Yunus gets ad-interim

FROM PAGE 3 13 for next hearing. Meantime, Prof Yunus filed a petition with the court yesterday, seeking exemption from personal appearance in the case, but the court set December 13 for its hearing. On September 9, SM Arifuzzaman, a labour inspector (general) of Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department, filed the case. The judge then asked the four to appear before the court on October 12. According to the case statement, the department officials on August 16 inspected Grameen Telecom office in Mirpur. On August 19, the department sent a letter to its authorities, mentioning that its 67 employees were supposed to be made permanent but they were not. The employee's participation fund and welfare fund are yet to be formed. Besides, five percent of the company's dividends was supposed to be paid to the workers but it was not paid, it added. Over the issue, Grameen Telecom issued a statement yesterday. It said, on September 9, the department of inspection filed a complaint with the Third Labour Court against Grameen Telecom chairman, its former managing director and two directors. The complaints brought in this case are already under hearing. Appropriate measures will be taken after resolution of the subject matters of these cases. Since the department has filed a complaint against them, they appeared before the court for bail yesterday, it added.

Ayub Bachchu's family

FROM PAGE 3 The minister talked about the magnitude of this achievement in his speech. "The fact that you can now earn royalties through digital media is still a new concept to most," he said. "I congratulate the copyright office for their hard work. However, I request that the same measures be taken for all our respected musicians." The monetisation and digital syncing of Bachchu's 272 songs on various platforms like Facebook, YouTube and iTunes were ensured, and royalties were collected from two telecom companies and one local over-the-top (OTT) platform. The family will still receive regular royalties, as monitored by the copyright office. Zoel Morshed, the project coordinator of the initiative, provided a breakdown of the royalty amount received from each of the platforms. The ceremony ended with a note of thanks by Copyright Office Registrar Zafar Raja Chowdhury. "Without a doubt, Ayub Bachchu was one of Bangladesh's biggest artistes, and we wanted to preserve his legacy in proper fashion," he said. "I hope that more artistes will be aware of their rights, and file for copyrights through proper channels." Bachchu was the first-ever applicant for the E-Copyright system. He applied to register his works right after Online Copyright Registration System (E-Copyright) was established on August 23, 2017. Unfortunately, the musician passed away on October 18, 2018. Throughout his life, he was vocal about copyright and artistes' rights. People residing in Bangladesh can enjoy Bachchu's songs free through the official website made by the copyright office and ministry. Those living abroad will be able to download his albums by paying USD 9.90, where each song will cost them USD 1.75. Through the programme, the copyright office pledged to keep working to ensure fair royalty disbursement and preservation of music for all working artistes in the future.



Parts of this 76-year-old building at Saheb Bazar Zero Point area in Rajshahi, which houses offices of press club and local unit of Workers' Party of Bangladesh, collapsed early yesterday. According to press club members, a pillar of the veranda also collapsed over a month ago. However, the authorities are yet to take any steps to repair the building.

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Parts of building housing Rajshahi Press Club collapse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Parts of a 76-year-old building in Rajshahi city, which houses offices of press club and local unit of Workers' Party of Bangladesh, collapsed yesterday. The building, known as Kunjo Bhaban, was constructed in 1945 and was declared "vested property" after independence. The ceiling of the front part of its veranda collapsed with a loud noise early yesterday, locals said. Rajshahi Press Club has been using the building in the city's Saheb Bazar Zero Point area by taking lease from Public Works Department. Saidur Rahman, general secretary of the press club, said a pillar of the veranda collapsed over a month ago. They notified the Public Works Department about the requirement of a repair, but to no avail, he alleged. Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not get in touch with the officials concerned of the PWD.

Restoring the remnants

FROM PAGE 3 creates a stark contrast to the historical monument, almost as if to show the parallels between what was then, and what is now. The structure gawks at its spectator as if it were an entrance to a portal -- one that seemingly has an intended purpose to take them for a visit to the land of the lost. Asiatic Society had taken up the mantle to conserve this 250-year-old relic and decided to turn it into a hub for tourists, students and people keen to know more about their roots. Inaugurated on October 11, 2018, the Nimtali Deuri houses four galleries, with an exhibition of Mughal coins, jewellery boxes, luxurious attires of the times as well as a resplendent diorama of Naib-Nazim Nusrat Jang's court. "Professor Sharifuiddin, former trustee of the National Museum, was looking for people to be entrusted with the job of executing the project. I was chosen to be in charge of it," said Hussain. "We formed a team of historians, archeologists, curation experts and started our work by arranging three workshops with the oldest netizens of Dhaka, exchanged views with the board of trustees of the National Museum and went from door-to-door to collect different artifacts of the Mughal times and now, here we are," he added, when asked about how the museum came to be. However, the design of the project had gone through multiple changes which had dragged the project on for years. For instance, an 1863 sketch by Frederick William de Fabeck, the architects found several pinnacles or small domes on the roof of the deuri which were not present in the actual site, so the curated design had to be modified to maintain its accuracy with archeological evidence. Masons during the Mughal times used Surki made of brick dust and lime. For good binding, they used natural sticky components like betelnut tannin, catechu, thickened date syrup or even black lentils. "They also used soft bricks that were kept in the oven for a short time so that the bricks can soak all the bindings and the surki. Unaware of the formula, the architects had gone through several trial-and-error phases. Finding authentic materials and artisans to conjure that effect turned out to be a significant feat," said Hussain. The project had received a Tk 1.5 crore allowance from the government and three publications came out as a part of the project, all of which can be purchased from Asiatic Society's library. The museum is currently open for exhibition from 10am to 5pm. At the wake of the fourth industrial revolution where individuals are drowned in new information everyday, our history falls in the cracks of a forgotten memory lane. The Nimtali palace is a stark reminder of that, and the museum is able to truly deliver the essence of the time bygone.

BANANI DOUBLE RAPE Verdict rescheduled for Oct 27

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka tribunal yesterday rescheduled -- for October 27 -- the delivery of verdict in Banani double rape case. Judge (in-charge) Md Al-Mamun of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-7 set the date. The five accused are Shafat Ahmed, his friends Shadman Sakif, and Nayeem Ashraf alias Halim, Shafat's driver Billal Hossain and bodyguard Rahmat Ali. Shafat is the son of Dildar Hossain Selim, an owner of Apan Jewellers. All of them are now behind bars.

Curtain falls

FROM PAGE 3 Federation along with "Porshod" (committee) members, Mir Zahid Hasan, Ahmed Gias and Khorshedul Alam. A minute of silence was observed in memory of eminent actor, academician and playwright Dr Enamul Haque; prominent playwright Prof Dr Afsar Ahmad of Drama and Dramatics Department at Jahangirnagar University, and Ekushey Padak winning renowned journalist, dramatist, and poet Rafiqul Haque, popularly known as "Dadubhai", among other cultural personalities who passed away during the pandemic. "Amid the pandemic, the organisers have done an impressive job arranging this festival," said Abul Monsur. "We have discussed some issues of the cultural sector today, and I will try to bring about changes accordingly." Highlighting the deprivation faced by the cultural sector, Debprasad Debnath said, "Since the cultural arena has always made great contributions in every revolution of the country, artistes deserve proper financial and technical assistance. We hope that the government will look into the matter seriously, and provide artistes with the necessary support." Around 4,000 people have been working relentlessly over the last three months, for the 12-day festival, as mentioned by Kamal Bayezid. On the closing day, "Ekta Loukik Othoba Aloukik Steamer" by Dhaka Theatre, "Informor" by Shobdo Natyochorcha Kendro and "Ebarer Shongram Muktir Shongram" by Joyjatra were staged. This year's festival was dedicated to the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence.

2 more die of dengue

FROM PAGE 3 Rajshahi division. Though most of the patients who were hospitalised have so far been released, 916 are still undergoing treatment at hospitals in Dhaka, and 174 outside the capital, the DGHS data shows.

Au revoir, thespian

FROM PAGE 3 for over four decades. His namaz-e-janaza took place at the university after Zuhr prayers. He was later laid to rest at the Banani Graveyard in Dhaka. Dr Enamul Haque was born in Feni Sadar's Motobi area on May 29, 1943. He completed his SSC from Feni Pilot High School and HSC from Notre Dame College in Dhaka. His most famous written works include "Onekdiner Ekdin", "Sheishob Dingulo", "Nirjon Shoikot", and "Ke Ba Apon Ke Ba Por". His notable theatrical productions include "Bibaho Uthshob" and "Grihobash". Some of his popular acting appearances include "Emiler Goenda Bahini", "Ei Shob Din Ratri", "Ayomoy", "Brihonnola", "Shuktara" and "Amar Bondhu Rashed". Dr Enamul Haque served as the dean of the Department of Chemistry in Buet for 15 years, and two years more at the same university as the dean of engineering. Neither his educational accolades, fame or the second highest civilian award, the coveted Ekushey Padak, could affect his humility and politeness, said artistes who mourned for him yesterday and continue to do so. He is survived by his wife, noted actress Lucky Enam, and two daughters, Hridi Haq and Proitee Haq, talented actresses by their own rights. Hridi's husband, Litu Anam, and Proitee's husband, Shazu Khadem, are also renowned actors.

EC going to be formed as per govt

FROM PAGE 3 Following this system, you'll constitute it (EC) with whoever you want," said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhruul Islam Alamgir. The BNP leader made the remarks while inaugurating a conference of representatives of Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal at Dhaka Reporters Unity. The present EC will complete its five-year term in February 2022 and the next commission will arrange the 12th parliamentary election to be held at the end of 2023. On October 4, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a press conference said the new EC will be constituted through a search committee to be formed by the president. Fakhruul also criticised Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader for his remarks that Election Commissioner Mahbub Talukder is suffering from "mental problems". "They (AL leaders) have become desperate and they're making various comments against Election Commissioner Mahbub Talukder as he spoke the truth. They're also saying he is mentally ill. But you (govt) are mentally ill," he said.

Fakhruul said ruling party leaders are not going to people as they have long been staying indoors and joining programmes virtually. "Arrange an election and create such a situation so that people can cast their votes and only then you will see your actual position. You won't even get an escape route." He said the next election must be held under a non-party and neutral government, enabling people to freely exercise their right to franchise and elect the representatives of their choice. 'BUREAUCRATS TOO POWERFUL' The BNP secretary general said bureaucrats are now running the country as they have become more powerful than AL. "Where's Awami League now? Amla (Bureaucrats) League is now all in all. Wherever you go, you will see DC, SP and OC hold power. They're even bigger than them (Awami League leaders). They themselves say that the king of fish is hilsa and the king of the country is police," he observed. Fakhruul said the prime minister and her government must be held accountable someday for creating such a situation in the country.

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শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলীঃ

০১। ইপিজেড এবং ইপিজেড এর বাহিরের যে কোন কোম্পানি এই টেন্ডারে অংশ নিতে পারবে। টেন্ডারে অংশগ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আমদানি নিবন্ধন সনদ (IRC), ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন ও পরিশোধের হালনাগাদ সনদ দাখিল করতে হবে।

০২। সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় কাটমস্ অতঃ পরিশোধ করবেন।

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০৪। অগ্রাধিকার প্রদান দরপত্র দাখিলের আগের দিন পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন সকাল ০৯:০০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ০৪:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে প্রতিষ্ঠানে রক্ষিত উপরোক্ত মেশিনারীজ, যন্ত্রাংশ এবং Air cooler সেটসমূহ পরিদর্শন করতে পারবেন।

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০৬। মহাব্যবস্থাপক, ঢাকা ইপিজেড এর দপ্তর, উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসার, সাভার এর কার্যালয় এবং M/s.YKK Bangladesh Pte Ltd. এর রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বস্ত্রে আগামী অক্টোবর ২৭, ২০২১ খ্রি: তারিখ সকাল ০৯:০০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত সিলমোহরকৃত বামে টেন্ডার দাখিল করা যাবে।

০৭। বর্গিত বিষয়ে গঠিত মূল্যায়ন কমিটি আগামী অক্টোবর ২৭, ২০২১ খ্রি: তারিখ দুপুর ০২.০০ ঘটিকার দরপত্র দাখিলকৃত অগ্রাধিকার দরদাতাগণ (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) এর সম্মুখে টেন্ডার উন্মুক্ত করবেন।

০৮। সকল প্রকার শুদ্ধকর নির্ধারণের ক্ষেত্রে দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে প্রাপ্ত সর্বোচ্চ মূল্যকে বিনিময় মূল্য (Transaction Value) হিসেবে গ্রহণ করতঃ গঠিত উক্ত কমিটি কর্তৃক দরপত্র মূল্যায়নপূর্বক কমিশনার, কাটমস্ বক্ত, সনদ বাণিজ্য, ঢাকা কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত মূল্যের স্বর্ণপত্র (L/C) / বিক্রয় চুক্তি পত্র দাখিল ও শুদ্ধায়ন সম্পন্ন করতে হবে

০৯। সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতাকে ক্রায়ে ভেলিভারীর বিষয়টি কমিশনার অব কাটমস্ (রেজালি) কর্তৃক অনুমোদনের পর সরাসরি দরদাতা শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠান / ক্রেতা কর্তৃক স্বর্ণপত্র / বিক্রয় চুক্তি পত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে ক্রায়ে ভেলিভারী কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।

১০। শুদ্ধায়িত স্বর্ণপত্র / বিক্রয় চুক্তি পত্রের মাধ্যমে শুদ্ধকর, বাকি ৯০% ও অন্যান্য পাবনাদি (যদি থাকে) পরিশোধপূর্বক বর্গিত ক্রায়ে ভেলিভারীর আত্মকরণের অনুমতি ঢাকা ইপিজেডের মহাব্যবস্থাপক এর দপ্তর থেকে সজ্ঞা পূর্বক বেসপত্তা এবং কাটমস কর্তৃকসের তত্ত্বাবধানে ক্রায়ে ভেলিভারী প্রদান করা হবে।

১১। ন্যূনতম ০৩ (তিন) টি উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র না পাওয়া গেলে পুনঃপ্রদান দরপত্র আহবান করা হবে।

১২। বর্গিত বিষয়ে গঠিত কমিটি কোনো কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে উক্ত টেন্ডার প্রক্রিয়া বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

অগ্রাধিকার দেনা-বিশেষী ক্রেতা/কোম্পানিসমূহকে টেন্ডারে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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Expression of Interest (EOI)

Prequalification of Retailers and Food Wholesalers for WFP Cox's Bazar Ref. CXB21NF01EOI

In Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, WFP provides assistance to displaced Rohingyas through national retail. The payment modality is via WFP Food Assistance Cards. With these cards, beneficiaries receive an entitlement that they can use to purchase a variety of perishable and non-perishable food and non-food items (bathing and laundry soap etc.) from the WFP-established Electronic-Voucher outlets.

Retail partners will be responsible for:

- Procurement of food (and some non-food items). WFP contracted retailers will be encouraged to procure fresh and perishable items from local producers in the Cox's Bazar district to support the local economy.
- Implementation of a full logistics plan to transport the commodities to the Cox's Bazar district (Ukhya & Teknaf)
- Running the distribution points (Electronic-Voucher shops) in line with the humanitarian principles/code of conduct. Strict food quality and safety standards must be implemented and maintained at all stages of the supply chain.

Interested and reputable organizations working in the food retail/wholesale business sector, who have the supply chain capacity to provide the services as mentioned above, are kindly requested to submit their Expression of Interest to the email address coxsbazar.procurement@wfp.org by the mentioned deadline.

Minimum Requirements:

- Meets all legal requirements for a retailer contract with WFP (Legal registration, Trade License, VAT etc.) or has the ability to acquire all required legal licenses needed for companies to trade in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.
- Company with a minimum of three years' experience as an established business; (retail business experience is preferred) with good understanding of supply chain of food commodity market in Bangladesh.
- Company accepts WFP's payment terms and conditions.
- Ability to provide staff training on retail operations and in-store services and / or store maintenance.
- Ability to provide store operations manuals (including back office, logistics, etc.) in the required language.
- Ability to meet food quality standards and WFP's monitoring and inspection requirements.
- Readiness to allocate staff to outlet locations as per the demand of operation.
- Willingness to improve service quality by learning and applying data analytics for running the retail business efficiently; maintain uninterrupted food supply, delivering high quality service whilst maintaining cleanliness and hygiene levels.
- Ability and willingness to procure locally produced fresh food (vegetables, eggs, chicken, live fish etc.) from the local farmers.
- Ability to adhere to WFP's humanitarian principles and standards, including no discrimination against beneficiaries, data protection requirements.

Deadline for registration: 25 October 2021 at 16:00 hrs Dhaka time.