

MA Samad's 16th death anniversary today

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Today is the 16th death anniversary of MA Samad, founder of Bangladesh General Insurance Company Ltd (BGIC), said a press release.



After his retirement as managing director of Jiban Bima Corporation, he established BGIC, the first insurance company in private sector after the country's liberation.

Moreover, he was the founder director of Bangladesh Insurance Academy and former chairman of Bangladesh Insurance Association.

MA Samad wrote two books in Bangla -- one on life insurance and another on general insurance.

He also wrote two textbooks in English on life insurance. He was an enlisted International Expert in the Technical Assistance Program on Trade and Development of the United Nations.

MA Samad was born at Kulaura in Moulvibazar on January 1, 1923.

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He said apart from doctors and nurses, Romania needs construction workers, electricians, household helpers and workers in manufacturing.

"Romania will identify in which areas they need workers from Bangladesh and in which area we can provide," Momen said.

The foreign minister said around 300 Bangladeshi workers are waiting for Romanian visas, and the issue was raised with his Romanian counterpart, who assured Momen of sending a team from the New Delhi mission to provide emergency services and issue visas quickly.

Momen said Bangladesh first opened its mission in Romania in 1975, but it was shut in 1995, while Romania closed its Mission in 2000. "We've reopened the mission recently," he said. "Romania will also consider reopening its mission in Dhaka, once trade and investment ties expand further between the two countries."

The foreign minister invited his counterpart to visit Bangladesh along with a business delegation. The Romanian foreign minister happily accepted the invitation.

"It's a very successful trip. I'm very pleased and in many ways, it was a historic visit, too," Momen said.



Deprived of repair works, Khulna city's Sonadanga Bypass Link Road has become un-navigable. Faced with commuting difficulties and losses, residents and local traders decided to come together and repair the road on their own. This photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Condemnations

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wanted to prevent any further communal divide.

AWAMI LEAGUE

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said communal forces carried out attacks on temples in a planned way, reports BSS.

"No violence or problem took place amid Durga Puja in the last 12 years. This time communal forces launched their evil acts under an orchestrated plan. None of those who were involved will be spared," he said.

Quader was addressing the triennial council of Rajbari district unit of AL virtually from his official residence in the capital.

Mentioning that those carried out attacks on Hindu temples are enemies of the spirit of the Liberation War, he urged all to be united against the evil forces.

He said a vested quarter is searching for scopes again and again to carry out violence capitalising on people's religious beliefs, which is against the key spirit of religion.

About BNP leaders' remarks that the government is involved with the

mayhem, he said, "The government wants to keep stability in the country. Why will it do that?"

Quader said those who are involved with the attacks and those who have incited the acts to create unrest in the country through destroying communal harmony will be brought to justice through proper investigations.

Meanwhile, Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Md Tazul Islam yesterday at a programme said communal and anti-liberation forces are engaged in destroying country's all achievements by creating communal violence.

"Today, the country is a role model of development for world as all Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Christians are working together. But, the country's enemies are trying to destroy this unity and communal harmony," he said.

The minister came up with the statement while addressing a seminar on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector and future plans, said a press release.

BNP

BNP senior leader Mirza Abbas yesterday questioned as to why the

law enforcers could not yet arrest the real culprits behind the Cumilla incident, reports UNB.

"There were only 50,000 police personnel during our rule, but now police are a huge force of five lakh members. What's the use of keeping such a big force when they can't catch the robbers, bank looters, thieves, murderers and the attackers of puja mandaps? Is resisting BNP their only job? This won't last long," he said.

He alleged that the government has been resorting to various "tricks" and "games" to cling onto power.

He was speaking at a doa mahfil arranged by Jatityabadi Swechasebak Dal at the party's Nayapaltan central office.

Islami Andolan

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Madani also demanded arrest and capital punishment of a state minister for his recent "anti-religion" remarks.

Later, hundreds of leaders and activists of the organisation brought out a procession.

However, the procession ended abruptly due to police intervention near Kakrail area.

It's contrary to democratic

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GM Quader, also the deputy opposition leader in parliament, said a law must be enacted in accordance with the constitution for the formation of the Election Commission to ensure a free, fair and credible election.

"The Election Commission is being formed without a law which is like appointing a referee on behalf of a team in a football game. The Election Commission will have to be constituted with suitable people as per law and all power should be given to it in accordance with the constitution," the JP chief said.

Out of 40 registered political parties, he said only Awami League,

BNP and Jatitya Party now remain active while the rest have become signboard-only political parties.

GM Quader said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is not in politics after getting out of jail on "bond" while her son, Tarique Rahman, has been convicted and is staying abroad. "There are serious divisions among the rest of the leaders (of BNP)."

Stating that AL is busy running the government and carrying out development activities, he said the ruling party has almost no presence in the field of politics. "Only Jatitya Party is vocal in politics to realise the demands of people."

"Our party is moving forward

braving various slanders and conspiracies. The people of the country are frustrated with politics due to the activities of Awami League and BNP. They now want to see Jatitya Party in power..."

He criticised State Minister for Information Dr Md Murad Hassan for, what he said, making "derogatory comments against Jatitya Party founder HM Ershad and giving the announcement for changing the status of Islam as the state religion of Bangladesh."

"It's a nefarious act. He must apologise for this. The state minister has broken his oath to preserve the constitution," GM Quader alleged.

Govt conspiring to kill Khaleda

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possible in the country.

Abbas, a BNP standing committee member, slammed the ruling party leaders for, what he said, making various outrageous comments about top BNP leaders, including Khaleda, living in "glass houses".

"Let us walk together on the streets and

then you'll [Awami League leaders] see how many people greet us with flowers... I know you don't have that courage. You've been talking tall from the glass house and torturing BNP leaders and activists," Abbas alleged.

Abbas called upon BNP leaders and activists to get ready for waging a strong movement to oust the current government.

As our rivers lie dying

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at upazila level, could not provide a specific reason for the failure to conduct drives.

Islam also told The Daily Star that river boundary demarcation pillars will be set up on the banks of both rivers soon.

The upazila administration has recently demolished at least eight illegal structures at Bakartpur area, he claimed.

Contacted, NRCC Chairperson ASM Ali Kabir said the commission does not have the directive to evict the illegal structures - it can only issue directives to the authorities concerned.

"The district administration is responsible to act as per the directives," he added.

During recent visits to the area, it was noticed that in addition to big corporations, individuals, social organisations, kitchen market authorities, and even Savar municipal authorities are continuously filling up the riverbanks.

Meanwhile, illegal sand trading is going on at Katlapur Balughat, Bakartpur, and Nayarhat areas, occupying the Bangshi riverbank.

Additionally, several hundred illegal structures have been constructed on the banks of both rivers for 10 kilometres at a

stretch, from Tetuljhara area to Nayarhat.

Environmentalists say the actual number of riverbank grabbers is much higher than what NRCC estimates.

"No action has been taken by district administration to evict the land grabbers. We are now planning to file a writ petition before court on this matter," said Rafiqul Islam Mollah, president of Savar Nodi O Poribesh Unnayan Parishad.

Meanwhile, Savar municipal authorities and a local kitchen market committee are at loggerheads over dumping garbage on the riverbanks.

Human waste and garbage are dumped across a few places - Katlapur, Namabazar and Bakart - on the Bangshi riverbank. During the visit, this correspondent witnessed Savar municipality cleaners dumping garbage along the bank.

However, contacted, municipal mayor Haji Abdul Gani denied the occurrence, blaming the local kitchen market traders for dumping waste there.

Savar Bazar Baboshay Kallyan Smiti general secretary Anwar Dewan denied the allegation, claiming that the municipal authorities are the ones responsible for dumping waste there.

Attacks a conspiracy

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necessary steps at the time of the incidents.

Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad organised the rally at the capital's Shahbagh. Hundreds of members from the Hindu community and several leaders from other minority religious groups participated.

Milon Kanti Datta, president of Puja Udjapan Parishad, said communal attacks started in a newly-birthed Bangladesh way back in 1972.

"Since then, how many of these incidents were served justice? How many perpetrators got punished? We know the state was run by anti-liberation war forces for 21 years, but what about now?" he asked.

He said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Kamal and Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader have assured them that the attackers will be brought to justice.

"The home minister told us he knows who was involved with the incident, while Obaidul Quader said communal groups are trying to destabilise the country. If you all know who the perpetrators are, then why

are you not taking action?" he further said.

Awami League parliamentarian Pankaj Debnath said they believe neither a Hindu nor Muslim would take a Holy Quran to a mandap with the aim to belittle it. "Only miscreants can do it, and they did it to embarrass the government," he said.

Nirmal Kumar Chatterjee conducted the rally, while Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council President (acting) Prof Nim Chandra Bhowmik; Christian Association President Nirmal Rozario; Puja Udjapan Parishad leader JI Bhowmik; Dhaka University's Prof Robayet Ferdous; General Secretary of Dhaka University Alumni Association Ranjan Karmakar also spoke at the event, among others.

Meanwhile, near the end of the programme, some members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness blocked the Shahbagh intersection for 15 minutes. However, this was discouraged from the programme stage, and after the rally concluded, all of them left the area together.

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13th Death Anniversary



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17 OCTOBER

16th death anniversary of M. A. Samad

You not only founded the first private sector insurance company in Bangladesh but initiated an Industry which today has a family of seventy eight companies in Life and Non-Life Insurance. Though we mourn your absence the industry remembers and recognizes the immense contribution you still continue to make with the books you wrote on insurance for generations taking up this noble profession.

May Allah grant you eternal peace.

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1 more dies of dengue

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in July, while 34 died in August, 23 in September and 14 in October so far.

Among the deceased, 77 have died in Dhaka division, two each in Chattogram and Khulna and one each in Rajshahi and Mymensingh divisions.

Though most of the patients who were hospitalised have so far been released, 688 are still undergoing treatment at hospitals in Dhaka, and 181 outside the capital, DGHS data shows.

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