

Deadline of ‘Maitree Diwas’ competition extended

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The deadline for participating in the Maitree Diwas Logo and Backdrop Design Competition has been extended to November 13.

Bangladesh and India will jointly celebrate “Maitree Diwas (Friendship Day)” in 18 countries on December 6, marking 50 years of Bangladesh’s independence and 50th anniversary of Bangladesh-India diplomatic relations.

The contest will take place in two categories: one for logo and the other for backdrop design. The first prize for both categories is \$1,000 and 2nd, 3rd and consolation prizes would be \$700, \$500 and \$200.

On December 6, 1971, India recognised an independent Bangladesh, according to a circular of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

An entry could be by an individual or team project, provided that participating team members are all nationals of India or Bangladesh, or both. Details will be found at the websites of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and High Commission of India, Dhaka.

Enayetullah Khan’s death anniversary

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Today is the 16th death anniversary of Enayetullah Khan, founding editor of the daily New Age and editor-in-chief of the weekly Holiday.

Enayetullah Khan passed away in Canada on November 10, 2005, aged 66. He had been suffering from cancer of the pancreas.

He began his journalism career as a cub reporter for the then Pakistan Observer in 1959.

Enayetullah founded the daily New Age as its editor and publisher in June 2003.

He was also the editor of the Bangladesh Times between 1975 and 1977. He was awarded the Ekushey Padak for excellence in journalism.

He was president of Jatiya Press Club during 1973-76. Born on May 25, 1939 in Mymensingh, Enayetullah Khan was the third son of the late Justice Abdul Jabbar Khan, a former speaker of the Pakistan National Assembly.



Hawkers selling a range of household and perishable items have hogged space in front of Dhaka Medical College Hospital’s emergency gate, creating an obstacle for people going in and out of the hospital. This photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Noor Hossain Day today

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democracy be freed), was gunned down when police opened fire on an anti-autocracy demonstration in Dhaka’s Zero Point.

This place was renamed “Noor Hossain Chattar (square)”. The martyrdom of Noor Hossain and others during the mass upsurge of late 1990s expedited the anti-autocracy movement.

In the face of the movement, autocratic ruler HM Ershad had to step down on December 6, 1990.

To observe the day in a befitting manner, different socio-cultural and professional organisations, as well as Awami League, have chalked out elaborate programmes.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the eve of the day.

President Hamid, in his message, said November 10 is an important day in the history of movement for democracy. “I recall all the martyrs with respect, including Noor Hossain, who embraced martyrdom for the country’s democracy,” the president said.

In her message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the country’s democracy was restored through the sacrifice of the lives of many.

She prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls of all martyrs, including Noor Hossain, and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members. In a separate statement, Awami League general secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader urged all, including party units across the country, associate and likeminded organisations to observe the day in a befitting manner.

Burnt to ashes

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sources of business were gutted too, after the fire broke out.

Shopkeepers alleged that all this happened due to the market committee’s indifference. According to them, the owners had complained to the committee about faulty electric lines five days ago, but the committee did nothing.

The market was built there a year ago, and footpath vendors shifted their business to the establishment, said locals.

Newton Das, assistant director of Chattogram Fire Service and Civil Defence’s Agrabad headquarters, said the fire broke out around 9:30am. Three firefighting units had rushed to the spot and doused the flames after one and a half hours.

“The cause of the fire and the extent of losses could not be known immediately,” he said.

Shahid Uddin Eskander’s death anniv

CITY DESK

The 43rd death anniversary of Shahid Uddin Eskander (Kochi), an organiser of the 1971 Liberation War, member of Constituent Assembly, president of Noakhali District Awami League and chairman of Noakhali Pourashava, will be observed today, said a press release.

On the occasion, different political, cultural, social and sports organisations, and his family have arranged a doa mahfil in Noakhali after Zohr prayers, added the press release.

Shahid Uddin Eskander was also the founder president of Noakhali Press Club and Noakhali District Chamber of Commerce and Industries, secretary of Noakhali District Sports Association, and chairman of Noakhali District Red Cross.



Death anniv of Abdul Awal

CITY DESK

Today is the first death anniversary of Md Abdul Awal, a retired engineer of Bangladesh Railway, said a press release.

On the occasion, the family will arrange a Quran recitation programme at his village home and prayers at different mosques. His relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the programmes to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



A little late, but it finds

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construction workers from the area.”

With the business trajectory, a lot of things could be learned about the country’s socioeconomic change over the years.

“Meat started coming in at the turn of the millennium. Deep fridges were added in the last 10 years. The same customers now earn more, and they want better food, not just ‘jhuta’ (discarded food).”

“As long as it doesn’t smell, rickshaw-pullers are willing to pay even Tk 100 for a small bowl of mutton,” she said.

But there’s controversy surrounding the way they resell discarded food, often days after its cooked. Asked, the seller didn’t hesitate to answer, “I understand your concern, but if the food really was rotten, we wouldn’t be able to continue our business for three decades. We’ve never had any complaints. In the past, there used to be 10-12 traders here, but none of them are here anymore.”

“Don’t you eat reheated, jhuta food at home? We see it the same way. Only if you think about it too much, it becomes an issue,” she said.

“This kind of business has been going on since after the independence,” she said, adding, “In the past, they used to pull in big crowds. While customers have thinned, the crowd is still there when the food comes in first, when it’s freshest.”

On the topic of profits, she said, “Of course we make profits, otherwise we wouldn’t survive. Fridays bring us the most profits; we buy food worth Tk 15,000-20,000 and make at least Tk 2,000-3,000 surplus. On weekdays we buy food worth Tk 1,500-2,000, mostly from restaurants.”

“We endured a really rough patch during the pandemic. There were no events, and restaurants were shut down. We took out loans to survive.”

Besides Mazar Road, there are at least four other places in Dhaka where this business sprouted. At Mohakhali (near icddr, beyond the rail crossing), Shahzadpur, Jatiya Press Club and Jatrabari. Karwan Bazar used to be a hub too, but it’s dried up as food prices increased.

There’s two types of jhuta: one that’s lumped together at the end of a programme and another that comes in well sorted. The former doesn’t go for much, Tk 10-20 per plate at max. The latter is the real deal -- bought for Tk 100 per kg, sold for double the price.

The woman informed that the supplies come in around 5pm to 7pm. When there aren’t enough customers,

No Rash Mela

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The puja will be held on November 18, and devotees will start departing after bathing in the early hours of November 19.

According to Forest Department sources, around 50,000 people from all over the country flock to the fair. The situation often goes beyond the control of the department, which does not have enough staffers.

However, Nazmul Alam David, general secretary of a tour operators association in the forest, decried the decision. “It’s a festive occasion. People from all religions should be allowed there,” he told The Daily Star.

Rash Purnima, the day of full moon in the Bangla month of Kartik, is celebrated as the moment of union between the Hindu God Lord Krishna and his beloved Radha.

‘EC to blame’

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elections were once held in a festive atmosphere, now they have become a nightmare. But the Election Commission is indifferent, as if they have nothing to do....” he said.

GM Quader said several incidents of murder have already taken place in the country. Criminals hacked to death two brothers in Kathuli union of Gangni upazila in Meherpur.

In a statement, the JP chief further said the EC should take stringent measures to prevent electoral violence.

Include food safety

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food testing laboratories in the divisions is at the final stage.

The government has taken massive programmes to train people involved in food production and management.

BFSA chairman Abdul Kayowm Sarker requested the media to play proactive role to create awareness on safe food.

(though this is rarely the case) food starts rotting fast, as they’re not well kept at the community centres. By midnight, the food starts smelling.

This is when it’s taken home and refrigerated. It’s later reheated before being sold the next morning. If the food is not sold at one go and goes back home, the traders suffer. Customers sensing even a bit of smell don’t pay much.

The traders also face extortion regularly, and a lot of their profit goes into the pockets of the linemen, who allegedly distribute the money among law enforcers, political activists and local goons -- around Tk 500-600 per day.

Savar’s Hemayetpur, said, “I have four children. There’s no way I can run the family with just my formal income. I do this to supplement my earnings. While waiters get tips, we at the kitchen have nothing. On usual days, I can earn around Tk 500-700 with this.”

The menu includes mutton, chicken curry, rezala, chicken roast, kebabs, borhani, jarda, firni, polau, white rice, tehari, biryani and more.

Fresh tehari goes for Tk 50 per plate, but if it’s a little stale, the price comes down to Tk 20. Most people buy the food to share it with family.

A woman from Aminbazar said that she comes here every Friday. Her



Leftover curries and biryani, which are sourced from wedding events and restaurants, are regularly displayed for potential customers. PHOTO: STAR

Competition persists in the business as well. Once the food comes in, the sellers ask for a high price. Later, 3-4 traders compete between themselves to buy the food, and the highest bidder takes the prize.

Besides community centres and restaurants, there’s the big fish: Hotel Sonargaon, Sheraton, and the like. At these hotels, there’s a tender for wasted food every year. The food goes for multiple lakhs (Tk 40-50 lakh).

Fascinatingly, a youth standing by the roadside asked this correspondent, “How many times have you eaten from Sonargaon? I am a regular.”

Meanwhile, one trader said kitchen staffers often put aside fresh food before they’re served. Additionally, food that’s saved due to under-attendance makes its way to the vans too.

The waiters/assistant earn around Tk 800 per day cooking for the community centres. On average, they get three paydays per week, which isn’t nearly enough to sustain their families.

One such cook, who lives in

family includes herself, her truck driver husband, and their three children.

She tries to get here before evening, when the food is freshest. Interestingly, as a former community centre staffer herself, she knows the ins and outs of the business. “In a glance, I can tell apart the jhuta from the fresh,” she said.

She said buying from here is cheaper for her than if she had to cook the same food herself. For example, to buy and cook half a kg of beef, she would have to spend Tk 450.

“Here, two bowls of beef, around 1.5 kg, is sold for Tk 500. Add Tk 20 worth of fare, and that’s it,” she said, adding that she’s been buying from here for the last 6-7 years.

The sellers said they’re proud of their profession. “We supply good food to those who can’t afford it. We prevent food from getting wasted. We’re proud to be the reason why a day-labourer gets to eat food from Raowa Club or Sonargaon,” said another seller from the area.

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Dengue claims
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in May and the rest are from
January to April. According
to DGHS, 96 people have
died of dengue infection in
the country this year.

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S/N	Tender ID	Procurement title	Tender last selling (date & time)	Closing & opening (date & time)	Procurement method
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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) intends to employ a service provider for General Maintenance Services through a team of 16-outsourced personnel for its office. Details of qualification criteria, scope of services, and work performance statement provided in the bidding document.

Interested service providers/bidders may collect the bidding document from ADB BRM at Plot-E-31, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka during 10:00AM to 5:00PM from 10 November 2021 to 8 December 2021 except holidays and weekends (Friday and Saturday), and may also obtain bidding document by email from the Chairperson, BRM Institutional Procurement Committee: tlimbu@adb.org. Sealed bids must be submitted in original at ADB-BRM on or before 3:00PM BST on 9 December 2021.

Bangladesh must

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not one that only concerns Bangladesh, he added.

Dr Kawsar Ahmed, executive director of BCBS, said a peaceful solution to both the Myanmar and Rohingya problem is a must. “Military intervention or mere sanctions are not going to bring real solutions. There should be a peace process underway.”

He said economically, Bangladesh has now become a strong country, and big regional powers like China, Japan and India have much stake in Bangladesh. Therefore, Dhaka should go for a strong diplomatic push to address the crisis.

Former Election Commissioner and security expert Brig Gen (retd) M Shakhawat Hussain said all major powers have business interests in Myanmar, and despite the Myanmar military’s abuses of power, these countries are not taking any harsh actions.

Meanwhile, the National Unity Government has also not been recognised by any of the countries, he further said.

He thinks the Rohingyas in Bangladesh are not going to go back to their country anytime soon, unless there is a major change in regional geopolitics.

Security expert Lt Gen (retd) Mainul Islam observed that Bangladesh is in a very tight condition, because of regional geopolitics. There should be incentives created for the three major countries -- China, India and Japan -- for resolving the crisis.

BIISS Director General Md Emdad Ul Bari, its senior research fellow Abu Salah Md Yousuf, and Bangladesh High Commissioner to Canada Khalil Rahman, among others, spoke at the webinar.

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক
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ঊষধ প্রস্তুতকারী ও সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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