



Marking 50 years of the country's independence and Barishal's freedom day, Journalists' Union of Barishal organised a drawing competition at City College yesterday, where children of different ages participated. PHOTO: TITU DAS

At least find

FROM PAGE 3 On June 30, two people died when a CNG-run auto rickshaw fell into another drain in Sholashahar area. The tragedy stretches much further back. In 2020, two children died after falling into the Maheshkhal canal in Halishahar area, while in 2017, a government official died inside a drain near Shilpakala Academy. A seven-year-old boy died similarly in a Baizid area drain on June 2018, while two others died as a CNG-run auto rickshaw plunged into a drain in Agrabad-CNB area on July 2015.



Fire service personnel rummage through the waste-filled waters of the drain yesterday, where Kamal went missing on Monday. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

From child bride

FROM PAGE 3 she said, adding that she is now serving duties as AC-land in Manikganj Sadar upazila. In the last five years, she has conducted over 300 mobile courts in four districts. "I have tried to combat various social problems, like child marriage, food adulteration, school drop-out, corruption in medical services, sexual harassment and illegal soil extraction," she said. "I have successfully stopped over 50 child marriages." As an exemplar herself, Mukta believes in women's empowerment. "I believe every woman has the capacity to make her dreams come true," she said. Mukta was announced as a "Joyeeta" -- in the category of success in education and employment -- by the government in her own upazila and district this year. Talking to The Daily Star, Manikganj Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Abdul Latif said, "Mukta carries out her duties with utmost devotion. Her stories of struggle are a source of inspiration for women and students across the country."

Begum Rokeya

FROM PAGE 3 rights, Shamsunnahar Rahman Paran (posthumous) for socio-economic development of women, Dr Zinat Huda for literature and culture, and Dr Saria Sultana for rural development. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend the programme virtually from her Gono Bhaban official residence as the chief guest with State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Fazilatun Nessa Indira in the chair, said a press release on Tuesday. Besides, Begum Rokeya Deepshikha Parishad has arranged an event at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka University at 7:00pm today. Meanwhile, Rangpur district administration, Begum Rokeya University, and several socio-cultural and women organisations will also hold programmes. The Rangpur district administration has organised a programme to observe Rokeya Day at her birthplace in Pairaband village. Begum Rokeya, who was a fierce champion of gender equality, was born at Pairaband village in Mithapukur upazila, Rangpur on December 9, 1880 and died on the same day in 1932 in Kolkata. The birth and death anniversaries of Begum Rokeya are being officially observed as Rokeya Day since 1994.

And the rage continues

FROM PAGE 3 Shohagi Samia, a student of Khilgaon Model College, said they will continue with the demo until their 11-point demand is met. "We don't want to see deaths on the roads anymore," she said. As part of the ongoing protests, some students yesterday also organised a bicycle rally from Ekramunnesa High School to Notre Dame College in Dhaka. They started the rally around 3:45pm from Rampura Bridge, which was initially intercepted by police, on the grounds that the students had not acquired permission. However, in the face of protest, they later allowed the students to continue with the rally. The students will also distribute leaflets to raise awareness about their movement and demands at Rampura bridge area today from 3pm. In Barishal, several students held a protest rally yesterday and submitted a memorandum to the district commissioner, with their seven-point demand, which includes half-fare on river-ways. Students have been protesting in demand of half-fares, after bus fares went up following a hike in diesel price. On November 24, Nayeem Hasan was killed by a Dhaka South City Corporation vehicle in Gulistan, and Mainuddin was killed in a similar incident on November 29. Students from schools and colleges all over the capital erupted in protests following the two incidents, demanding road safety and justice for the deceased.

CUSTODIAL DEATH IN RANGPUR HC forms probe committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The High Court yesterday formed a three-member committee headed by Rangpur's district and sessions judge to conduct inquiry into the alleged custodial death of one Tajul Islam last month. The committee has been directed to submit the report in 15 days, said Deputy Attorney General Amit Das Gupta. The HC bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman passed the order. He said the Rangpur police earlier submitted its inquiry report to the HC saying that Tajul's death was natural. Tajul was reportedly tortured to death in police custody in Rangpur's Kaunia on November 1. After the news spread, a mob reportedly threw brickbats at Haragach Police Station and vandalised a few police vehicles at evening on November 1. Police said they did not torture anyone.

Civil society struggling

FROM PAGE 3 "After the 2018 elections, this vibrancy gradually gave way to a conflictual situation. The decline of civil society-government relationship parallels the deterioration of domestic polity in the country," said Debapriya. He cited the Freedom House Index and CSO Sustainability Index, in which Bangladesh's score has been sliding since 2013. In the former index, political rights deteriorated by 42 percent, while the civil liberty score fell by 27 percent. He also said arbitrary use of the draconian Digital Security Act is affecting civil society and media in various ways. Speaking at the event, Selim Jahan, former director of Human Development Report Office, UNDP, said Bangladesh has an impressive journey in terms of human development, in metrics such as size of the economy, per capita income, life expectancy and more. "The achievements are impressive, but they are not evenly distributed across all socioeconomic groups, gender and regions of the country," he said. "Another deepening challenge is in the area of rule of law, accountability and transparency of public services." Meanwhile, presenting another paper, Sohela Nazneen, research fellow at Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, said Bangladesh has made rapid but uneven progress in gender equality. She said gender inequalities in some areas remain persistent -- apparent in the high levels of malnutrition among women and girls, child marriage, and violence against women. "Sticky social norms and gatekeepers still restrict women's access to resources, spaces within formal institutions and their voice," she said. Among others, Sabina Alkire, director of Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford; Elora Shehabuddin, professor of Transnational Asian Studies, Rice University; and David Lewis, professor at London School of Economics and Political Science, also spoke at the programme. The session was chaired by Bina Agarwal, professor of development economics and environment at Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

Unequal burden

FROM PAGE 3 Presented her keynote at the event held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital. She said investment in infrastructure, like establishing tube wells for rural women, can help lighten domestic and care work. To reduce the burden of unpaid work, governments can establish daycare centres, both in community and institution levels, and provide fiscal incentives like tax rebates, childcare vouchers, daycare schemes and allowance for private sectors for establishing community-based centres, she added. MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said, "We have to change the narrative of care work and dignify it, so that women who are involved in such work do not assume that they do nothing." There is no scope to ignore the care economy, she added. "SDG 5.4 mentions that it is absolutely crucial to recognise and value unpaid care and domestic work through provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies. Promoting shared responsibility within the household and family is also necessary," she said. Shaheen Anam also insisted that care services be integrated into the mainstream labour market and necessary infrastructures be developed to reduce the burden, so women can concentrate on paid work or involve themselves in home-based enterprises to earn a living. Soma Dey, associate professor of DU's women and gender studies department, said awareness and advocacy are needed to change the patriarchal mindset towards household chores. Umme Wara, assistant professor of DU's criminology department, said according to the constitution, everyone shall be paid for their work following the principle "from each according to their abilities, to each according to their work." Prof Golam Rahman, editor of Ajker Patrika; Udisa Islam, chief reporter at Bangla Tribune; Naznin Akhter, journalist at Prothom Alo; Shuprova Tasneem, journalist at The Daily Star; and Sajida Islam Parul, journalist at Samakal, also spoke at the event.

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