



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

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Chittagong town planner engineer Subhash Barua said, "If the drains were clean, the missing could be quickly rescued from any point of the drain."  
On September 27, university student Seherin Mahbud Sadia (19) fell into a ditch at the Mazar Gate area of Agrabad. Her body was found about four and a half hours after she went missing.  
A month earlier on August 25, elderly vegetable seller Saleh Ahmed went missing after falling into the same drain where Kamal died.

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

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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

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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

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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.

## Position Vacancy Announcement

Position: **Development Program Specialist (Budget), FSN - 11**  
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Development Program Specialist (Budget), FSN - 11** in the Office of Program (PRO).  
Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: January 09, 2022.  
For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website: <http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and [www.bdjobs.com](http://www.bdjobs.com)  
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## Rabindra University gets new VC

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Prof Md Shah Azam has been appointed as the vice-chancellor of Rabindra University for four years.  
A gazette notification, signed by Md Mahmudul Alam, deputy secretary of the education ministry, was issued on December 7 in this regard.  
Md Sohrab Ali, registrar of the university, said the new VC is likely to join soon.  
Prof Shah Azam is the second VC of the university. Established in 2017 in Sirajganj's Shahzadpur upazila, Rabindra University's first VC Prof Bishwajit Roy's tenure ended on June 14.



## Remove Alal's derogatory remarks from social media

HC directs BTRC  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The High Court yesterday directed Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) to immediately remove all defamatory videos and audios of BNP leader Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal about the prime minister from online platforms and social media.  
The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman issued the order on a suo moto (voluntary) move after Supreme Court lawyer Syed Sayedul Haque Suman prayed for necessary directives to this effect.  
Meanwhile, BTRC's lawyer Khandker Reza-e-Raquiub informed the HC bench that BTRC has identified 387 links on social media and online platforms containing obscene and derogatory comments made by former state minister for information and broadcasting Murad Hassan.  
Of those, 272 are on Facebook and 115 are on YouTube and BTRC has requested authorities concerned to remove those, he said.  
The lawyer said 15 identified links from Facebook and two from YouTube have already been removed.  
Earlier on Tuesday, the bench had ordered BTRC to remove indecent comments of Murad Hassan from online platforms and social media.

## CUSTODIAL DEATH IN RANGPUR

## HC forms probe committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
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.

## Unequal burden

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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 Aiker 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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