

'Landless' Aspia to receive land, house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Barred from joining as a police constable, despite passing the written, viva, and health tests, due to being "landless", Barishal's Aspia Islam is now set to get her own land and house.

"We have instructed Hijla upazila UNO to hand these over to Aspia's family as soon as possible," Barishal district commissioner Md Jasim Uddin Haider told The Daily Star yesterday evening.

"I received the instructions from Prime Minister Office secretary Md Tofazzal Hossain over phone," the DC said. This was done according to the prime minister's wish, said Barishal Range DIG SM Aktaruzzaman.

Earlier on November 17, Aspia passed and placed fifth at the police constable recruitment exam held in Barishal. However, despite passing all necessary tests, and obtaining the final reference, she could not secure the job as police investigations found that she has no "permanent address".

On Wednesday, Aspia visited DIG Aktaruzzaman's office. Although the DIG was sympathetic to her plight, he could not assure her that she would get the job.

On Thursday, the issue went viral on social media, after which it came into the notice of the prime minister.

Talking to this newspaper, Aspia said, "The complications arose after the police mentioned in their investigative report found that I don't have a permanent address, rendering me 'landless'. This has created a legal obstacle to my employment."

"It's my dream to join the police. I hope the higher authorities will consider my applications and help me achieve my dream," she said.



Amidst metro rail construction and the usual gridlock of the city, a private car was seen driving the wrong way near Jatiya Press Club yesterday, and that too right in front of a traffic police officer. This practice, which shows a clear disregard for traffic rules, creates obstruction in the usual flow of traffic, and potentially puts pedestrians in danger.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Ruhul Amin's martyrdom anniversary observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

The 50th martyrdom anniversary of Bir Shreshtha Mohammad Ruhul Amin was observed yesterday.



On December 10, 1971, only six days before victory, he was killed in a bombing by Pakistan army in Rupsha River, Khulna while fighting in a naval ship.

To honour his contributions, Bir Shreshtha Ruhul Amin Memorial Library and Museum and the local administration jointly arranged a discussion at the museum auditorium in Noakhali's Sonaimuri upazila yesterday.

Ruhul Amin was born on February 1, 1934, at Baghpachra village in Sonaimuri. After March 25, he actively participated in the Liberation War.

50 kilometres for 50 years of independence

Freedom fighter Bimol Pal walks from Haluaghat upazila to Mymensingh city to mark the event



Bimol's (middle) journey started from Haluaghat Shaheed Minar and ended at Mymensingh Circuit House.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Marking the 50th Victory Day, veteran freedom fighter Bimol Pal walked for 50 kilometres, from Haluaghat upazila to Mymensingh city, yesterday.

Mymensingh was fully liberated from the Pakistan occupation on December 10. Bimol, who is 70 years old, started his journey from Haluaghat Shaheed Minar around 5:00am and reached Mymensingh Circuit House ground around 4:00pm, said Ali Yusuf, a prominent social activist.

Known as "Muktijuddher Golper Feriwal" in Mymensingh, Bimol said he is fortunate, as he was totally fit for the walk, that too at this age.

Members of different voluntary organisations in the city also joined the programme with Bimol. A reception programme was organised at Mymensingh Circuit House to honour the veteran.

Praising Bimol's initiative, Abdur Rob, ex-commander of Mymensingh Zila Muktijuddha Sangsad, said this will inspire the younger generation.

Born to Arabindu Paul and Shuvashini

Paul in Mymensingh city, Bimol was only a first-year college student when he fought in the Liberation War.

Inspired by the mass upsurge in 1969, Bimol joined the war, went to India in May to take training and returned in July 1971.

After surrendering arms to Syed Nazrul Islam, one of the four national leaders, in March 1972, Bimol returned to tend to his late father's grocery shop in the city's Natun Bazar.

Facing business losses, Bimol, a father of three, later shifted his business to the city's Thanar Ghat and started a tea stall in 1990, which he ran for 20 years. He now assists his two sons in their business in the same area.

Bimol has so far written five books on the war -- "Telikhali Juddho", "Ekattorer Genocide O Pakistan Style", "Rajapahar Juddho in Sherpur", "Chhotoder Muktijuddho O Bangabandhu Golpo", and "Bangabandhu O Mymensingh".

He visits schools in and around Mymensingh to narrate stories of the Liberation War and distributes his books to primary-school students for free.

23 new dengue cases in 24hrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 23 dengue patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday. Of them, eight are from outside the capital, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With the new cases, the total number of dengue rose to 27,893, of which 671 were diagnosed during the current month.

According to the DGHS 101 people have died of dengue in the country this year.

SCCI election today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Election of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) will be held today.

According to the election board, a total of 22 directors -- 12 from ordinary category, six from associate, three from trade group and one from town association category -- are to be elected by direct votes of the general members for 2022-2023.

A total of 40 candidates are participating in the polls. The elected directors will elect the president, senior vice president and vice president on December 13.

The contesting candidates of ordinary and associate categories declared two panels -- Sylhet Byabsayi Parishad and Sylhet Sammilito Byabsayi Parishad. They declared their election manifesto a few days ago.

The silent

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the Liberation War, but this book stands out from the others for three reasons. "One is the unheard story of those oppressed during the war. There is one interview of Chullu Bhai and a write-up by Shah Mohammad Farid, both of which describe the agony of those tortured during the war.

"Another unique feature is the story behind the bravery described in the book. We know about the heroism of those fighting in the frontline, but not enough about those who were in the background, supporting the freedom fighters through every step of the way," he added.

Describing the third reason as the one that makes the book unique, he said most of those who took part in the war for freedom had a political background.


"But the speciality of Chullu Bhai was that he was non-political since the very beginning. It was the oppression of the Pakistan army that inspired him to join the fight for freedom," said Anam.

Moin Ghani, son-in-law of Masud Sadique Chullu, freedom fighter Ali Ahmed Ziauddin (Bir Protik), Habibul Alam (Bir Protik), Shahidullah Khan Badal, Minu Haque and Rizwan Bin Farouq, cousin of Masud Sadique Chullu also spoke at the ceremony.

Female tea workers

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vice president of Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union (BCSU). Philip Gain, director of SEHD made the welcome speech while Raya Yampolsky, representative (political), High Commission of Canada to Bangladesh, Mitali Datta, vice chairman of Sreemangal upazila, Rambhajan Kairi, executive advisor, (BCSU) attended as special guests at the programme.



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21st Death Anniversary

Dearest **Abba** and **Amma**,
Know that you are missed more than words could ever say. We have felt your absence every day of our lives since you were stolen from us. We fell into a never-ending well of agony after you died.
Abba, your children, and grandchildren miss your twelve am phone call on their birthdays. We miss you saying, 'just called to hear your voice'.
Amma, as much as we miss your absence, we are happy that you and abba are reunited after twenty years.
Asif, Humaira and their 'terrible two' **Adam** are happy together and doing well at their profession. Adam is a spitting image of Asif and reminds us of Asif's mischief when he was his age. Nabila couldn't find a better partner than **Ruben**, amazing husband, dad, and a stellar physician. **Maya** and **Anya**, the two princesses and the beauty queens entertain us regularly. **Maya's** inquisitiveness leaves us feeling hopeless. **Nabila** managing her challenging job and the toddlers successfully.
Through hard work and determination **Saqib** succeeded in landing an amazing new job. **Preanka**, as always, a diligent, driven, and an ambitious young woman.
Alicia is charged up and feeling good about her recent promotion.
Manize is tackling her new job with Water Aid successfully and with determination. She still weeps for you both silently.
Nehal is focusing on his premed degree at VA Tech and continuing his internship on cancer research at Georgetown University.
Your youngest grandson **Numair** is getting ready to head out towards college soon and is a stellar athlete.
Konrad, Shanta and **Sadiq** are in good health and spirit.
We children, **Muktee, Mitu, Munmun** and **Jamil**, are still grieving our loss of you. A part of us is still lost and wondering if we will ever get it back. We pray that peace is in heaven with you and someday we will join you and be whole again.
We love you more than air.
May Allah SWT give you eternal peace and grant you both permanent place in Jannatul Ferdous. Ameen

Son, Daughters, Daughter-in-law, Son-in-laws, Grand Daughters, Grand Sons and admirers.

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20th Death Anniversary



Bakhtiar Ali (Jugnu), Son of Al-Haj Monowar Ali (Ex Director), The City Bank Ltd. Died in a Car crash on 11th December, 2001. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to pray for departed soul.

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In Remembrance

Mohammad Shahidul Alam passed away due to COVID on this day of last year (Innalillahi.....Rajeun). He was from the batch of CSP officers of 1970. Mohammad Shahidul Alam served in different positions of the Government notably as SDO Satkhira (1974-5), DC Bogura (1978-79), DG NGO Affairs Bureau (1991-92), DG of erstwhile Anti-Corruption Bureau (1993), IMED Secretary (2000-1), Education Secretary (2001-3) and PD & DG of BIAM Foundation (1989-2007). His family and friends request all to pray to the Almighty for his salvation and peace in afterlife.

'Cybersecurity risk key challenge of future'

ICMAD confce on 4th industrial revolution held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

Experts at a conference yesterday emphasised the importance of cybersecurity to allow us to truly reap the benefits of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

There is a need for concerted and strategic efforts from the government in Bangladesh to face the challenges posed by the fourth industrial revolution through appropriate economic and labour market policies and strategies, they opined.

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAD), Chattogram, organised the daylong conference "The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Challenges and Opportunities for Bangladesh" at a hotel in the port city.

As chief guest, Chattogram Divisional Commissioner Md Kamrul Hasan said, "Bangladesh has already entered into the era of Fourth Industrial Revolution but majority of its success depends on the effective participation of accountants as well as professionals from other sectors."

Former ICMAB president Mohammad Arif said, "The 4IR is paving the way for transformative changes in the way we live and radically disrupting almost every business sector."

"The main benefits of 4IR are higher productivity, improved quality of life, creation of new markets and lowering of barrier to entrepreneurship through a fusion of advances in artificial intelligence,

robotics, the Internet of things, 3-D printing, genetic engineering, quantum computing and other technologies."

"The main challenges of 4IR are cybersecurity risks, inequality, disruption of core industries and ethical issues. We will get the benefit of 4IR if we're able to find ways to mitigate these risks," he added.

Executive Director of South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) Prof Dr Selim Raihan said, "Social sectors, like health and education, have already started seeing new approaches and potentials of benefits of 4IR."

"While there are fears of job losses due to automation, there is also scope for the creation of new jobs driven by the emergence of new production and supply processes of goods and services," he added while presenting a paper on "The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Turning Challenges into Opportunities".

Senior Investment Officer of Asian Development Bank Bidyut Kumar Saha presented his paper on "The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Readiness for Financial Sector".

More than 100 participants from several bank and financial institutes attended the daylong conference while Ahmed Jamal, deputy governor of Bangladesh bank, AKM Delwer Hussain, President of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) and Abu Bakar Siddique, president of ICMAB, joined the conference as special guests.

Years of neglect erasing

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Upon visiting, it was seen that trash is scattered on both sides of the monument, and cracks have developed in some parts. One of the main Mughal monuments in the capital has lost its charm due to the wide expanse on both sides of the road, lack of renovation and absence of any familiar plaques.

At the Greek Memorial, 10 tombstones have been found in this corner of TSC, including those of Greek merchants, their wives and religious leaders. Historians deem the structure's preservation essential, since there is only one Greek establishment in the country.

The twin temples lying unprotected next to the swimming pool inside TSC is also a cause of major concern.

Prayers are still offered at Musa Khan Jame Mosque, but its ailing state will disappoint history and architecture enthusiasts. One needs to go through an

unrepaired, and hence, risky staircase to locate the main mosque, which covers an area of almost 2,000 square feet.

Such are the conditions of some of the historical sites on the lands of the 100-year-old university.

Critics claim the entire university area has many more important historic structures other than the ones mentioned in the plan. Among them are several mass graves, 30-35 sculptures, centennial trees, and tombs of eminent persons that are worth preserving.

"It is important for everyone to know about the heritage of these monuments. Many such structures remain unknown due to lack of proper preservation," said Ayesha Begum, honorary professor of Islamic history and culture at DU.

"History is never made without important monuments. Only if these are well preserved, visitors will get to know the history behind them," she added.



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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of supply	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1	634819	Supply of AC for Classroom at Murarichand College, Sylhet	27-Dec-2021 02:00pm	27-Dec-2021 03:00pm

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