

Akmal Ibne Yusuf passes away

CITY DESK

Akmal Ibne Yusuf, former lawmaker of Faridpur-4, passed away early yesterday from heart and lung related illness.



He was 74. During his tenure as MP from 2001 to 2006, he played a significant role in the country's development. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Banani DOHS Jame Mosque, Azad Mosque and Moyez Uddin School and College in Faridpur. He was then laid to rest at his ancestral home at Moyez Manzil in Faridpur.

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to World Health Organization, every country's health sector will have to come under a system or accreditation by 2023. If any country fails, its physicians, health technicians or medical students will not be recognised in other countries.



To preserve the fertility and humidity of the deeper layers of soil, vegetable farmers take the help of their oxen to turn the soil during winter. This photo was taken from Barishal's Ujirpur upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

DIGITAL SECURITY ACT Murad sued for derogatory remarks on Zia family

UNB, Cumilla

A Cumilla lawyer yesterday filed a case against former state minister for information Murad Hassan under the Digital Security Act, accusing him of making derogatory remarks against the family of BNP founder Ziaur Rahman.

Advocate Atiqul Islam, former president of Cumilla municipal BNP and former general secretary of Cumilla Bar Association, lodged the case at the Judicial Magistrate Hakim Majharul Islam's Cognizance Court-1.

According to the complaint, Murad intentionally used indecent, misogynist, and derogatory terms while talking about Zia's granddaughter Zaima Rahman and his family.

Another accused in the case is Muhammad Mohiuddin Helal Nahid alias Nahid Helal, who published Murad's interview containing derogatory language from his verified Facebook page.

"His remarks not only humiliate Zaima but also dishonour women in general," said Atiqul.

He said the court has accepted the case and will give further direction soon.

On December 7, Murad Hassan quit the cabinet following the instruction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, after he came under criticism from various quarters for multiple leaked recordings containing indecent remarks by him.

On December 8, a writ was filed with the High Court challenging the legality of Murad's position in the parliament on the same ground.

On December 12, advocate Omar Faruk, secretary of Jaiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum, filed a case against Murad under DSA with Dhaka Cyber Tribunal for his misogynist and derogatory remarks.

Murad was also stripped of the post of health and population affairs secretary of Jamalpur district unit Awami League.

Woman killed in Ctg fire

55 houses gutted in separate incident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was killed in a fire that broke out at Akbarshah area at the port city yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Rizia Begum (58).

According to Newton Das, deputy assistant director of Chattogram fire service, the fire broke out around 5:40am.

Rizia's daughter was in the same room as her but managed to run out of the house in time to survive. But Rizia was trapped inside.

Five houses in the area were gutted in the fire, said Newton.

Meanwhile, at least 55 houses were gutted in another fire at a colony in Baluchhara area in the port city on Saturday night.

No one was injured in the fire, according to Newton Das.

However, the victims claimed that around 74 houses were gutted in the area. The colony was mostly occupied by garment workers. All of them sustained injuries, claimed Younus Mia, a local of Baluchhara.



Shahanaz Begum, a victim of the fire that broke out at Baluchhara area on Saturday night, laments her burnt house and all her possessions, including her daughter's academic books. The fire gutted at least 55 houses.

PHOTO: STAR

A hero without a cape

Maruf Kain of Rangpur, sheltering the disregarded since 2014

KONGRON KARMAKER

She was an eccentric woman in her thirties. She had no recollection of her last address and was seen lurking at the corner of a bridge at Kalitola in the city of Dinajpur, be it during the harsh grasp of winter, in summer or in pouring rain. It was as if that was her abode.

Her harsh odour turned away pedestrians. Her diet consisted of just about anything she could find edible, and her skin bore scabs, which only got worse due to her lifestyle.

She had no way of knowing MA Maruf Kain, who hails from Rangpur's Badarganj upazila. Travelling through the long, winding roads on his easy-bike, he arrived in Dinajpur on July 12, all to take the woman to shelter at his institution -- Glory Social Development Organisation.

"There were several hundred insect bites all over her body," said Maruf, adding that the woman has mental ailments. Providing treatment to her turned out to be a formidable task for Maruf, since she always kept removing her bandages.

Once Maruf earned her trust, the unnamed woman revealed her name -- Shefali, the daughter of a rickshaw-puller residing in Dinajpur. After a three-month stay at the shelter, it was as if Shefali was rejuvenated. She was fully able to take care of herself.

A total of 18 people, 15 of whom are female, from different social and religious backgrounds, currently reside at Maruf's shelter home at Hasinanagar village in Dinajpur's Parbatipur upazila.

Since its advent in 2014, 58 people have been able to call it their home.

"I used to work at a healthcare facility in



At Maruf's Glory Social Development Organisation in Hasinanagar village under Rangpur's Badarganj upazila, residents are provided with regular health check-ups.

Parbatipur. In 2012, on my way to work, I came across a 55-year-old woman named Shibani on the side of the road at Sarkarpara," said Maruf.

He immediately came to her aid, as she was left totally uncared for. His wife, Moriam Begum also supported her husband's initiative by trying to locate Shibani's family. However, her attempts fell flat, as Shibani failed to recollect her address. After this, Maruf simply decided to take her to a safe home.

On his return journey, Maruf again found a man aged around 35 years, in a condition

similar to that of Shibahi. He rescued him too, which eventually prompted him to establish a shelter for the destitute.

Maruf quit his job in 2013 and set up the charitable home in a rented house in 2014.

During a visit to the home recently, this correspondent found that the establishment is a semi-brick built house with several rooms to accommodate the beneficiaries.

Over the years, 15 of them passed away due to old-age complications at the home, while 25 were reunited with their kin.

"My aim is to ensure basic rights for such 'discarded' people," said Maruf, adding that he is getting significant support from locals of the village.

"Each of the 80 families in the area used to donate a kilo of rice every month, although this has stymied since the pandemic hit," he added. Besides, he receives Tk 30,000 every month as donation from philanthropists of different districts, Maruf said.

"The collection isn't nearly enough to run the home, as the expense of all daily necessities have soared," he said. His monthly expenses round up to Tk 75,000, including food, clothes, staff payment and treatment.

On top of all this, Maruf has also arranged a graveyard for unclaimed people. "If any beneficiary of the Hindu community dies, there are arrangements to cremate them," he said.

In 2018, the organisation received the approval of the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Nikhil Chandra Roy, president of the 31-member managing body of the organisation, said, "Locals feel proud of the institution, as it allowed them the opportunity to take care of the destitute."

শৌক সংবাদ

আলহাজ্ব জনাব মোঃ লিয়াকত হোসেন বিপত্নী ১৬ই ডিসেম্বর ২০২১, বুধস্পতিবার বেলা ১২:৪৭ মিনিটে শেষ নিঃশ্বাস ত্যাগ করেন। মৃত্যুকালে তিনি তার একমাত্র সন্তান প্রফেসর ডঃ নাসরীন হোসেন, প্রাক্তন বিভাগীয় প্রধান, স্থাপত্য বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, জামাতা বিশিষ্ট স্থপতি মোঃ ইসতিয়াক জাহির এবং তিন দৌহিত্র আনান, রামিত ও অমিত কে রেখে যান।

প্রয়াত জনাব মোঃ লিয়াকত হোসেন বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে ১৯৫৯ সালে প্রকৌশল এ স্নাতক ডিগ্রী সম্পন্ন করে বাংলাদেশ পানি উন্নয়ন বোর্ডে কর্মজীবন শুরু করেন। ১৯৭৫ সালে তিনি বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে মণর ও অঞ্চল পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ থেকে এম.ইউ.আর.পি ডিগ্রি লাভ করেন। ৯০ এর দশকে তিনি বাপাউবা এর প্রধান প্রকৌশলী পদে উন্নীত হন এবং পরবর্তীতে বোর্ডের সদস্য পরিকল্পনা হিসেবে অবসর নেন। ১৯৯৮ এ অবসর পরবর্তী সময়ে এই কঠিন মানুষটি শিল্পকলা একাডেমীর প্রকল্প পরিচালক ও উপসদস্য প্রকৌশলী হিসেবে দেশ উপদেশ, বেস্ট গ্রুপ ও বিশ্বব্যাপকে বেশ কিছু সময় কর্মরত ছিলেন।

২০১১ সালে তিনি স্ত্রী মাহবুবা বাতুনকে ক্যান্সারের কাছে হারান। ২০১৮-তে তিনি নিজেও দুর্ভাগ্যবশত ক্যান্সারে আক্রান্ত হন। বিপত্নী ২০২১ থেকে তিনি গুরুতর অসুস্থ হয়ে পড়েন এবং বাসায় উপশমকারী পরিচর্যা চিকিৎসার পর অবস্থার ইতিবাচক করেন। উনার আত্মীয় স্বজন ও গুণগ্রাহী সকলে তার আত্মীয় মার্গফেরাত কামনা করে দোয়া করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal:

Sl No.	Brief description of work	Tender ID	Publishing date & time	Closing date & time
1	Construction of Multistoried Residential Building for Government Employees at Paikpara, Mirpur, Dhaka. (Subhead: Supply and Installation of 05 Nos. 1000 kg Fire Cum Passenger Lift and 05 Nos. 1000 kg Passenger Cum Bed Lift for Building No. 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.) (For W-7 package)	639180	20-Dec-2021 15:30	19-Jan-2022 11:30

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Bus rationalisation

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120 brand new, green-coloured buses on the route under a single authority on a pilot basis from December 1.

But the initiative could not materialise due to the unwillingness of bus owners to provide new buses.

The owners submitted a list of 104 buses, but only six of them had complied with the criteria set by the rationalisation committee.

The committee later decided to invite applications for new buses, and eight companies and individuals showed interest to run 157 new buses on the route. The committee initially approved 90 of them.

Among the approved buses, Trans Silva will provide 20, HR Transport five, Jahan Enterprize 60 and Mostafa Helal Kabir five. Ten buses will be provided by BRTC, said the DSCC mayor.

Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) has already prepared a draft guideline to run the buses. It has also prepared a draft of the joint venture contract for agreement among bus owners.

All the buses will run under a management committee comprising bus owners, and it will be responsible for the whole operation, said a DSCC official.

He said the committee will report to DTCA. Around 40 passenger stoppages and 16 bus-bays will be installed on the route. But work for bus-bays will start after inauguration, the DSCC official said.

France visit

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special envoy to Afghanistan.

Schuh thanked the PM for the cooperation he received from the government during his tenure and said Bangladesh's growth rate last year was impressive, even during the pandemic.

Talking about the pandemic, he said Bangladesh will get 1.2 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine through Covax from France within this week.

Principal Secretary Dr Ahmad Kaikaus was present at the meeting.

Two more die

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Of them, 101 are receiving treatment at different hospitals in the capital, while the remaining 54 were listed outside Dhaka.

Since January, some 28,177 patients have been admitted to different hospitals with dengue in the country. So far, 27,919 dengue patients have left hospitals after recovery, said DGHS.

Then who gave me

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When asked about the matter, the chairperson tried to circumvent the questions, and said, "Once we have clarity over the situation, we can take a stance."

This is when Teknaf Municipality Councillor Ekramul's murder came up

as an issue that concerned the US. In response, Nasima said she has spoken to NHRC officials who've visited the victim's family and assured them of legal support.

It is worth mentioning that although Rab has filed a case over the murder, Ekramul's family has not been able to file any case yet.

Office of the Mirkadim Paurashava

District: Munshiganj

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of the work
1	625382	UIIP-BC/PCO/W-430	Construction of RCC Road from Rikabi Bazar-Siphahpara main road towards east near H/O Selim at Golapbag (Ch: 0+00 to 0+154m) Link (Ch: 0+00 to 0+076m) towards South near Golapbag Masjid under Mirkadim Pourashava, Munshiganj. (Including Side Drain)
2	626190	UIIP-BC/PCO/W-431	Construction of RCC road from BADC Godown towards West up to H/O Hanif Bapari at Shariatnagar including side drain (Ch: 0+00 to 0+300m) under Mirkadim Pourashava, District: Munshiganj.
3	626191	UIIP-BC/PCO/W-432	Construction of RCC Road from H/O Akber at Goppara to Rikabi Bazar Isamoti Khal at Bot Tolar More opposite of Sajib Telecom including RCC side drain at (Ch: 0+00 to 0+300m) under Mirkadim Pourashava, Munshiganj.

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