



Mohammad
Badrul
Ahsan's death
anniv today

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Today is the second death anniversary of Mohammad Badrul Ahsan, a weekly columnist for The Daily Star for many years, and the publisher and editor of now defunct weekly magazine, First News.

He also served for a long time with Standard Chartered Bank and was stationed in Dhaka and Dubai. A passionate writer, he left his banking career to publish the country's first and only newsmagazine, "First News" in 2010.

Badrul Ahsan, the inimitable weekly author of "Cross Talk" in The Daily Star, started writing his column in 2000.

He also wrote several books - including "Grameen Bank and Muhammad Yunus" and "In Search of a Nation" published by Mowla Brothers.

"A Good Man in the Woods and other essays", "Crosstalk Essays", and "The Parallax View", were published by The University Press Limited.



Dhaka South City Corporation had declared this footover bridge at the capital's New Market as risky a couple of weeks back, prohibiting pedestrians from using it. But even though the city corporation put up a sign there, this did little to stymie business-as-usual at the bridge. This photo was taken recently.

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Rabeya Khan
passes away

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Rabeya Khan Firoza, wife of late Sultan uz Zaman Khan (CSP 1955 batch), passed away yesterday. She was 83.

She was the eldest daughter of late Fazlul Huq Mowla, a pioneer of insurance in Bangladesh. She lived in Bangkok, Thailand for 15 years while her husband was in ESCAP from 1977-1992.

Rabeya is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law and two grandchildren. The family sought prayers from all for the salvation of her departed soul.

Propaganda

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It amounts to treason, he added. Replying to a query over the search committee, the minister said the committee has been formed as per the law and everyone played pivotal roles as neutral persons.

"I think that the search committee is a good one. An excellent general election will be held by the Election Commission, which will be formed by the search committee," he said.

Enact 'Clean Air Act'

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president Al Gore, Saber said pollution should never be the price for prosperity.

"A rule won't solve the crisis, unless we treat public health with utmost importance."

Around two lakh people die due to air pollution; tobacco kills another two lakh. Public health should be treated as a priority in the upcoming budget," he observed.

Prof Md Ahmed Karuzzaman Mojumder, chairperson of Stamford University's environmental science department and founding director of CAPS, delivered the keynote presentation, outlining how the air has become toxic, as well as sources and impacts of pollution.

Dr Asif Mujtaba Mahmud, secretary general of Bangladesh Lung Foundation, said one in ten deaths worldwide is attributable to air pollution.

Md Iqbal Ahmed, senior environment specialist at World Bank, also called for

enacting the law soon.

During his speech, Md Selim Reza, chief executive officer of Dhaka North City Corporation, described their measures to contain air pollution.

Md Ziaul Haque, director of DoE (Dhaka district), said although they shut down around 800 brick kilns in Dhaka, they could not make much progress in ensuring alternative facilities.

"As the ongoing mega projects will be finished by 2022, we hope the air quality will improve a bit from next year," he said.

Dr Kazir Saifuddin Benmor, joint secretary of Bangladesh Lung Foundation; MAA Shoukat Choudhury, professor of Buet's chemical engineering department; Md Mizanur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Brick Manufacturing Owners Association; and Mizanur Rahman, director (law and company secretary) of LafargeHolcim Bangladesh were also present.

UNION PARISHAD POLLS

Rival accuses AL candidate
of threatening to shoot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A chairman candidate of union parishad election in Chattogram has been accused of threatening to shoot his rivals.

A video went viral on social media where Akter Hossain, Awami League's chairman candidate of Khagaria Union Parishad polls, was telling his activists he always has two firearms with him, before instructing them to "do what you have to, I'll tackle the consequences."

He said this at a public meeting on Thursday night.

Rival chairman candidate Jasim Uddin

has lodged a complaint with Satkania Police Station in this connection.

However, Akter claimed that the tape was fake and his voice was doctored through editing.

"After the allegation surfaced, I surrendered my licensed guns to the police station," he said, adding, "My opponents were spreading propaganda to tarnish my image."

Abdul Jalil, officer-in-charge of Satkania Police Station, said they watched the video and were investigating it.

"We have seized the two licensed guns from Akter," he confirmed.

One killed,
3 hurt in
Rajbari road
accident

STAR REPORT

A man was killed and three were injured in a road accident on Rajbari-Kushtia road in Henarmor area under Pangsha upazila in Rajbari yesterday.

The deceased is identified as Arshafur Islam (30) of Mirpur upazila in Kushtia.

Quoting locals, Tarikul Islam, assistant sub-inspector of Pangsha Highway Police Station, said, "The accident took place when a Rajbari-bound three-wheeler collided head-on with a truck around 7:30am."

Arshafur died on the spot. The injured were taken of Pangsha upazila health complex. They were released soon after, said doctors at the health complex.

The body was handed over to the family.

Position Vacancy Announcement
Position: Development Program Specialist (External Liaison), FSN-10
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Development Program Specialist (External Liaison)** in the Office of Program (PRO).
Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: March 06, 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.bdijobs.com

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Memo No. MGMC/CEDP/96/2021-22/(W-3, G-11) Date: 05-Feb-2022

e-Tender Notice 02/2021-2022

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following package:

| Sl. No. | Tender ID No. | Name of package | Last date and time of tender security submission | Tender closing date & time |
|---------|---------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| 1. | 656479 | Refurbishment and Renovation of Smart Classrooms, Computer Lab, Central Library, Student's Common Room and Exclusive Room. | 23-Feb-2022 13:00 | 23-Feb-2022 14:00 |
| 2. | 656814 | Furniture and Fixtures for Smart Classrooms, Computer Lab, Central Library & Students Common Room. | 23-Feb-2022 14:00 | 23-Feb-2022 15:00 |

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to **22-Feb-2022 16:00**.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Pineapple

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diesel price hike. Most of our products go to Cox's Bazar and Noakhali," he said. Kamal Ahmed, a wholesale seasonal fruits trader, said prices are higher now as the pineapple season hasn't started yet, so they can make a little more profit.

পুট বিক্রয়

মিরপুর-১১ মেইন রোডে ৭.৫ কাঠার বাণিজ্যিক কন্সার পুট বিক্রয় হবে। বর্তমানে স্বপ্ন সুপারশপ ভাড়া আছে।
যোগাযোগ: ০১৭৬-৭২৬৮৭৬

পূর্বাচলে পুট ক্রয়

রাজউক পূর্বাচল প্রকল্পে তিন, পাঁচ, সাড়ে সাত এবং দশ কাঠা আয়তনের পুট ক্রয় করতে চাই। ০১৭১১৮৮২১৯১

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Wildlife Management & Nature Conservation Division, Chattogram
Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project

Memo No. 22.01.1500.122.29.001.2022.234 Date: 02/02/2022

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of following goods:

| Tender ID & Package No. | Name of the package | Online notice publication date and time | Online tender last selling date and time | Online tender closing date and time |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 654624 (SUFAL/WDC/2021-2022/GD-06) | Supply of Decomposed Cow-dung Plantation | 06-Feb-2022 10:00 | 22-Feb-2022 17:00 | 23-Feb-2022 14:00 |
| 654670 (SUFAL/WDC/2021-2022/GD-08) | Supply of Stakes for Plantation and Maintenance | 06-Feb-2022 10:00 | 22-Feb-2022 17:00 | 23-Feb-2022 15:00 |
| 654687 (SUFAL/WDC/2021-2022/GD-09) | Supply of Planting Equipment & Materials for RCC Sign Board | 06-Feb-2022 10:00 | 22-Feb-2022 17:00 | 23-Feb-2022 16:00 |

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for selling/downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
FROM UNFPA BANGLADESH SRHR UNIT**

The United Nations Populations Fund, hereafter referred as UNFPA is in the process of identifying potential non-governmental implementing partners for its 10th Country Programme for the implementation of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) programme on the following interventions in selected districts to achieve three transformative goals of UNFPA which includes zero preventable maternal health, zero unmet need of family planning and zero gender based violence:

- 1) Strengthening the National Midwifery Programme in collaboration with Director General of Nursing and Midwifery and other stakeholders (Faculty Development of MSc, BSc, diploma), functional of training institutes and facilities, capacity building, mentorship, accreditation process both public and private institutes, capacity of the professional society, leadership, deployment, service delivery, coordination)
- 2) Improving Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) in coordination and collaboration with DGHS, DGFP and DGNM (our strategic partners) and the local authorities.
 - a. Improve access to SRH services among Tea Garden Workers' and Santal Communities'
 - b. Support to Elimination of Fistula through prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and advocacy.
 - c. Strengthen SRH service delivery for the marginalized community in Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban districts.
- 3) Support to implement national Family Planning programme with the provision of quality service delivery of all modern contraceptive methods at community, and different level of health facilities of DGFP and DGHS and in collaboration with the private sector.
- 4) Support to integrated SRH & HIV/STI services, sex workers, transgender and gender diverse population in selected intervention areas.
- 5) Support to develop a cadre of trained and skilled health managers and providers to offer survivor-centred clinical support and referrals to survivors of gender-based violence in the district and sub-district hospitals under health sector response.
- 6) Support implementation of innovative Urban Health SRH/FP programmes, advocacy and capacity building works related to engaging private sector including pharmacies, climate change and SRHR, SRHR services for the slum dwellers and factory workers and system strengthening works with different Operational Plans of the MOHFW and MoLGRD.
- 7) Strengthen SRH demand-side interventions covering all SRH programme components, with focus on the most vulnerable and marginalized using various age and gender specific Social and Behavior Change Communication approaches including interpersonal communication at facility, community level and involving different media channels, and innovative digital technologies and social networks where appropriate.

The organizations may express their interest for all or any of the above 7 areas separately. Those interested in participating in the process should forward their expression of interest to eo-bangladesh@unfpa.org by **20 February 2022, 5:00 pm** enclosing the information listed below.

- Full legal name and address of applying institution
- Copy of valid legal registration in the country
- Mandate or mission statement of organisation
- Statement of organisation's expertise in the relevant area
- Short description of the organisation's existing operations in the subject matter area, including how long the operations have been carried out.

Upon receipt of the above information from prospective implementing partners, UNFPA will review applicants for placement on a short-list of potential implementing partners. Those short-listed organizations may be invited to submit formal proposals to become an implementing partner. The Invitation for Proposal will provide a more detailed description of the scope of work.

Note: Due to the high volume of communications, UNFPA is not in a position to confirm receipt of the expression of interest.

Get the Full Announcement here:
<https://bangladesh.unfpa.org/en/submission/invitation-expression-interest-eoi-unfpa-bangladesh-srhr-unit>