

## Monowar Ahmed passes away

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Monowar Ahmed, former secretary to Economic Relations Department, Ministry of Finance, died on Thursday night at the age of 61, said a press release.

He was undergoing treatment in India. All are requested to attend his namaz-e-janaza, to be held today after Zohr prayers at Baitul Aman Masjid, 7/A Dhanmondi.



## RMP observes 30th anniv

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Rajshahi

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) celebrated its 30th founding anniversary yesterday with festivity and several programmes.

Inspector General of Police Benazir Ahmed inaugurated the programmes by attending a procession that was brought out from the city's Bheripara roundabout.

RMP Commissioner Abu Kalam Siddique, Bangladesh Police Academy Principal Abu Hasan Mohammad Tariq, Rajshahi Range DIG Abdul Baten, and SP of Rajshahi ABM Masud Hossain were present.

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## Deprived of nutrition

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 vegetables together to save oil, salt and spices, which are very expensive nowadays."

"Egg and milk are beyond our reach. Sometimes, we cook pulses, but we can't buy more than one kilo of pulses in a month," she said.

Experts presented statistics, which showed that such compromises to survive the inflation have seriously impacted the living standard of the workers.

Eminent academician and activist Prof Anu Muhammad said, "Even a couple of years ago, daily food intake of a garment worker was around 3,000

kilocalories per day. Now, that has reduced to less than 2,000. They have stopped taking essential proteins and vitamins due to the excessive price hikes and low wages."

Public health researcher Dr Taufique Joarder from Brac Institute of Governance and Development said, "Sixty-seven percent of workers suffer from body aches, which is a huge concern for our public health. They do not have any access to quality healthcare for their sufferings."

"They cannot access government health facilities either, as such arrangements are rare in industrial areas. They have

to rely on nearby medical stores and quack doctors for their treatment," he said.

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director at Centre for Policy Dialogue, said, "The government has reduced allocation for OMS in this budget. Garment workers could not benefit from TCB trucks, as the vehicles did not operate in the evening and night."

"The government should launch TCB sales in industrialised areas, and the schedule should be fixed in accordance with the free time of the workers," he said. At the concluding session of the conference, the speakers and worker

participants demanded fixing a minimum national wage for all the workers, considering the current inflation rate and price hike.

Workers' rights activist Taslima Akhter, chairperson of the conference, said, "Although RMG workers are the main fuel for our GDP growth and rising per capita income, they are not getting any benefit from this growth." She added, "Despite the existence of so many organisations advocating for RMG workers' rights, they are failing to keep up with the price hike. The condition of informal sector workers is simply indescribable."

## UN, Bangladesh maintain

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 Project Services) visited Bangladesh on a week long mission to see the projects implemented by the UN and meet the government.

Led by the board's president Yoka Brandt, the delegation arrived in Dhaka on June 25 and left yesterday, according to UNDP. Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen said

the UN has been a strong development partner for Bangladesh, and this mission is giving the scope to review and evaluate areas that need to be focused.

"It is a very timely visit. The UN has been a partner of the government and people of Bangladesh since 1971, and this mission will allow us to take stock of where we stand and guide

our future interventions," said UN Resident Coordinator Gwyn Lewis.

Brandt was accompanied by ambassadors and permanent representatives of Guatemala, Sweden, and Bulgaria to the UN – Luis Antonio Lam Padilla, Anna Karin Enestrom and Lachezara Stoeva; ambassador and deputy permanent representative

of Kenya to UN Njambi Kinyungu; international aid researcher at Qatar Fund for Development Mashaal Muftah; deputy secretary of executive board Dalita Balassanian, chief of the UNFPA executive board branch Samuel Choritz; and head of the UNOPS New York board and external relations office William Axelsson.

## 400 homes

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 "We are investigating the allegation and will take action against the occupants as per the investigation report," he added.

Taslim Uddin, managing director of KR group, admitted to having the canal occupied.

"The canal has been filled while filling the land. If the administration wants to re-excavate the canal, we will cooperate with them," he said.

However, Hadidur Rahman, deputy director of Portland International BD, denied the allegations against his firm. He claimed that it is not a government canal, but a drainage system running over his privately owned land.

Md Shahadat Hossain, upazila nirbahi officer of Sitakunda, said he had received a written complaint from the locals.

"Necessary steps will be taken after an active investigation," he said.

## High hope

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Prof Tania Haque of women and gender studies at Dhaka University said safety on their way to and from educational institutions, and infrastructure facilities like dormitories for female students are crucial.

Contacted, Prof Nehal Ahmed, director general of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, said they are aware of the situation.

"It is true that girls were

more interested and felt safe if there were hostel facilities for them," he said.

Asked whether the government will build dormitories for them, Nehal said there are schools within a two-kilometre radius of every locality.

"In the existing reality, we can say that we have plans to set up dormitories for schools at haor, hill and island areas. We are working on the issue," he added.

## 3 Ctg Jubo League units

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The sources said the number of candidates for the two vital posts – president and general secretary – was more than expected.

For example, there were seven candidates for the post of president and 22 for general secretary in Chattogram north unit.

Preferring anonymity, a Jubo League leader of the unit told The Daily Star that the chairman interviewed all the candidates during the council and asked them to negotiate among themselves, but none of them agreed to withdraw candidacies.

The same situation prevailed for the rest two units. Eventually, the central leaders announced

that the committees would be declared centrally later.

Talking about another reason behind the delay, Jubo League insiders said all the candidates for the two significant posts are backed by some vital AL leaders – including AJM Nasir Uddin, Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel, Mosharrar Hossain, MA Salam, Moslem Uddin Ahmed and Saifuzzaman Chowdhury Javed.

All the AL leaders want their followers to be included in Jubo League committees, said the insiders.

They also said the committees were not declared during the councils to avert violence.

Nurul Azim Roni, a general secretary candidate

for the city unit, said, "The Jubo League chairman took the responsibility of declaring the committee. One month has passed but it is yet to be declared. It is frustrating."

The delay has created a vacuum in the leadership, he added.

Similar comments came from another general secretary candidate for city unit Wasim Uddin Chowdhury, and its president candidate MR Azim.

When asked, Badiul Alam, joint general secretary of Juba League, said, "It is taking a bit time to sort out the candidates. Moreover, our chairman is now abroad. Hopefully, a positive decision will come once he returns."



After the inauguration of Padma Bridge, boat operators in Mongla have been busy decorating their vessels, expecting more tourists going to Sundarbans. They take Tk 1,200 to go from Mongla Kheya Ghat to Sundarbans. This photo was taken recently from the ghat.

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A new committee has been formed for European Journalists Network (EGN), a Finnish-based organisation in Europe.

Bhuiyan Nurur Zaman was unanimously elected president and Anurup Das Titu as general secretary – both of whom are expatriate journalists of Bangladeshi descent in Finland.

The committee was recently announced at EGN's additional general meeting in Finland's capital Helsinki. Founded in 1968, EGN is a recognised organisation of the European Journalists Association.