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She was a visiting professor of Connecticut University in USA. She was a founder and head teacher of Jashore Seba Sangha Girls High School. She also served as the head teacher of Kuada Girls High School.

To mark the day, various religious and social programmes will be arranged.

Savar still lacks

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Abdur Rauf, a local, said, "It feels horrible going to the municipality office due to the bad smell."

Garments worker Abdul Ali said, "It's a nightmare crossing the area for work every day."

Aynal Haque Gedu, a trader, said they are losing customers as a result of the mindless waste dumping.

Contacted, Riaz Uddin, conservancy inspector of Savar Municipality, said, "Over 30,000 houses and hundreds of mills and factories in Savar municipal area produce an average of 400 tonnes of waste every day."

Mayor Hazi Abdul Ghanai, said, "Despite sending several letters to the upazila and district administrations, we're yet to get a dedicated land for dumping waste."

He said at least 15 acres of land is required for a permanent dumping station.

BUDGET FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

According to information received from Savar Municipality, a total of 268 workers are under contract for waste collection, transportation and management.

The workers working during the day get Tk 268 per day and those doing the night shifts are paid Tk 310.

The municipality has a total of 68 vans for waste management. However, this isn't enough to collect and transport such a huge amount of waste, said officials.

Samsuddin, accounts officer of Savar Municipality, said on average, the municipal authorities spend about Tk 3.25 crore a year to manage waste. Of this cost, about Tk 2.75 crore is spent to pay the workers and the remaining Tk 50 lakh is spent for purchasing and maintaining vehicles, he added.

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Marking the day, AL, its front and associate bodies and its left-leaning allies, and other political parties, socio-cultural and professional organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes across the country, reports UNB.

A discussion was held yesterday to recall the victims of the attack. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presided over it from Gono Bhaban through video conferencing, adds BSS.

Besides, AL and its affiliated organisations placed wreaths at a makeshift altar in front of the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the morning.

The premier and President Abdul Hamid also issued messages commemorating the martyrs of the day.

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solving Rohingya problems. Momen highlighted trade and investment opportunities in Bangladesh and requested for Qatar's investment in the country, especially in the Special Economic

zones. Qatar's labour minister said they will actively explore investment scope in Bangladesh.

In a separate meeting with Expatriates Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad, Marri said Qatar has amended its labour law

and from now on foreign workers will be entitled to the equal rights that the Qatari workers enjoy.

If the employers violate labour rights, the Qatari government takes actions against the law violators.

Also, he said, Qatar

government has created a welfare fund for the workers and in any case the employers fail to pay wages to them, they will be paid from the fund.

He also stressed that the Bangladeshi workers abide by the Qatari laws.

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Dr Faruk Ahmed denied the allegation.

"The Ashrayan project has been taken in government land after talking to local public representatives," said the DC. When officials from the administration went there, a group of villagers attacked them," he said.

"We will take legal steps," the DC added.

Govt mulls prepaid gas meters

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Petrobangla Chairman Nazmul Ahsan.

Sources said the government got proposals from big multilateral lenders, including World Bank and ADB.

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companies' capacity and profits in mind.

Titas is considering providing prepaid meters to 7 lakh more consumers.

A consumer can easily pass a month with Tk 500 to Tk 600 with prepaid meters, whereas they have to pay Tk 990 for a single burner and Tk 1,080 for a double burner, he said.

It will be economical from the consumers' end

A hub of illegal

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(Sylhet), said without assistance from the administration and local politicians, it would not have been possible to extract sand in the union.

Asked, Bunobhir UP Chairman Abdur Rashid said, "These traders are very powerful and connected. They are not willing to comply."

When asked about their identities, he refused to answer.

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One of the accused, wishing anonymity, claimed that they had been lifting sand by "managing" the administration.

Asked, the UNO said the claim is not true. "We will look into the issue," he added.

A case was also filed against Kabir Mollah, a local trader, in this regard recently.

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