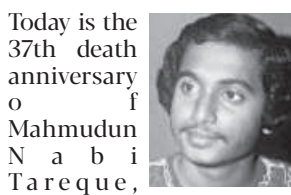


Mahmudun Nabi Tareque's death anniversary CITY DESK



Today is the 37th death anniversary of Mahmudun Nabi Tareque, son of AKM Nurun Nabi, a retired district registrar.

Tareque was the brother of daily Financial Times Editor Anwarul Kabir Shahzada, said a press release. He was a meritorious student who used to study at Begumganj Pilot High School in Noakhali.

He died of cardiac arrest at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on this day in 1985, at the age of 17.

Qurankhawani and doa mahfils will be held today at a mosque in Chagalnaiya upazila of Feni after Juma prayers. Besides, special prayers will be held tomorrow at Shah Saheb Bari Mosque, near his residence at Momenbagh after Asr prayers. Prayers will also be held at Gulbagh Mosque in the city.

I realised my mistake

FROM PAGE 3 "The outfit started its activities in 2017. In 2019, it was officially formed. Some leaders and activists of banned militant groups of Bangladesh, including JMB, Ansar al Islam and Harkat-ul-Jihad-al Islami Bangladesh, joined in to start activities," he claimed.

Tipped off, a team of Rab-II conducted drives in Munshiganj, Narayanganj and Mymensingh districts and arrested the seven on Wednesday.

The arrestees are Hussain Ahmed (33), a Madrasa teacher in Patuakhali; Nesar Uddin alias Umayer (34), a scientific officer at a government office in Bhola; Boni Amin (27), a computer sales and service provider; Imtiaz Ahmed Rifat (19), a first-year honours student from Cumilla; Md Sabit (19), a storekeeper at a press in Uttara; Hasibul Islam (20) and Roman Sikder (24).

Hussain, Nesar and Boni are the group's recruiters. Rifat and Hasib left their homes in Cumilla on August 23; Roman left Gopalganj a month ago;

and Sabit left the capital's Uttara two months back, Moin said.

During primary interrogation, the arrestees revealed that Hasib and Rifat came to know about the organisation from a mosque imam in Cumilla a year ago.

Later, the imam persuaded them to get involved in extremist activities.

The Rab director said the recruits received physical and organisational training in remote char areas. So far, 15 to 20 people have joined the new group.

The seven students, aged 17 to 25 and belonging to different institutions in Cumilla, have been missing since August 23. They all know each other, and left home without their mobile phones.

Later, reports came to light of seven more youths missing from Patuakhali, Dhaka, Narayanganj and Gopalganj for two to three months under similar circumstances.

Besides, four youths from Sylhet have been missing since July last year.

Funding gap

FROM PAGE 3 Centre for Policy Dialogue Executive Director Dr Fahmida Khatun said IMF has projected global economic growth to be 2.9 percent next year, which is down from 3.2 percent this year. "We also saw nationalistic attitude of the developed countries during the pandemic. This is negatively affecting the developing countries," she said.

On the domestic front, Bangladesh is graduating out of LDC by 2026, which means access to finance, patent rights and other international support will be declining. Also, climate change will continue to create woes, she said.

The economist suggested that Bangladesh makes robust diplomacy for building global

partnerships with the international community and work hand in hand with the non-state actors, including civil society, academics and the private sector, to overcome the challenges.

In his keynote, Dhaka University IR Prof ASM Ali Ashraf said Bangladesh made significant contribution to the formulation of SDGs - something that the country can be proud of.

He suggested the importance of the right data and tracking of SDG progress for efficient implementation of the SDGs.

Dhaka University Pro-VC (academic) Prof Maksud Kamal and IR Department chair Prof Muhammad Ruhul Amin also spoke at the event among others.

Rethink strategy

FROM PAGE 3 also be open to sharing the developments with the media. Bangladesh could have availed a few billion US dollars as climate funding if there were strong and skilled negotiators at work," he added.

Brac executive director Asif Saleh said the time has come to diversify the forces to fight climate change and awareness regarding this must be created among all quarters.

"There are many climate-induced calamities that are not connected to climate change. We have to connect the dots and contribute to the discourse currently ongoing around the globe with due importance," he said.

Asif also suggested that Bangladesh should not

tread the way the West has already treaded to worsen climate change impact.

The daylong workshop was moderated by Md Shamsuddoha, chief executive of CRPD, who also conducted a session titled "Climate Change: Policy, Politics and Negotiation."

Fazle Rabbi Sadek Ahmed, deputy managing director of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), head of Brac Climate Change Bridge Fund, also conducted sessions.

Khodeja Sultana Lopa, country director of Diakonia; and Hasin Jahan, country director of Water Aid, spoke in the workshop, while Rabeya Begum, executive director of SDS, chaired the sessions.

A further boost

FROM PAGE 5 and the Kalna Bridge.

With the opening of the Modhumoti Bridge, the last missing link will be joined, Moinul Hasan told The Daily Star yesterday.

Moinul also said the 3rd Shitalakhya Bridge will directly connect the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway with Dhaka-Mawa-Bhanga Expressway.

"As a result, vehicles from southern districts would not need to come from Jatrabari to Chattogram. The connecting road is not a wide one, so we will take another project for its expansion," he added.

The length of the route from Dhaka to Jashore via Gabtoli-Paturia-Daulatdia-Madura-Jashore is 218km. However, on the Jatrabari-Padma Bridge-Kalna Bridge route, the distance will only be 160km, said another RHD official.

On May 2016, RHD took up a project titled Cross-Border Road Network Improvement Project with a soft loan from Japan.

The Madhumati bridge over the river of the same name, which is one of the 17 bridges being constructed under the Tk 3,745.51 crore project, will reduce the travel time between Dhaka and Jashore.

The physical work of the 690m bridge started in November 2018 at the cost of Tk 959.45 crore. This is a Nielsen-Lohse arch-type steel bridge, which is 27.10m wide, and the first six-lane bridge in the country.

On November 2010, RHD initiated the 3rd Shitalakhya Bridge project with Saudi Arabia's funding. However, it took over seven years to hire consultants and contractors before the physical works started in

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FROM PAGE 5 Contacted, lawmaker Ayeen Uddin categorically admitted the fact, saying that some of his men attacked them when Akter's supporters hurled explosives at him. "I stopped them [his men] and arranged a safe passage for Akter's supporters afterwards," he said.

No proof

FROM PAGE 3 On September 25, 25 leaders of BCL's college unit declared its president Tamanna Jasmine Riva and GS Razia Sultana unwanted for "blackmailing students into carrying out unethical activities, trading of seats, and torture".

The administration

FROM PAGE 3 promotions were given in the top tiers of the administration, and new posts were not created to accommodate the promoted officials. Many at the secretariat introduce themselves as in-situ officials. They enjoy more perks and higher salaries but remain in the same post.

An additional secretary said the organogram of the public administration ministry was formed in 2006. "It has not changed... But due to the change in their work pattern, new posts are created and promotions are given accordingly." The additional secretary himself is carrying out jobs of a joint secretary.

"It's a waste of human resources and public money," he said, suggesting the government follow rules to prevent this situation.

The Daily Star could not reach the ministry's senior secretary KM Ali Azam for comments.

Outline for caretaker

FROM PAGE 5 government to oversee free and fair polls and forced BNP to accept it in 1996 in the face of a fierce movement.

BNP got an absolute majority by winning the lopsided sixth parliamentary election and passed the 13th amendment to the constitution on March 27, 1996, introducing a poll-time non-party caretaker government system.

But the caretaker government system was abolished through the 15th amendment in 2011 as the Supreme Court struck down the 13th amendment to the constitution as illegal. The last two general elections were held under the Awami League-led government.

BNP has been on a movement for the

restoration of the poll-time neutral government system since the 13th Amendment was revoked.

About the talks with the parties, he said, "Of the main demands, we have agreed on some demands, including the resignation of the illegal government, the formation of a non-partisan caretaker government, the dissolution of parliament, holding an acceptable election under fresh Election Commission, the (unconditional) release of Khaleda Zia and our arrested leaders and activists," he said.

Labour Party chairman Mostafizur Rahman Iran led a 10-member delegation of his party while Fariduzzaman Farhad led a 10-member delegation of NPP.

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