

Death anniv of Sirajul Huq today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 20th death anniversary of eminent lawyer and politician Advocate Sirajul Huq.



Sirajul, father of Law Minister Anisul Huq, was one of the close aides of Bangabandhu.

Sirajul, who was known as Bachchu Miah Saheb, was one of the organisers of the Liberation War, former presidium member of Awami League, two-time lawmaker and the principal prosecutor of the Bangabandhu killing case and four national leaders killing case.

Local AL and its front organisations of Kasba and Akhaura in Brahmanbaria have organised milad and doa mahfil and discussions today.

Old trees sacrificed for new furniture

Pabna Zilla Parishad fells trees ignoring due procedure

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Several old trees have allegedly been felled at the dak bungalow of Pabna Zilla Parishad to make furniture for its officials.

While visiting the spot yesterday, this correspondent found new soil leveled with the surface in a corner, in front of the bungalow, as if someone cut the trees and tried to level it.

Several employees of zilla parishad said trees were cut down during the last few days to make furniture for officials, without offering any tender.

They, however, couldn't confirm the number of felled trees.

Talking to The Daily Star, Kazi Atiur Rahman, chief executive officer of Pabna Zilla Parishad, denied the allegation, saying no trees were felled.

Regarding the leveled earth, the CEO said, "There was a huge



amount of garbage around the premises. We have taken an initiative to remove those. Someone is misleading people."

Meanwhile, pictures of trees being felled at the place went viral on social media.

Kasshopi Bikash Chandra, divisional forest officer in Pabna, said when a government organisation needs to cut trees, it has to call for a tender maintaining departmental rules and the Forest Department will then calculate the price.

"I don't know anything about the tree felling at the dak bungalow. We didn't get any official letter in this regard," said Chandra.

Zilla Parishad chairman-elect Abdur Rahim Pakon, said, "I found the allegation of felling three trees without following official procedures to be true when I visited the spot."

"Dak bungalow's caretaker confirmed it," he said. "As I haven't taken charge yet, I can't take any action. But I am monitoring the matter," said Pakon.

Jet fuel now costlier than ever

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Mofizur said BPC is taking a one-sided decision. "We don't have any say in this regard."

"We want to get rid of BPC's monopoly and whimsical decisions," he said. "The country's airline industry is on the path of collapse due to frequent fuel price hikes."

Asked about the price decrease for international routes, Mofizur said around 1 to 1.25 lakh litres of jet fuel are used for domestic routes per day, whereas around 12 to 14 lakh litre are used for international routes.

"In that case, how will the government minimise its losses by hiking the price for domestic routes and bringing down the price for international routes?" he questioned.

"It is evident that the government has taken the

decision to give undue facilities to particular airlines," he said without elaborating.

Aviation expert Kazi Wahidul Alam said the country's airline industry will not survive if the government does not cooperate.

"In the present situation, the industry is already struggling to exist," he said.

Alam — also editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, a weekly publication on aviation and tourism — said the number of passengers has already fallen, especially for Jashore and Barishal routes, after the inauguration of Padma Bridge.

"If airfare further goes up due to the price hike, passengers will just choose alternative modes of transport," he said.

Lutfur Rahman, chief executive officer of US-

Bangla Airlines, said, "BPC is hiking the jet fuel price almost every month. But we are at risk of losing passengers if we increase airfare accordingly."

"Air operators are at risk of bankruptcy if they do not increase the airfare in line with the price hike," he said. "We are already in deep trouble due to various reasons. This hike will add insult to injury."

Sources at the country's two private airlines — US-Bangla Airlines and Novoair — said a year and a half ago, the average fare for domestic routes was around Tk 2,500. But that has gone up to around Tk 5,000 due to hikes.

US-Bangla operates around 448 flights weekly, while Novoair operates around 350 flights on seven domestic routes, said sources in the two airlines.

Expats involved

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Besides, Sweden-based online portal "Netra News" is publishing one report after another with false and half-truth information, he added. Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, also a member of the committee, agreed with Kazi Nabil and said in several countries in Europe, a syndicate is spreading propaganda against the country on a broader scale. Another committee member Habibe Millat echoed him.

Presiding over the meeting, committee chairman Muhammad Faruk Khan said the activities of the Bangladesh missions abroad should be increased against such propaganda and the "culprits" should be identified.

Meanwhile, the JS body has expressed the wish to visit nine countries in the Middle East and Europe on various issues, including manpower export, brightening the image of Bangladesh abroad and preventing anti-Bangladesh propaganda.

The committee asked the ministry to organise the tour to those countries within the next six months.

Sources said the committee recommended visiting Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Oman, Turkey, Belgium, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Later, the committee included Austria and Sweden and recommended completing the visit to all these countries within the next six months.

From friendly phone

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Once the victim agreed to meet, he and Bilkis went to Darussalam on an auto-rickshaw. Once the vehicle reached a place near Gabtoli, two people forcefully got on, and Bilkis put a scarf on the victim's mouth.

They then took him to a dark room, beat him up, and snatched away Tk 35,000 in cash and Tk 1 lakh more using his bank card. On top of that, the gang took a cheque worth Tk 4 lakh from the victim.

Nazmul said if anyone does not fall for their initial trap, the group abducts and tortures them for money.

"The gang has been doing this since 2018. They delete all evidence after getting money from victims," he said.

Nazmul said they have found proof that five people have fallen prey to the group in the last three months. A Dhaka court granted two-day police remand after police produced the duo before it yesterday.

Will put pressure on

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resumed intaking workers from Bangladesh in August, lifting a near four-year embargo.

As per BMET data, 4,659 migrant workers went to Malaysia for employment in September and another 573 workers went there in August. As per the ministry's figure, it has so far approved "employment permit" against demands of about 60,000 workers.

The minister said he will sit with recruiting agency

leaders on Sunday to discuss the matter.

He said as far as the ministry and BMET are concerned, there's no reason for the slow process.

Recruiting agencies got the permission for sending workers. Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur attest those documents swiftly, while the ministry approves those and BMET processes the papers on time, he said.

"So, there's a problem elsewhere," he added.

Need to empower

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The ranking of our passport may also go down," Momen said. He said Italy and Greece are hiring workers from Bangladesh and more European countries may follow their examples. Therefore, malpractice by a few individuals cannot

jeopardise the overall improvement of the sector.

EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Charles Whiteley said EU is working on finding legal migration pathways for Bangladeshis, alongside other nationalities.

BMET introduces digitised

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with a computer chip, for overseas jobseekers in 2010 to ease the immigration process and help them more effectively while they are abroad.

The card contains all the information furnished in the passport, including a jobseeker's fingerprints and the licence number of the recruiting agency, so that the authorities can identify all the parties involved in the migration process and take prompt action when needed.

A jobseeker obtains the smartcard when he or she has clearances from BMET after completing all the formalities. The three other digitised BMET services, launched yesterday, are online enrolment at technical training centres and certification, online registration to a jobseeker's platform, and online registration

and certification of pre-departure orientation training.

Jobseekers can avail of the four digitised services on the Ami Probashi app, which is developed and managed by the private organisation Ami Probashi Ltd and guided by the expatriates' welfare ministry.

Addressing the ceremony as chief guest, Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad said digitisation of the services would help in speeding up the recruitment process by reducing steps in between.

He also said there are various hidden costs in every step under the existing recruitment process and digitisation will also help migrant workers to reducing the migration cost. "We have to ensure that the workers do not get duped," he said.

State Minister for Information and

Communication Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak said remittance sent by expatriate Bangladeshis is one of the key pillars of the country's economy.

On the integrity and protection of its data, Secretary of Expatriates' Welfare Ministry Ahmed Munirul Saleheen said the data managed by Ami Probashi is "fully secured and owned by BMET".

By digitising its services, the ministry is trying to be more worker-friendly and transparent, he said.

Asif Saleh, executive director of Brac, said in the context of Bangladesh, migration is important, particularly in addressing rural poverty. He hoped migrant workers will be benefitted greatly from BMET's digitised services.

Abul Basher, president of Baira, and Tarique E Haque, managing director of Ami Probashi Ltd, also spoke.

Persuade BFF to relocate

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activist; Iltekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB); architect Mubasshar Hussain and Shamsul Huda, executive director of Association for Land Reform and Development.

Sara Hossain, advocate and honorary director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust; ZI Khan Panna, chairperson of Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK); Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association; HM Nazrul Islam, chairman of Cox's Bazar Nagorik Andolon; Ansar Hossain, chairman, Save the Cox's Bazar; and Ibrahim Khalil Ullah

Mamun, chief executive of Youth Environment Society, also signed the letter.

The letter said BFF selected the site without considering the impact on forestland. When the news broke, environmental groups and rights activists protested the decision and approached the government to take the facility elsewhere.

"The site is part of a reserve forest, which is a habitat to endangered wildlife including the Asian elephant. This project, if carried out in its current iteration, will not only be violative of the nation's laws and the Supreme Court's orders and judgments, but will also result in the felling of up to 30,000 trees and

pose a further threat to the habitat of the Asian elephant," read the letter.

Reminding and commending Fifa for signing a memorandum of understanding with UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to pledge carbon neutrality by 2050, the civil society platform asked Fifa to persuade BFF to relocate the site from Cox's Bazar Khuniya Palong reserve forest.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in July de-reserved 20 acres of forestland in Cox's Bazar to lease out to BFF for constructing a residential training facility on July 5. Fifa is funding worth \$3.6 million to build the facility.

Hospitals struggling

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As the number of dengue patients is increasing every day, hospitals are directed to give proper treatment to patients, said Prof Dr Ahmadul Kabir, additional director general of the health department.

"Beds and logistical support will be provided if needed," he added.

Public health expert Dr Mohammad Abdus Sabur Khan said although dengue intensity usually decreases in September, this time the situation has reversed.

"It's October now but dengue is showing no sign of retreating. It seems like dengue will prevail till mid-

November this time," Khan said.

Dr Kabirul Bashar, professor of zoology at Jahangirnagar University, said the under construction buildings are the primary breeding grounds of Aedes mosquitoes and around 40 percent of mosquitoes are bred from such locations.

According to DGHS, 34,822 people have been infected with dengue till yesterday. The number was 28,429 in 2021. The highest number of people infected by dengue was in 2019 when a staggering 101,354 people were infected with the virus.

Dr ABM Abdullah, an emeritus professor and

personal physician of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, provided some guidelines to fight this menace.

"First of all, people infected with dengue have to consult a doctor and start taking medicines according to the prescription," Abdullah said.

"Some people tend to think that a mild fever is of no harm. This line of thinking must be discarded. People suffering from fever must test themselves, and if dengue is identified in someone, he or she has to be admitted to a hospital immediately," he added.

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Date: - 26/10/2022

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2.	Agency	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
4.	Invitation for / Tender Package Name	Supply of Stationary, Printer Toner, Duplicating Ink & Master Roll, Store Item Printing, Electric Items, Paper (A-4 & Legal Size) and fittings and fixing of modern cubicle workstation made by aluminum & compact laminated board with 01 year complete warranty.
5.	Tender Ref. No & Date	BCPS/STA/918/2022/ Date- 26/10/2022
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (As per PPR-8)
7.	Budget and Source of Funds	BCPS Own Fund Package Name BCPS- STA-18 / 2022
8.	Tender Publication Date	26/10/2022
9.	Tender Last Selling Date	09/11/2022 at 02:00 P.M.
10.	Tender Last Submission /Dropping/ Closing Date and Time	10/11/2022 at 12:00 Noon
11.	Place of Selling and Receiving/Dropping Tender Documents	a) Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. b) Principal Office, Dhaka Medical College, Dhaka. c) Principal Office, Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College, Dhaka.
12.	Tender Opening Date , Time and Place	10/11/2022 at 01:30 P.M., Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. In presence of the Tenderer if any.
13.	Place, Date and Time of Pre-Tender / Pre- bid Meeting	Place: Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Date: 03/11/2022, Time at 12:30 P.M.
14.	Submission of Tender	Tenders are being invited for a single lot or whole. The bidder may submit tender for whole or lot wise. The financial evaluation will be finalized separately as per unit price. Work order will be given as per lowest unit price / lot wise to the responsive & lowest bidder / bidders.
15.	Eligibility of Tenderers	1. The Tenderer shall have experience in supply of similar goods of the subject in single contract more than 12 lacs for lot: 1, 09 lacs for lot: 2, 07 lacs for lot: 3, 3.5 lacs for lot: 4, 07 lacs for lot: 5, 4.5 lacs for lot: 6, 15 lacs for lot: 7 during the last 03 (three) years. 2. The average annual turnover of the tenderer should be more than 15 lacs for lot:1, 12 lacs for lot:02, 8.5 lacs for lot:03, 4.5 lacs for lot:4, 09 lacs for lot:5, 06 lacs for lot:6, 20 lacs for lot:7 during the last five years. 3. The minimum amount of credit limit/credit facility/ liquid assets shall be Tk-13.5 lacs for lot:1, 10.5 lacs for lot:02, 7.5 lacs for lot:03, 4 lacs for lot:4, 08 lacs for lot:5, 5.5 lacs for lot:6 and 18 lacs for lot: 7
16.	Brief Description of Goods and Related Services	Stated in Tender document/ As per TDS. The items will be accepted after considering suppliers sample.
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18.	Price of Tender Documents Taka	Taka 1000/- (One Thousand Taka) only in cash (Non-refundable).
19.	The Tender Security & Completion time	Tender Security Amounts in Bangladeshi Taka will be 2.5% of the total quoted price. Completion time in weeks: 06 weeks.
20.	Name & Designation of Inviting Tender	Prof. Md. Billal Alam, Honorary Secretary, Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS).
21.	Address and Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) 67 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Phone No 22229006, 222284189 Web. www.bcps.edu.bd, Email: bcps@bcps.edu.bd

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