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#### Mostary Zaman's death anniv todav STAR REPORT

Today is the first death anniversary of Mostary Zaman, founder principal of Sharon's Sundori Mohila College, Faridpur, said a

press release. On this day last year, Zaman passed away at her residence in Dhaka, aged 76. She was buried at Banani graveyard.

Zaman, who had retired as principal of Fazlul Huq Mohila College in Dhaka, left behind two daughters and a son. She completed her masters in political from Dhaka University in 1964.

All are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

## Father, son FROM PAGE 3

morning, Habibur went to the street with his son. The covered van hit them first and then veered into the roadside shops, hitting people at one of the tea

"Bodies of Shamsul, Touhidur and Ziarul were recovered from under the covered van," they added.

Following the accident, aggrieved locals blockaded Jashore-Chuknagar road for nearly two hours, during which, the vehicular movement remained halted, said witnesses.

After two and a half hours, the police normalised the traffic situation.

Meanwhile, Tahmina Khatun, mother of Taosin, is having a difficult time accepting the death of her son and her husband. "I lost my husband and my child. How am I supposed to endure this?" she said.

OC Moniruzzaman said police seized the covered van but the driver managed to flee. "The bodies were sent to Jashore General Hospital for autopsy," he added.

Benapole Our correspondent contributed to this report]

## Are upsets worth the trade-off?

Club football's pinnacle

tournament, Champions League, pits Europe's most dominant forces against each other on a yearly basis, which can however, lead to a bit of boredom as the same elites largely tend to make the latter rounds. That makes the prospect of a fairy-tale run, such as Sevilla's and Ajax's march to the latter stages in recent years, more exciting because of the unpredictability it brings.

However, with the World Cup rolling around only once every four years, not only does the waiting make the ties more enticing, but the pre-determined bracket means that a Brazil-Argentina clash is, more often than not, a flight of

In fact, after being drawn in the same group of the 1974, 1978 and 1982 World Cups, Argentina and other just once - in 1990, semifinal.

when Diego Maradona's Albiceleste triumphed over Selecao in what so far has one side of the bracket, been their solitary clash in the knockout stages.

This time around. conditions are conducive -notwithstanding -- to the perfect storm.

The quarterfinals of 2022 could be the most tantalising ever, especially with Brazil and Argentina bunched into one side of the bracket. If everything goes according to plan and the South Americans win, one potential quarterfinal will see Argentina take on the Netherlands.

The other promises giant-killing Japan whose win against Germany ultimately KO'd the fourtime champions -- a shot at the apex predator's scalp if they can make it past 2018 finalists Croatia and set up a date with Brazil.

It also perfectly tees Brazil have played each up an Argentina-Brazil

But despite two of the favourites being on reigning champions France will not have it easy. Their side of the bracket features the likes of Portugal, Spain, and England.

First. Didier Deschamps' team will be up against Poland. Many neutrals would hope France can dismantle the Poles, given uninspiring performance against Argentina was. France could likely meet England in the quarterfinals if Gareth Southgate's team can get past African champions Senegal.

Meanwhile, Spain will face Morocco, who have come to the round of 16 unbeaten and emerged as Group F toppers above Croatia and star-studded Belgium. If La Furia Roja make it through, it may set up a feisty quarterfinal against Portugal.

In terms of the semifinalists from this side of these four teams promises an exciting match. France-Spain offers a rematch of round of 16. a 2006 World Cup classic while England-Portugal has its own charms, like Cristiano when Brazil beat England in presenting Ronaldo the chance to the quarterfinals and when

Of course, the biggest reason to want the best teams in the latter stages is purely for entertainment value.

celebrate with a simple

Underdogs do not often battle their way into the last 16 like Japan. A more common approach is the pragmatic option taken in 2022 by teams like Morocco and Poland. They tend to double down on such tactics, and lead towards a more conservative side, when stakes are as high as the World Cup knockouts.

That trend can be observed in the 2002 World Cup, when Argentina, and Portugal crashed out in the group

#### things, any combination of stages while Italy lost to co-hosts South Korea in farcical fashion in the

Brazil beat Germany in the

final. Interestingly, from

the quarterfinals onwards,

those were the only two

matches when more than

one goal was scored while

all the other matches either

That indicates, giants

when

choices are between the

aforementioned match-

ups like a Brazil-Argentina

semifinal or even a

Ronaldo-Messi final, the

last thing anyone needs is

an underdog throwing a

ended 1-0 or 0-0.

And

Jamal Khan, Kazir Dewri, Lalkhan Bazar, Tiger Pass, Dewan Hat, Kadamtali, New Market and Anderkilla, to Afterwards, the only time two of the bigger teams welcome Hasina. Alongside the banners clashed in that edition was

and posters, loudspeakers were also being used for publicity. The party leaders intend to gather over a million people from 15 upazilas on the occasion. Multiple units of the AL and its associated

organisations brought out

processions to encourage

mass people for joining the

rally. going out against the tide may provide a burst of According sources, excitement for fans of rivals, representatives but ultimately it deprives Chattogram were neutrals of the best possible given instructions in this entertainment on the field. connection.

> The party high-ups also gave them targets to bring people from their respective areas, they said, adding that the target was set between 10,000 and 20,000 from each upazila considering the distance from the rally venue.

Hasina would address a expected. public rally as chief guest in

Chattogram prepares the port city after 10 years.

'The last time our prime minister addressed a rally in Chattogram was in 2012. This time, we want the rally to be memorable in history," said Mafizur Rahman, general secretary of Chattogram (south)

district unit AL. "We are putting in all our organisational efforts to gather 10 lakh people in the rally," he added.

The prime minister will announce a package of development projects for the city dwellers from the rally, said Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, vice-president

"This is one of the reasons why the party men and mass people are enthusiastic over the rally,' he added.

of Chattogram city unit AL.

Both the units, north and south, in Chattogram have jointly been working to make the rally a success, said AJM Nasir Uddin, general secretary Chattogram city unit AL.

People will join the Prime Minister Sheikh rally spontaneously, he

#### Northern smile

Joypurhat, Sirajganj, Dinajpur and Naogaon districts said they were selling their paddy in advance, even before harvesting began as millers are on a buying spree.

However, growers fear that a drop in prices would be devastating for them as the production cost this year was much higher due to fertiliser and fuel price

Aman paddy caters for over one-third of the country's annual rice production, with 2.16 crore tonnes produced last year, according to DAE data. The share of the six northern districts was 18.1 percent.

This year, the total Aman yield across the country is projected at 2.26 crore tonnes, according to Bogura DAE sources. Islam, Safigul

farmer from Gandagram village under Bogura's Shahjahanpur upazila, had cultivated BRRI 51 variety and got 22 maund paddy per bigha.

President and lawmaker

was signed as a means of

resolving political issues in

accord, it was not seen

"politically but through the

lens of security", he added.

chancellor of Bangladesh

University, said the CHT

an armed conflict in the

hills. However, the question

remains as to what extent

peace has been established

are political and those need

Prof Mesbah Kamal, vice

However, when it came

implementing the

the region.

"I spent Tk 10,000 per market prices, I can make some profit," he said.

Rahman, Motiar from Panitala farmer Bazar in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj upazila, said he sold all his paddy grown on 17 bighas of land in advance for Tk 1,440 per

A number of farmers in Dinajpur said the yield per bigha this year is up by 5-6 maund, although the cost is also higher. They said prices were falling over the last few days, expressing concern of big loss if prices fell further.

According to DAE data, farmers of the six districts cultivated Aman on more land this year and the yield increased by around 0.25 tonnes per hectare compared to last year.

Farmers in Bogura, Sirajganj, Joypurhat and Pabna alone cultivated 3,82,450 Aman on hectares of land, which is 6,101 hectares more than that last year, said Bogura Regional DAE officials.

Until November 28, Farmers from Bogura, bigha. With the current around 70 percent of the paddy had been harvested, they added.

The production will be around 1.18 lakh tonnes higher this year, they predicted, adding that the average yield per hectare in the region this year is 4.66 tonnes per hectare, which was 4.41 tonnes last year.

"Although farmers suffered due to a lack of rain at the beginning, they got sufficient intermittent rainfall afterwards, which helped them see bumper yield this time," said Md Nuruzzaman, deputy director of the DAE, Dinajpur. Lalmonirhat

Deputy Director Hamidur Rahman said farmers will be able to make a profit of Tk 7,000-8,000 from their yield per bigha. GOVT PROCUREMENT

FALLS SHORT The food control offices

in these districts are finding it difficult to procure paddy at the government-fixed rates - Tk 28 per kg for paddy and Tk 42 per kg

for rice -- which are much below the current market

In Bogura, the district food control office bought 1 tonne of paddy as of November 28 out of its target of 10,222 tonnes.

"As the local market prices of paddy are higher than the price set by the government, farmers are reluctant to sell their paddy to us. But we are getting rice from millers." The Gaibandha district

food controller office is yet to procure any paddy.

"We have yet to start buying paddy and rice as the market price is high. We hope prices will come down and we will then be able to meet our target," said Antara Mallik, Gaibandha's food controller. Abdur Rouf, a farmer

from Rajosh village under Gobindaganj upazila, said they spent Tk 1,100 to Tk 1,150 to produce a Maund of paddy.

"If we sell paddy at the government rate of Tk 1,120, then how will we survive?" he said.

#### Paara Utshab FROM PAGE 3

wrench into those plans.

arranged the event on Road 56, 60 and 62 in the capital's Gulshan-2. LGRD Minister Md

Tazul Islam and DNCC Mayor Md Atiqul Islam jointly inaugurated the programme. The fair was divided

into different zones that concerned health and well-being, knowledge and awareness, arts and crafts, and activities and plays. Besides, the

session of The Daily Star's "Slam in-house event Poetry Nights", organised by SHOUT and The Daily Star Books, was also held at the premises -- where people from all walks of life participated and performed. Paara Utshab also

hosted talent shows, mini workshops on arts and crafts, street drama, CPR and first-aid sessions, fun street games and an exhibition on 50 years of Bangladesh's history, music and more.

Mayor Atiqul said they

#### LDC graduation FROM PAGE 3 Economic Co-operation

predictable funding.

Mustafizur Rahman, distinguished fellow at CPD, said cost of funding has increased, as the country is going to graduate from LDC. He said developing countries will struggle to receive funds for development after graduation.

Olivier Cattaneo, head of the policy analysis

and Development, gave a presentation and said more funding helps to scale up multilateral development financing, but present risks in the whole system still remain.

Nisha research fellow at Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka, and Paras Kharel, executive director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics strategy unit at & Environment, Nepal, Organization for addressed the webinar.

## We don't need this

"To be Mujib's soldier, one must uphold his ideals... A true activist does not cause chaos...," said Quader.

At that time, he asked all the activists except for the members of BCL central committee to leave the

yourself well "Make will arrange Paara Utshab in organised. We don't need all areas of Dhaka gradually. the Chhatra League that posts.

commits misdeeds and doesn't comply with our instruction," said the AL leader.

During his speech, many activists chanted slogans in favour of their respective BCL leaders. Annoyed by the rallying

call, he said the persons whose names will be uttered -- will not be given

### Ruling class resorted

organised

PCJSS Rashed Khan Menon said and Bangladesh Adivasi the CHT Peace Accord Forum, marking the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord. The accord was signed

on December 2, 1997, between the government and PCJSS.

Santu Larma said the accord was achieved by the indigenous people as a result of their struggle accord brought an end to but its full implementation as promised by the government is a far cry

The accord will not see the desired light if democracy and harmony are not established, he

"It took about 15 years for the government to amend the CHT Land Dispute indigenous women of the Commission Resolution Act, formulated in 2001 in line with the accord, while a set of rules for the act's proper implementation now seems like 'building castles in the air'," he added.

Santu Larma made a call for greater unity to wage a stronger movement to achieve due rights.

blamed government for "creating division" among the indigenous people and called upon them to establish rule of law in the CHT region.

the at the discussion among Addressing discussion, Workers Party others.

## Aviation sector facing

FROM PAGE 3

The seminar was held as part of the ongoing International Tourism Fair. Today is the last day of the three-day fair.

Hossain, Mokammel secretary of civil aviation and tourism ministry, said sectors related to each

other. No one doubts that there is huge potential in this sector in the country.
ATAB President SN

Manjur Morshed Mahbub, Secretary General Abdus Salam Aref, Public Relations Secretary Atiqur Rahman, among tourism and aviation are others, were present at

### WB to contribute

in Dhaka and beyond.

to be resolved politically. Rights activist Khushi the WB's International Kabir said in the past, region faced torture and "At present, the situation a five-year grace period. there is worrying, which

leads to concerns that such incidents may recur in the future," she added. Ruhin Hossain Prince, general secretary of Communist Party Bangladesh, stressed the need for a specific roadmap to implement the accord Bangladesh and Bhutan.

"The World Bank has been a long-standing partner to Bangladesh in tackling environmental challenges. This project strengthen country's environmental institutions to better control pollution and promote

using management 3,500 tonnes of e-waste

country

issues are related to each

director

Не said they are prepared for placing arguments on this issue during hearing of the review petitions.

Speaking to correspondent

General AM Amin Uddin connection with CHT said that his office would place arguments before the Appellate Division in support of the appeals during the hearing.

"I hope the appeals will court cause list for their hearings in January or

# Owners of land plots are invited to discuss their proposals

Dhanmondi, Gulshan, Banani, Old DOHS, Uttara, Banasree, Kalabagan, Pallabi, Mirpur DOHS, Shyamoli, Monipuripara, Green Road, Wari, Bashundhara, Shantinagar, Moghbazar, Eskaton, Segunbagicha, Paribagh, Indira Road, Mohammadpur, Lalmatia, Khilgaon, Malibagh, Bashabo & Siddheswari.



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#### FROM PAGE 3 The last council of the

tenure on July 31 that year, incumbent Saddam Hussain as general the pandemic.

DU unit council

As per the BCL charter, unit was held on April 29, the council of the DU 2018. A DU committee unit is supposed to take was formed for a one-year place every year, but the leadership selecting Sanjit Chadra said it could not hold the Das as president and council in time because of

and indigenous community

leaders Sanjeeb Drong and

Rabindranath Soren spoke

FROM PAGE 12 Successful implementation of the project will help the country tackle key He also mentioned that pollution issues, benefiting the problems of the region over 21 million people living

The credit is from Development Association (IDA), which provides concessional financing, and has a 30-year term with

"Bangladesh's rapid economic growth and urbanisation have come at a high environmental cost in terms of pollution. Not only that the pollution is impacting our health, but also it is eroding the country's economic competitiveness," said Journalist Sohrab Hasan Dandan Chen, WB acting

sustainable

development," he added. The project will help construct four VICs private-public partnership modality to inspect about 46,000 vehicles a year. An e-waste will be set up to process

annually. It will also help reduce over 1 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from targeted sources.

## 25 years on, legal

for

on November 28, Attorney

be included in the apex

February next year," added.