

## Shamsul Alam Bir Uttam laid to rest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Group Capt (retd) Shamsul Alam (Bir Uttam) was laid to rest with state and military honours in the capital's Banani graveyard.

The first janaza of the valiant freedom fighter was held at the parade ground of Bashar Air Force Base in Tejgaon yesterday.

At the end of the janaza, Bangladesh Army Acting Chief Lt Gen Ataul Hakir Sarwar Hasan and Air Force Chief AHM Fazlul Haque paid their respects by placing wreaths on the coffin of Shamsul Alam Bir Uttam.

Air Force organised a flypast to show respect to the Swadhinata Padak winner.

Shamsul Alam was buried in the Banani graveyard after the second and last janaza at the Gulshan Azad

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Years ago, authorities decided to replace the collapsed bridge over Jhenai River in Tangail's Basail upazila with a brand new one. But so far, they have only constructed three pillars of the new structure. As a result, locals, especially students, have been facing great sufferings to get across the river, especially since they have to cross its rough waters using boats. This photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

## Crossing the river still an ordeal for them

### Tangail residents suffer as new bridge yet to be built

MIRZA SHAKIL

Thousands of residents in Tangail's Basail upazila have been suffering for a long time after a bridge over Jhenai river has remained completely broken for several years.

Although a big new bridge was supposed to be constructed there, only three pillars of the bridge have been built so far.


As a result, locals, including students, have been facing great difficulties to get across the river, as they are being compelled to use boats.

Locals blame negligence of the authorities concerned for the incomplete construction of the new bridge. The authorities, however, blamed untimely floods for the delay.

In 2000, the old bridge was constructed over the river in Kashi area. However, it got damaged during the flood in 2007 and completely collapsed in 2014, cutting off communication between five unions and the upazila headquarters.

According to the Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED), the department floated a tender to construct the new 270-metre

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Dengue death toll 263


Total number of patients 59,813

1,217 still undergoing treatment

Number of recovered patients 58,333

118 more hospitalised yesterday

SOURCE: DGHS



PRAYER TIMING  
DECEMBER 10

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00

JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

# Need more research on genocide

Speakers tell Khulna conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Further research is required to find out the exact number of people who were killed in the genocide during the Liberation War, said speakers yesterday.

They were speaking at the inauguration of the two-day international conference titled "Bangladesh Genocide in the Context of the 20th Century -- Aftermath, Resistance and Justice" held at Khulna District Shilpakala Academy Auditorium.

The event is being organised by Bangladesh Itihas Sammiloni and Center for Genocide -- Torture and Liberation War Studies.

Speaking at the event, State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid said, "The largest massacre during the Liberation War took

place in Chuknagar, Khulna, where over 10,000 people were killed."

He recalled how he was picked up and tortured by Pakistani Army. He also spoke about India's cooperation during the war.

**"We are conducting a survey in 28 districts to find out genocide spots (during 1971). We have already discovered 18,956 such spots."**

PROF MUNTASSIR MAMOON

Prof Muntassir Mamoon, chairman of Genocide-Torture Archive and Museum Trust, presided over the opening session.

He said the Genocide Museum organises international conference every year to build a bridge between the intellectual sphere of Bangladesh and researchers around the world.

"Genocide-torture has not stopped yet. The Rohingya genocide is an example of that. Besides, the war between Ukraine and Russia has once again created a refugee crisis," he added.

He said they are conducting a survey in 28 districts to find out genocide spots. They have already discovered 18,956 genocide spots, he added.


In four sessions of the two-day conference, about 20 researchers and experts from home and abroad will present articles on Bangladesh, Liberation War, genocide and Bangabandhu.

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Cambridge International has conferred 90 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards on Bangladeshi students. In total, 71 students in Bangladesh have received the prestigious awards for their exceptional performance in Cambridge exams in June. The awards recognise success in four categories -- "Top in the World", "Top in Country", "High Achievement Award" and "Best Across". In total, 9 students across Bangladesh have won Top in the World awards, meaning they achieved the highest mark in the world in a particular subject. The students have achieved the awards in a range of individual subjects across Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications.

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# Running for a cause

## Diplomats campaign to end violence towards women

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Diplomats, civil society groups and business community yesterday took part in a fun run at Baridhara Diplomatic Zone in the city, calling to end violence against women.

It was held in line with the global 16-day campaign against gender-based violence and in support of the Philippine government's goal to protect the rights of women and girls.

Brunei Ambassador to Bangladesh Haris Othman, his wife Suraya Hj Salleh; Indonesian Ambassador Heru Subolo, his wife Sinta Ekawati; Myanmar Ambassador Aung Kyaw Moe; Vietnamese Ambassador Chen Pham Viet Chien and Philippines Embassy Charge de Affairs Christian Hope V Reyes were among at least 150 people who joined the event.


The Philippine embassy in Bangladesh organised the event in partnership with Baridhara Society, Baridhara Society Police, the Diplomatic Police, Kent Gan of Hobnob Café and Yama Hotpot, and Praava Health.



PHOTO: COLLECTED

The event titled "HuwaRUN" in Filipino means "role model and run" that took place on a three-kilometre route, which is part of a multi-year campaign taking place between November 25 and December 10 every year since 1991.

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