

Death anniv of Dr AR Mallick today

CITY DESK

Today is the 26th death anniversary of Dr AR Mallick, an eminent educationist and the first technocrat finance minister of the country, said a press release.

To mark the occasion, a memorial discussion and a milad mahfil was held at RKB Mallick School and College at his village home in Rajapur of Dhamrai, Dhaka. Food will be distributed among orphans.

Dr Mallick was a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, USA in the early 60s and the founding vice chancellor of Chittagong University.

He was president of the Liberation Council of Intelligentsia in 1971, the first education secretary, the first high commissioner to India. He was also elected chairman of Asian Development Bank.

His publications include “British Policy and the Muslims in Bengal” and “Amar Jibon Kotha O Bangladesh Mukti Sangram”. Bangla Academy published “Dr AR Mallick Sharak Grontho”, comprising articles by renowned personalities from home and abroad.

Dr AR Mallick Lecture Hall has been established in DU, JU and RU.

Justice Nazmul Ahasan’s death anniv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Justice F R M Nazmul Ahsan, who was elevated as a judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil have been arranged at his residences in Dhaka and Barishal.

Justice Ahasan died of Covid-19 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on February 4 last year.

Ban all zoos

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Advocate Farhana Islam said, “Hunting, killing, buying and trafficking of wildlife is a punishable offence as per the law. However, this law is barely implemented. We urge the government to execute this law properly.”



As many as 150 activists took part in a rally yesterday demanding closure of all zoos across Bangladesh. Some protestors locked themselves up in enclosures with their hands and legs cuffed to depict the ordeal of wildlife inside zoos. Some of the placards read, “Zoo is a symbol of cruelty to wildlife” and “Ban wildlife torture cells”. This photo was taken in Dhaka’s Shahbagh area.

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UN leprosy expert

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and interpersonal discrimination on grounds of leprosy, anti-discriminatory policies, strategies for stigma reduction and enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social, cultural and disability rights by persons affected by leprosy.

The expert will meet government representatives, UN agencies, civil society organisations, and people affected, their families and their representative organisations, according to

an official announcement made yesterday from Geneva.

She will visit communities outside Dhaka, including Nilphamari and Bogura.

At the end of her visit, Cruz will share her preliminary observations and recommendations in Dhaka.

The special rapporteur will present a full report on her visit, including findings and recommendations, to the Human Rights Council in June 2023.

Fun day for little ones

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arrangements have been made for children. The Shishu Chattar has also been set up with more space, doubling their joy.”

Yasin Araf, an attendant at the Sisimpur stall, said, “We have more sales on Fridays and Saturdays, and the trend has so far continued on the first weekend of the fair this year.”

This year, the Shishu Chattar saw an increase in space on the right side of the entrance through the Ramna Kali Mandir. Around 111 units of 71 institutions have been set up.

Later in the afternoon, a separate Shishu Prahar was organised by Sisimpur

at the Shishu Chattar, which was inaugurated by Professor Muhammad Zafar Iqbal.

“Instead of handing children mobile phones, give them books. Books will help them become more intelligent,” he said.

However, in the afternoon, readers of all ages started coming to the fair.

Badrul Alam, who came to the fair from Segunbagicha, said, “I look forward to this fair all year round. I have a separate budget for this year’s fair alone.”

Later, the unveiling ceremony of Banani Roy’s “Srotoswini Jibon” was held at the publishing house Subarna’s stall.

According to Bangla Academy, 96 new books were published at the fair yesterday.

The book fair will open its gates for visitors at 11:00am today.

Nazrul Utsav

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HSBC CEO Md Mahbub ur Rahman; Mrinmoy Chakraborty, director, Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre; and Khilkhil Kazi, granddaughter of Kazi Nazrul Islam and vice president, BNSS, also spoke at the inaugural ceremony.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid, inaugurated the festival as the chief guest.

The state minister spoke about the struggles Kazi Nazrul Islam had to undergo. “Had he shared the same background as Rabindranath Tagore, Bengal could have had another noble laureate,” he said.

The first day of the programme was divided into several sections, including songs of Nazrul, dance performances, and

recitations. The dance performance was organised by the team of eminent dancer Sharmila Banerjee.

Eminent cultural personality and lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor, and Krishti Hefaz performed solo recitations. Renowned artists, including Supriya Das, Mohit Khan, Paromita Mumu, Priyanka Gope, Kaniz Husna Ahammadi Sympi, Pandit Tushar Dutta, Salauddin Ahmed, and Khilkhil Kazi, mesmerised the audiences with their performances.

The second and final day of the festival will be inaugurated by Education Minister Dipu Moni.

Festival-goers will get to enjoy Nazrul Sangeet recordings collected from 125 artists, which will be released on YouTube on the occasion of the festival.

Key accused held

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test and started to bargain in the ward. As he asked Saddam to leave the ward, the latter became angry and assaulted him. Saddam and his men also threatened to stab Raja

outside the hospital.

Protesting the attack on Raja, the Pabna district unit of Bangladesh Diploma Student Nurses Union (BDSNU), called for the work abstention programme at the hospital the same day.

PM to open revenue

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will also be organised at the conference premises, where economists, development partners and relevant stakeholders will participate.

Masud Sadiq, a member of the NBR’s customs policy and ICT committee, stated at the press conference that the NBR is on the right track to increase revenue in accordance with the conditions imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) when providing a loan.

“Tax restructuring, on the other hand, is an

ongoing process. It is done every year when the budget is fixed, regardless of whether an IMF loan is obtained,” he added.

According to Pradyut Kumar Sarkar, member for tax audit intelligence and investigation at the NBR, as tax exemptions are gradually phased out, the tax-to-GDP ratio will rise.

“Tax exemptions in various sectors have helped the country develop economically and we have gotten good results from this facility in the last two decades,” he added.

3 arrested with 5.4kg

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from Shakib and Rajia, while they were carrying the drugs in a motorcycle, which they use while transporting consignments that weigh more than 3 kilos.

Later, based on the information acquired from them, the Rab team raided his house in Naogaon’s Niamatpur area and seized the rest from his wife.

Rab also had information about the gang hiding another 1.5 kilos of heroin in Shakib’s mother’s house. However, they failed to seize the package as Shakib’s mother fled before they raided her house.

The market value of the seized heroin is around Tk 5 crore. The seized drugs were indeed heroin, as confirmed by the test results conducted in Rab’s laboratory, said Moin.

Moin also said the consignments were supplied to drug peddlers in different parts of the country through passenger buses, launches and courier services.

Shakib, who was earlier involved in theft, used to collect the payment for the sold drugs through mobile banking. He also collected money directly from trusted drug dealers at convenient times.

He has been in the drug smuggling scene for the last two years and has multiple partners in the business, said Moin.

Another arrestee Rajia, who is from Rajshahi’s Godagari, has been involved with the gang for a year. She has delivered consignments of heroin to dealers in different districts along with Shakib in motorcycles, said the Rab official.

Man kills wife with hammer in N’ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N’ganj

A man killed his wife with a hammer following a dispute in Narayanganj’s Sonargaon upazila on Thursday night.

Saidul Islam went into hiding after the incident, said Sonargaon Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Ahsan Ullah. Police recovered the body of Ankhi Akhter from her house at Changakandi village in the upazila around 10:00pm.

Ankhi, 32, was a mother of three children – Arnab, 12, Siam, 10, and four-month-old Saifa.

Ankhi’s father Ibrahim Pradhan said his daughter and Saidul got married around 15 years ago.

He alleged that Saidul used to beat his daughter.

According to Arnab and Siam, their parents had a fight at night when they were in the next room.

At one point, they heard their mother’s scream. When they rushed in the room, they saw their father beating their mother with a hammer. Seeing them, Saidul ran away, they said.

Locals took Ankhi to Sonargaon Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared her dead.

The victim’s father filed a murder case with the local police station, said police.

Leaders at home

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Mintu also mentioned that Rasel had no work but frequently spent large sums of money. “Even he spent around Tk 30 lakh to commemorate his parents’ death anniversary in the neighbourhood,” he added.

DC Mashiur Rahman

of DB police said they had come to know that the robber gang targeted Rafiqul when he was at the bank to withdraw money.

“We are now conducting a drive to arrest Rasel and other members of the gang,” he added.

Bangladesh must be ready to make

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the cost,” he explained.

During the interview, Shattock – who led Imperial’s Covid-19 vaccine project – also highlighted the lessons learnt from the pandemic: like the proven effectiveness of mRNA vaccine technology, which has the potential for countries to be better prepared in the case of another pandemic in the next two to five years.

“There will also be a higher chance of equal access then,” he said. But for that, continuous advocacy and activism must continue regarding the inequity in access to vaccines between developing and developed countries.

Shattock predicts that there will be more pandemics, due to the rise in global temperature, increasing density of populations, and disruption of natural habitats. He also

highlighted some specific challenges for low-income countries like Bangladesh, adversely impacted by climate change and growing antibiotic resistance.

For example, climate change may lead to an increase in vector-borne infections such as malaria, dengue, and chikungunya. These diseases, attributed by WHO as “neglected tropical diseases”, generally do not attract investment from large global pharmaceutical companies. The reasons for this lack of research and development include the geographical absence of these diseases in the West, which makes for low commercial incentives, along with scientific difficulties.

“As a scientist, I would say it’s a really important issue in the global scientific community, and there

should be significant investment in researching these neglected diseases,” he added.

He also mentioned that vaccines can tackle antibiotic resistance. This could potentially be a solution for the future. “But it’s not a magic bullet. So judicious use of antibiotics is clearly an important consideration,” Shattock said.

Asked whether global organisations like the WHO possess a bias in making regulations harder for small companies from low-income countries, he said, “I think that’s a difficult question, and it’s too easy to have a simplistic answer.”

“I think the WHO and the international regulatory system are getting much more familiar with working with low-income countries,” he added.

US for democracy

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San Suu Kyi’s National League of Democracy formed a shadow government – National Unity Government (NUG). It also has its armed wing Peoples’ Democratic Force (PDF). NUG and other ethnic rebel groups control about 80 percent of Myanmar’s territory.

Last year, the US determined the Myanmar junta’s atrocities against the Rohingya as genocide and to date has imposed sanctions against 80 individuals and 32 entities related to the Myanmar military.

The US is the largest donor of humanitarian assistance both in Myanmar and for the Rohingyas in Bangladesh, that amount to around \$2 billion since 2017.

In December last year, the US Congress passed the

Burma Act meant to impose severe consequences for the regime’s atrocities, support the pro-democracy movement and provide critical humanitarian assistance.

Chollet said the US is committed to supporting the NUG and other pro-democracy actors to gain capability and effectiveness. It is already engaged with pro-democracy leaders in Myanmar, providing them with the necessary support.

“The US and its partners, including Australia, the UK and Canada, stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar and will take action against those enabling the military regime,” added Chollet.

He also said the US is deeply concerned about Russia’s supply of military equipment to Myanmar’s junta and will continue to seek ways to limit such

cooperation between the two countries.

He said the US is coordinating closely with its allies and partners, including ASEAN and its members, as well as with the UN and other international organisations to hold the military regime in Myanmar accountable.

“Our overarching goal in Myanmar remains to foster conditions that end the current crisis but more importantly, return Burma to the path of inclusive, representative and multiparty democracy. And we have to be prepared for the year ahead,” said Chollet.

He also mentioned that despite no shortage of important issues on the US foreign policy agenda, the US remains focused on the people of Myanmar and helping them back on the path towards democracy.

Avian guests bid early farewell

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campus in the winter. But now, because of the multi-storied buildings, when the bird wants to come down from above, it will see brick-concrete rather than green. That explains why they left earlier.”

According to Prof Jamal Uddin of the Department of Environmental Science, “Birds cannot move easily now. Besides, people throw used masks, polythene, and plastic waste into the lake, destroying the natural habitat of aquatic animals and migratory birds.”

Prof Md Kamrul Hasan of the zoology department said, “The two major lakes of the university – Transport Yard Lake and Joy Para Lake – are the main junctions for the migratory birds. It’s

mainly the ill-mannered visitors, whose disturbance has driven away the birds,” he said.

“Around 7,500 migratory birds came to the campus in 2020. In 2021, the number declined to 4,500 and in 2022, it came down to 3,000. This is a worrying trend,” he added.

BIRD FAIR HELD

A daylong bird fair was held on the JU campus yesterday, aiming to create mass awareness about wildlife conservation and the preservation of birds.

The university’s zoology department, in association with Wildlife Rescue Centre, Bangladesh Bird Club, Aronnyok Foundation, Prokriti O Jibon Foundation and Bangladesh Zoological

Society and International Union for Conservation of Nature organised the fair.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Nurul Alam inaugurated the programme in the morning on the Zahir Raihan auditorium premises.

The fair hosted an inaugural session, a bird identification competition by audio and video clips, an environmental debate, a bird painting competition for children, an award ceremony, and other activities.

Besides, a total of seven bird conservationists were awarded under three categories – Big Bird Bangladesh Award, Conservation Media Award and Scientific Publication Award.

খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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