

Sharif Rafiqul Islam passes away

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Sharif Rafiqul Islam, former general of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), passed away on Wednesday at his residence due to old-age complications.

A milad mahfil has been arranged at his residence today after Asr prayers. His family members have requested all who knew him to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.



Jumbled electric wires hang from an electric pole overhead, while vendors sell clothes right beneath them, unaware of their safety. At any point, if the sparks of the wire get caught in the clothes, a grave accident may occur. This photo was taken in Chittaranjan Avenue of the capital's Sadarghat yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Submission

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will be held from 2:00pm to 5:00pm in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) complex.

The president may hold office for five years from the date of assumption.

Incumbent President Abdul Hamid assumed office on April 24, 2018. Accordingly, his five-year tenure will end on April 23, 2023.

According to the Constitution, members of parliament are voters in the presidential election.

Awami League has the absolute majority in the current parliament. If there is one candidate for the presidency, the election will not require a meeting or voting in parliament.

Tawfiq Aziz

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was a student at Dhaka University.

He joined The Daily Star in 1990 as its founding managing editor. He became executive editor in 1997 and worked in that capacity till his death.

The first English sports commentator of the country, Tawfiq Aziz was the resident editor of Cricketer Asia of Hong Kong and Sports Times of Lahore. He was also the founding editor of the fortnightly Krira Jagat.

Family, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

End of an era

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and a shopping mall was constructed there. Ruphani came crumbling down in 2000, Rupsi in 2008 and Kaya Hall in 2019 -- replaced by multi-storied buildings.

With the demolition of Malanch Cinema Hall, the silver screen era has come to an end in the ancient town of Tangail. Its demolition began on December 18 last year, and the structure is still being broken down.

Malanch Hall Manager Abdul Miah said the

journey of the cinema halls began in 1974 with the film "Jighansa". Business was good then. Later, due to the lack of audience, the hall suffered huge losses, year after year. Even then, it was kept open for a long time.

"If films with interesting stories and high-quality production are made, paired with digitised cinema halls built with government support, then this industry could survive, even thrive," he said.

At present, two cinema halls in Nagarpur upazila,

one in Madhupur and another in Kalihati upazila are functioning irregularly. However, due to the severe recession, the owners of these halls do not know for how long they will keep the establishments open.

Rokhsana Khan, a teacher of a college in the town, said, "When I was a child, the families who lived in the town would watch the evening shows, while the working class people caught the night screenings."

"It's a sad fact that the cinema industry

is expanding all over the world, but halls in Bangladesh are closing down. This is particularly sad because cinema is not only a medium of entertainment, but also a powerful medium for social reform," she added.

"Now many good films are being made in Bangladesh. So, if those who can help come forward, along with government support, the cinema hall industry has a chance to survive," concluded Rokhsana.

Nilsagar: no longer a favourite of birds

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According to a local history book written by Nasiruddin Ahmed, Raja Virat, a once-famous monarch, dug the vast waterbody in the seventh century after a Hindu goddess told him to do so in a dream.

He named the waterbody "Binna Dighi", after the name of his beloved daughter "Binnaboti". But after the place was declared a sanctuary, it was rebranded as Nilsagar, ignoring locals' objections.

Before, migratory birds of eight to 10 species used to go there in November and stayed till March-April, Shyamal Mohonto, an elderly of the village, told this correspondent.

"There used to be many trees here. Guest birds ate their fruits and spent nights on them. There are fewer birds now because large trees are scarce," he added.

Prof Birendrnath, head of zoology department at Nilphamari Government

College, said, "Migratory birds are sensitive and feel disturbed if they find the slightest change in ecology."

During a recent visit to Nilsagar tourist spot, this correspondent noticed only 8,000 to 10,000 birds flying around. Before felling trees, locals estimated that their population was nearly one lakh.

Rubel Islam, caretaker of Nilsagar, said migratory birds do not even sit on the foreign trees. They float on

the waterbody all day and fly to surrounding villages after sunset in search of food and shelter.

Contacted, Deputy Commissioner of Nilphamari Pankaj Ghosh said, "To ensure safe shelter and food for birds in Nilsagar, we've launched a project for creating natural forest by planting bird-friendly local trees. The number of migratory birds is increasing again as a result."

Brick kilns illegally burning wood, bamboo to save some bucks

Croplands in Lalmonirhat, Kurigram being damaged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Bricks are being produced by burning wood and bamboo instead of coal in most of the brick kilns in Lalmonirhat and Kurigram, in violation of the law.

There are 174 brick kilns in the two districts. Out of this, 111 brick kilns are in Kurigram and 63 in Lalmonirhat.

Recently, a mobile court has fined two brick kilns for making bricks by burning wood and bamboo instead of coal in Bamanerbasa area of Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila.

Farmer Nazir Hossain (67) of Khatmari village of Rajarhat in Kurigram, said brick kiln owners are collecting wood and bamboo from the surrounding villages.

Due to the burning of wood and bamboo in the brick kiln, the cropland around the kilns is getting damaged, he said.

Wood bamboo ash is flying and accumulating in the crop fields, he added. This does not happen if coal is burnt, provided that there is a mechanism to trap the harmful byproducts at the kilns.

Farmer Mozammel Haque (65) of Dhaikhata village of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila echoed him.

Brick makers working in brick kilns said around 5,000 to 6,000 tonnes of wood and bamboo are burnt in each brick kiln every season.

Atiar Rahman, a wood trader in Kulaghat area of Lalmonirhat Sadar, said brick kiln owners are buying a large amount of wood and bamboo this year compared to previous years.

Manowarul Islam, inspector of Department of Environment in Rangpur, said, "On the pretext that the price of coal has increased, brick kiln owners have started using wood and bamboo instead of coal. We are getting complaints from different areas. Drives are being conducted against the listed brick kilns in phases."

Contacted, Mohammad Ullah, deputy commissioner of Lalmonirhat, said DoE is operating mobile courts and will fine kiln owners if the allegations are found to be true.

18 Chhatra Odhikar

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"We heard that students of some institutions in Bogura resisted them. The students had an altercation with them," he added.

When asked about stopping Chhatra

Odhikar's human chain, Bogura Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Noor-E-Alam Siddiqui told The Daily Star, "Chhatra Odhikar Parishad applied for today's programme but did not get the permission.

That is why my officers stopped them."

When asked about the BCL attack, the OC said, "We don't know anything about the BCL attack yet. No complaint has been received in this regard."

Deaths continue

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Cox's Bazar highway yesterday morning. Confirming the incident, Mohammad Erfan, officer-in-charge of Dohazari highway police station said Mofiz was the truck's helper.

Among the injured, the condition of truck driver Abdul Mannan is critical. He is currently undergoing treatment at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

Besides, pedestrian

Nazrul Islam, 70, died after a speeding biker hit him in Joypurhat's Kalai upazila on Friday.

SM Moinuddin, officer-in-charge of Kalai police station said the biker Shanto was also injured, as he lost control and crashed on the road. In Sylhet, six, including two children, were seriously injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a private car in South Surma Upazila yesterday.

Friday is a fun day for the children

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stall, said, "CRI published 10 parts of 'Mujib' in Bangla and also published 3 parts in English. All of them are selling well."

In the afternoon, readers of all ages started coming to the fair. Jyoti Roy, who came to the fair from Laxmibazar, said, "This fair is something I look forward

to all year. I have set aside money for this occasion."

According to Bangla Academy, 260 new books were published at the fair yesterday.

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বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড

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বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড কর্তৃক পরিচালিত দেওরাছড়া চা বাগানের চা কারখানার একেজো মেশিনারীজ, যন্ত্রাংশ ও ইলেকট্রিক পার্টসসমূহ যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে নিলামের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয় করা হবে।

নিলামে অংশগ্রহণে আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ আগামী ১৫/০২/২০২৩ খ্রি: হতে ২৬/০২/২০২৩ খ্রি: তারিখ পর্যন্ত একেজো লট-১: ড্রয়ার, লট-২: সিটিসি ও গুণি শিফটার ও লট-৩: ইলেকট্রিক পার্টসসমূহের পরিমাণ সম্বলিত দরপত্র দলিল দেওরাছড়া চা বাগানের অফিস হতে প্রতিটি লট ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকার বিনিময়ে ক্রয় করতে পারবেন। একেজো চা মেশিনারীজ ও ইলেকট্রিক পার্টসসমূহ সরেজমিনে রবিবার ব্যতিত অফিস সময়ে পরিদর্শন করতে পারবেন। আগামী ২৭/০২/২০২৩ খ্রি: তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে দরপত্র দলিল প্রণয়ন করে সীলগালা খামে দেওরাছড়া চা বাগান, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, মুন্সীবাজার, মৌলভীবাজার অফিসে দরপত্র বাসে জমা দিতে হবে। আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ যেকোন লটে অথবা সকল লটে অংশ গ্রহণ করতে পারবেন। নিলামে অংশগ্রহণকারী দরপত্রদাতাকে দরপত্রের সাথে উদ্ধৃত দরের কমপক্ষে ১০% অর্থ (ফেরতযোগ্য) নিরাপত্তা জামানত হিসাবে 'দেওরাছড়া চা বাগান' এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, নিলামে প্রদত্ত মোট উদ্ধৃত দরের উপর সরকারী নিয়ম অনুযায়ী ভ্যাট ও উৎস কর কর্তন করা হবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বর্জন করার পূর্ব ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

(মোঃ মোস্তফা জামান)

ব্যবস্থাপক (ভারপ্রাপ্ত)

দেওরাছড়া চা বাগান

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Illegal, undemocratic

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work as cleaners. They arranged their living space by constructing the colony.

However, after the Liberation War in 1971, the authorities identified these cleaners as garbage-management workers, who were eventually replaced by Bangalee cleaners.

"No initiative was taken from the government or any autonomous body to rehabilitate us in other professions. A section of our community has been living in Dhalpur ever since. Now our homes are being taken away from us as well," they said during the protest.

Contacted, OC Mofizul said DSCC will evict the

space on February 12, and that is why they asked the community leaders not to create any untoward situation.

Meanwhile, on February 9, while handing over the house keys to garbage-management workers at Dhalpur, the DSCC mayor said he will not tolerate any encroachment of DSCC land while he is the mayor.

Taposh mentioned that unscrupulous people have been charging authentic garbage-management workers to stay in the colony.

"Our land is being occupied in many ways. Landgrabbers and different vested groups are occupying the land and benefitting from this illegal act. I will not tolerate this as long as I'm here. Our garbage-management workers, our employees will stay there, and it is our duty to look after it," he said.

অফিস ভাড়া হবে

ঢাকার প্রানসেকেন্দ্র পুরানো পল্টন, হোজিং নং-৩৭/২ কালাউরি রোডে, ৪র্থ তলায় (রাষ্ট্রের পাশে) ২২০০ বর্গফুট ফ্ল্যাট সকল সুবিধাসহ ভাড়া হবে।

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 31 OF 2023

Md. Golam Rabbani Prodhon, Son of late Moshraf Hossain Prodhon, Permanent Address: Village: Azizpur, Post Office: Kawamari, Police Station: Patgram, District: Lalmonirhat, Present Address: House No. 28, Road No. 11, Sector 06, Uttara Model Town Dhaka-1230. Petitioner

-Versus-

Basic Shirts Limited, Registered Address: Basic Tower, Majukhan Harbaid, Gazipur Sadar, Gazipur and others

... Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 241 read with sections 242, 253 of the Companies Act, 1994 and Rule 8 of the Companies Rules, 2009 for winding up of "Basic Shirts Limited," was moved before a Single Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner and upon preliminary hearing on 30th January 2023 Mr. Justice Khazir Ahmed Choudhury was pleased to admit the said application. Anyone desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court either personally or through his advocate. A copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same, by the undersigned, on payment of the prescribed charge for the same.

Md. Nazrul Islam Khan
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Room No. 142, Bar Association Building
Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Principal

Golapganj Govt Technical School and College, Golapganj, Sylhet

Memo no-57.03.9138.502.07.001.22.245

Date: 08/02/2023

e-Tender Notice

This is notifying to all concern that the following tenders are invited in the national e-GP portal.

Sl no.	Tender ID	Procurement Title	Online Notice publication Date & Time	Last selling Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
1	786311	Procurement and supply of teaching and learning materials.	12-02-2023 17.00 PM	26-02-2023 17.00 PM	27-02-2023 17.00 PM
2	788119	Procurement and supply of Raw materials and spare parts.	12-02-2023 17.00 PM	26-02-2023 17.00 PM	27-02-2023 17.00 PM

This is an online tender where only e-tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the national e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is must required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP portal helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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