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Nation gets next head of state

Shahabuddin elected unopposed



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Shahabuddin is the next president of Bangladesh.

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal, also returning officer of the presidential election, yesterday noon declared the ruling Awami League's candidate elected unopposed after they found his nomination papers valid.

In the evening, a gazette notification was issued in this regard.

Within minutes after the gazette publication, outgoing President Abdul Hamid congratulated Shahabuddin over a phone call and both exchanged pleasantries, said a Bangabhaban press release.

Earlier in the noon, a delegation led by AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader went to the Election Commission office to be present during the scrutiny of the nomination papers.

After Shahabuddin was elected unopposed, Quader while talking to reporters at the EC office said the party had nominated a well-educated, honest, qualified and skilled person for the post of the country's president.

"We [Awami League] have not nominated anyone whose name was Iajuddin but work was like Yes Uddin [who says yes to everything]. The Awami League does not nominate anyone who is anti-liberation, anti-independence, or who believes in arson terrorism," he said.

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Cargo vessels overloaded with sand ply the Turag violating safety standards which often leads to accidents. Sand traders allegedly force bulk carriers to overload to cut shipment costs and the number of trips required. The photo was taken in the capital's Gabtoli yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

CASUALTIES IN ROAD CRASHES

Campaigners question govt's low numbers

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

For the first time, the road transport and bridges ministry has made public the statistics of road accidents and casualties for a particular month, January.

However, the numbers are significantly lower than those reported by a road safety campaign platform.

The move comes a month after the road secretary and transport leaders came down heavily on road safety campaign platforms for publishing what they claimed to be "fabricated" reports on road crashes.

According to Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity, 585 people were killed and 899 others injured in 593 road accidents across the country last month.

But according to the report published on the website of Bangladesh

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Skill factor hinders rise in remittance

Govt blamed for not prioritising skilled labour migration

JAMIL MAHMUD

Despite sending well over a million migrants abroad last year, Bangladesh is unlikely to get the desired remittance from them as almost four out of five of them were less skilled.

The government categorises migrants who go abroad with jobs like domestic helps, janitors, gardeners, farm workers, and shepherds as less skilled.

Labour migration experts said less-skilled workers get poor wages compared to skilled workers and they blamed the government for not prioritising skilled migration, which could have eased the foreign currency crisis the country is going through now. Last fiscal year, Bangladesh got \$21b in remittance.

According to an International Organisation for Migration (IOM) survey, less-skilled workers remit less per year and work fewer years abroad.

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✓ 78pc less-skilled migrants went abroad last year

✓ Less-skilled migrants remit less

✓ Less-skilled migrants remit for fewer years

✓ Ratio of skilled labour migration declining



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অভিনন্দন মহামান্য রাষ্ট্রপতি

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South Korea’s presidential envoy due today

UNB, Dhaka

South Korea’s special presidential envoy for “future strategy” Jang Sung Min arrives in Bangladesh today on a three-day visit.

He is scheduled to meet Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen at his ministry tomorrow.

The special envoy is likely to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during his stay in Dhaka.

Bangladesh and South Korea are celebrating the 50th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations this year.

Min has been helping the South Korean president to formulate policies. Details about his engagements in Dhaka are yet to be known.



PHOTOS: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

The photo shows beautiful paintings done by a team of expert artisans on tea stalls at Dhaka University’s TSC, which were inaugurated yesterday to mark the first day of spring today. Last year, the TSC received a similar glow-up by the same team.

EU worried by ‘politically motivated violence’

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union and delegations of its member states in Dhaka said in a joint statement that they were “deeply concerned about politically motivated violence” in Bangladesh.

European Union in Bangladesh issued the statement on Twitter Sunday night.

“The EU and EU member state missions in Dhaka are deeply concerned by the recent reports of politically motivated violence and strongly encourage all those engaged in political activities to conduct them in a peaceful, lawful manner,” read the EU’s tweet.

At least 200 people, mostly BNP activists, were injured in clashes with the ruling Awami League activists and police in different districts on February 11.

Four policemen were injured in the clashes in two districts during this period.



TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE Rescue phase ‘coming to a close’

Says UN aid chief as death toll rises above 37,000

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The phase of the rescue after the major earthquake struck Turkey and Syria a week ago is “coming to a close” with urgency now switching to shelter, food, schooling and psychosocial care, the UN aid chief Martin Griffiths said during a visit to Syria yesterday.

“What is the most striking here, is even in Aleppo, which has suffered so much these many years, this moment ... was about the worst that these people have experienced,” Griffiths said from the government-held northwestern Syrian city of Aleppo that was a major front line in the Syrian civil war.

With hopes of finding many more survivors in the rubble fast fading, the combined death toll in Turkey and neighbouring Syria from last Monday’s 7.8 magnitude quake rose above 37,000 and looked set to keep increasing.

Griffiths said the United Nations would have aid moving from government-held regions to the rebel-held northwest, a front line across which aid has seldom passed during the conflict.

Aid appeals would be issued for all the regions hit by the disaster, he added. “We’ll

have assistance moving from here into the northwest but the northwest is only one part of Syria ... it’s also very important that we take care of the people here,” Griffiths said.

Griffiths also said he had heard traumatic accounts of the disaster from survivors in Aleppo.

“People who lost their children, some of whom escaped, others stayed in the building. The trauma of the people we spoke to was visible and this is a trauma which the world needs to heal,” he said.

But as he was speaking, teams in southeastern Turkey plucked more people from the rubble. Officials said a young girl named Miray was rescued in Adiyaman 178 hours after the earthquake and a 35-year-old woman was also rescued in the same city.

A woman named Naide Umay was carried alive from a mess of crumbled masonry and twisted steel rods in Antakya, a video shared online by the mayor of Istanbul showed. Workers clapped as she was put in an ambulance.

Broadcaster Haberturk reported another woman and two children were rescued in Antakya, while CNN Turk

reported a woman taken from the rubble in southern Gaziantep province.

Rescue workers in the Turkish city of Kahramanmaras said they had contact with a grandmother, mother and baby trapped in one room in a three-storey building, with a fourth person possibly in another room, reports Reuters.

Rescuers, who included a Spanish team and the Turkish police and army, said they were trying to break a wall to reach the survivors but a column was delaying them. One rescue worker said the women were 3 metres below ground.

Residents and aid workers from several Turkish cities have cited worsening security conditions, with widespread accounts of businesses and collapsed homes being robbed.

Some business owners emptied their shops on Sunday to prevent merchandise from being stolen by looters.

Turkish authorities have started to crack down on social media accounts making “provocative” posts viewed as spreading fear and panic amid the public, the country’s police headquarters said yesterday. It said 56 people had been detained and 14 remanded in custody.

29 BNP men sued over vandalism, arson

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Twenty-nine BNP leaders and activists were sued yesterday on charges of vandalism, looting, and arson in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Mahendranagar union’s BNP president and also the Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Majid Mandal was made the prime accused in the case filed with Sadar Police Station.

Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ershadul Alam said 19 named and at least 10 unnamed people were made accused in the case.

Police detained three persons whose names were not mentioned in the case.

On Saturday afternoon, there was a clash between Awami League and BNP activists in the upazila’s Burirbazar area.

Later, BNP men vandalised his house and also set it on fire, Rakib Hasan, owner of the house who filed the case, told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, Abdul Majid told this correspondent over the phone that a false case has been filed to harass them.

Lawyer arrested over attempted rape of university student

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Rab arrested a lawyer in a case filed over the attempted rape of a female university student in Gopalganj.

Md Alamgir Hossain 45, was arrested in Dhaka’s New Market area Sunday afternoon.

On February 10, Morad Hossain, deputy registrar at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, filed the case against the lawyer, who practised at the Gopalganj District Court.

Alamgir offered the student a job to tutor his children. She accepted it and went to his place on the evening of February 10.

However, his children were not home and there, he attempted to rape her.

When she screamed for help, neighbours rescued her and Alamgir fled the scene.

Missing schoolboy found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajbari

Police yesterday recovered the body of a schoolboy two days after he went missing from Charpara Beribad area under Habaspur union of Pangsha upazila in Rajbari.

Akash Mollah, 11, son of Nasir Uddin Mollah, was a fourth-grader at Sengram Govt Primary School.

On Saturday afternoon, he took out his father’s rickshaw van for work and did not return after nightfall.

Police later discovered Akash’s body after interrogating a suspect, said the boy’s uncle Surya Sheikh said.

Masudur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Pangsha Police Station, said, “As it is an ongoing investigation, we cannot reveal any further details.”

New structures

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information on what life was like for the people who inhabited the city.

“There must be more residential groups that have not been explored yet. The study of these peripheral groups, around the central part, could tell us about other families, other groups that made up this great city,” said archaeologist Jose Osorio Leon.

The area has been under exploration since 1998. In 2018, a second pyramid was discovered hidden deep within the famous Kukulkan pyramid.

Around 2 million people visit Chichen Itza site in southeast Mexico each year, according to official data.

It was founded as a Mayan pilgrimage center by the Itza, or “water sorcerers.”

India’s Adani tries

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manipulation, allegations the group has denied.

The turmoil continued yesterday, with shares in the listed companies extending their losses.

Seeking to calm investors, the conglomerate in a statement to Reuters said the balance sheet of each of its independent portfolio companies was “very healthy”, adding it had secure assets and strong cashflows, with its business plans “fully funded”.

“We are confident in the continued ability of our portfolio to deliver superior returns to shareholders,” Adani Group said in the emailed statement.

Bloomberg News reported yesterday the group had halved its revenue growth target and planned to scale down capital spending. A company spokesperson told Reuters earlier in the day the report was “baseless, speculative”, without elaborating.

The Adani crisis has sparked worries of financial contagion in India, protests in parliament where lawmakers have

demanding an investigation, ratings outlook downgrades of some Adani units and cast a shadow on the group’s capital raising plans. Gautam Adani has also lost his crown as Asia’s richest person.

Adani Group’s statement said “once the current market stabilises, each entity will review its own capital market strategy.”

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has been probing the market rout, including examining trade patterns and any potential irregularities in the \$2.5 billion share sale of flagship company Adani Enterprises ADEL.NS that the Adani group was forced to cancel due to the stock’s plunge, Reuters has previously reported.

SEBI confirmed the existence of the investigation for the first time in a Supreme Court filing.

“SEBI is already enquiring into both the allegations made in the Hindenburg report as well as the market activity immediately preceding and post the publication of the report,” the regulator said in the filing seen by Reuters, adding the matter was in early stages of examination.

Skill factor hinders rise in remittance

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The data of Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) shows a record 11.35 lakh workers went abroad last year as economies started opening up with the easing of the Covid crisis.

Analysing government data, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in its 2022 Migration Trends Report said about 78.64 percent of workers who migrated last year were less skilled. It was 75.24 percent the year before.

It said last year about 3.26 percent of the workers were semi-skilled – like tailors, construction workers, and light machine operators.

At least 17.76 percent of the migrants were skilled – like garment workers, drivers, mechanics, heavy machine operators and people who can work in the manufacturing sector.

Less than one percent of the migrants were professionals – like medical professionals, engineers, and teachers.

The IOM conducted a survey on 1,000 remittance-receiving homes in 2020 and found that over the previous decade, skilled migrants on average sent home Tk 2.55 lakh a year whereas less-skilled ones sent Tk 1.55 lakh.

The skilled workers send money to their wives on average for 10 years before returning home but the less-skilled workers send money for six years, it found.

Prof CR Abrar, executive director of the RMMRU, said apart from earning less, less-skilled workers often face challenges like fraudulence. They pay hefty amounts to go abroad and many become unable to recoup the money spent.

Considering various recent economic shocks, remittance has now become even more crucial and “almost a lifeline” for the country’s economy but there is no qualitative change in sending skilled workers abroad, he said.

Bangladesh has so far been

unsuccessful in giving its migrants the required skill sets that not only bring in higher remittance but also provide protection to migrants.

He also said there appears to be a nominal difference between a semi-skilled and a less-skilled worker.

Syed Saiful Haque, chairman of Warbe Development Foundation, which works for migrants’ rights, said in many cases, Bangladeshi workers are not given the promised jobs in host countries.

“Those who get jobs earn less. As a result, we don’t see much improvement in terms of getting remittance,” he added.

Shakirul Islam, chairperson of Oivabashi Karmi Unnayan Programme (Okup), said Bangladesh has traditionally been sending workers who can do “3D jobs” (dirty, dangerous, and difficult).

He said in most cases, the workers go abroad following the “purchase of visa, known as visa trading”. This group of migrants are more inclined towards low-skill jobs.

Stressing the need for more initiative on enhancing workers’ skills, Shakirul said the government needs to upgrade its training courses and also encourage labour-receiving countries to invest in skills training in Bangladesh so that they can hire more skilled workers from here.

RATIO OF SKILLED MIGRATION DROPPING

Of the 4.99 lakh workers who migrated in 2019-2020 fiscal year, 33.3 percent or 1.66 lakh were skilled, according to the expatriates’ welfare ministry.

The following year, which was affected by the pandemic, 2.71 lakh migrated and 22.68 percent or 61,690 of them were skilled.

In 2021-2022, about 9.66 lakh migrated and of them 20.4 percent or 1.97 lakh were skilled.

Seeking anonymity, a leader of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies said they receive more demand letters for less-skilled and semi-

skilled workers than skilled workers from Middle East countries, where Bangladeshis migrate the most.

However, Bangladesh, the sixth largest source country of international migrants, has the scope for sending more skilled workers there despite the fact that the market is being catered by the Philippines and India, the leader said.

Shakirul Islam of Okup said there is a demand for skilled workers in many countries and Bangladesh needs to identify those and train aspirant migrants accordingly.

Prof Abrar said with the easing of the pandemic, tourism and hospitality sectors are now thriving again in many countries.

He said Bangladesh should take steps to tap into this potential.

Senior Secretary Ahmed Munirur Saleheen of the expatriates’ welfare ministry said different institutions under the ministry are active in workers’ skills development. The ministry itself is aligned with the National Skills Development Authority, he said.

According to the 2021-2022 report of the expatriates’ welfare ministry, at least 64 technical training centres and six institutes of the marine technology under the guidance of the ministry provide aspirant migrants, and whoever wants it, training on 55 different trades.

The ministry website says 86,437 people got training at those institutes in 2021-2022 fiscal.

Saleheen, however, said the migration of skilled workers has not been as per expectations. “One reason could be that those who are migrating lack the interest in gathering skills before migration,” he added.

He urged aspirant migrant workers to undergo institutional training before migration. Skills ensure both money and dignity, he said.

Saleheen, however, refused to comment on RMMRU findings but said the data of RMMRU could be “authentic”.

Nation gets next head of state

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In response to the BNP’s reaction that it has “no interest” in the president, Quader said the BNP has “no interest” in the country’s constitution or democracy and “this is not surprising for us at all”.

He hoped that the BNP would take part in the next national election as his party wants a competitive election.

When BNP candidate Abdur Rahman Biswas became the president in October 1991 following the restoration of democracy, it was the first and so far the last presidential election that saw a contest.

The presidential election takes place in parliament and members of parliament elect the head of state.

Abdur Rahman’s successors – Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Professor Iajuddin Ahmed and Zillur Rahman – were elected unopposed between 1996 and 2009.

Abdul Hamid became the acting

president following the death of Zillur Rahman. He was elected unopposed twice in April 2013 and February 2018.

His second tenure will end on April 23 and he cannot become president again as he held office for two terms.

According to Article 123 of the constitution, the presidential election must be held 60 to 90 days before the expiry of each five-year term.

The post of the president is mostly ceremonial as he or she is to act as per the advice of the prime minister, except when appointing the premier and the chief justice, but it takes on some significance during the polls. The head of state has a say in issuing directives to help the Election Commission function effectively.

With the 12th general election slated for January next year, top AL leaders believe someone trustworthy should be holding the president’s office during that crucial period.

Nicknamed Chuppu, Shahabuddin

is a retired district judge and a former commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

A valiant freedom fighter, he was imprisoned for several years following the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15, 1975.

He also served as the chairman of a labour court and a lawyer of the Supreme Court after his retirement.

In May 2017, he was appointed a director of Islami Bank Bangladesh board after Chattogram-based S Alam group took over the lender in January of that year. Yesterday, he resigned from all the positions at the bank.

As an ACC commissioner from March 2011 to March 2016, he was vocal against the World Bank’s allegations of corruption in the process of building the Padma Bridge, after the global lender backtracked on its \$1.2 billion deal for the project.



Coastguards to be stronger Says PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has adopted a plan to increase the number of ships, equipment and workforce for coastguards as per the Vision 2030 and Vision 2041 modernisation plans for ensuring blue economy and security at sea.

Procurement of nine replacement vessels and two helicopters for deep sea patrols has been approved, she said.

The prime minister was speaking at the 28th founding anniversary of the Bangladesh Coast Guard and Medal Giving Ceremony, held at the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

She said advanced-technology ships, maritime surveillance systems, hover-crafts and high-speed boats are going to be added to this force very soon.

Hasina mentioned that an initiative has also been taken to establish a digital connection with Bangabandhu Satellite-1 to bring about a revolutionary change in the communication system of the Bangladesh Coast Guard in the deep sea.

The PM mentioned that training capacity of the coastguard's workforce was also enhanced by setting up its own training base

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**PRAYER
TIMING**
FEBRUARY 14

	Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5:25	12:45	4:30	5:57	7:15
JAMAAT	6:00	1:15	4:45	6:01	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

National Pension Authority formed

Will bring citizens aged 18-50, including expatriates, under pension scheme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has formed the National Pension Authority (NPA) to bring the country's growing elderly population under the universal pension scheme.

The Ministry of Finance issued a gazette notification in this regard on Sunday.

NPA has been formed in light of the Universal Pension Management Act-2023.

The authority, which will be a constitutional body, will comprise an executive chairman and four members.

The finance ministry is preparing rules. "Once the rules are formulated, the government will appoint executive chairman and members," said a

ministry official.

Officials say that appointment of the chairman and members will be completed before the upcoming budget.

The expenditure of the authority will be borne by the government.

The authority will ensure introduction, management and development of universal pension scheme, protect the interest of beneficiaries and their money, resolve complaints, carry out research and publicity, take measure to increase skills, fix fees and charge, and maintain accounts.

There will be a 16-member pension-management board, chaired by the finance minister. The board will formulate and approve rules,

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'No eviction without rehabilitation'

Demands Telegu community in Dhalpur

HELEMUL ALAM

"We have many problems. We live with waterlogging and a lack of pure drinking water. But we never complain. This place to live is all we have. Where will we go if we are evicted?" asked Meghla, a 30-year-old cleaner from the Telegu community who lives in Outfall Colony-14 of Jatrabari's Dhalpur.

Meghla's sentiments are currently being echoed by 1,200 residents of the Telegu community living in the colony, who are currently in constant fear of getting ousted, after Dhaka South City Corporation's (DSCC) alleged directive to evict the colony.

On Sunday, DSCC demolished around 1,000 structures -- which it identified as illegal -- to recover 15 acres of land in Dhalpur. The colony, with its two churches, one

temple and a school, is still intact.

However, the residents don't know for how long it is going to be like that.

The school, offering education in both Bangla and Telegu from pre-school level to eighth grade, has been in operation since 1991. Currently, it has 200 students, 110 of whom are from the Telegu community, said a teacher, requesting anonymity.

There are 130 Telegu families currently living in the colony, who have been living there since 1991, after getting allocated space from the then government.

Maria Das, priest of a community church, said the then British government brought their ancestors from India in the 19th century to this land, assuring them of a good livelihood. "Our community has been ousted thrice

from our homes before we came to Dhalpur in 1991, where 200 houses, churches and a temple were constructed by the then government."

"We demand a permanent allocation of space for our community so that we don't have to face these situations again and again. DSCC has to build us our community spaces before evicting us," she added.

Khushi Kabir, rights activist and coordinator of Nijera Kori, visited the colony along with members of other rights organisations and said the eviction of the Telegu community without rehabilitating them is against the Constitution and law.

Kajal Debnath, presidium member of Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad,

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Politician-businessman Reza Ali passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Veteran politician and businessman Reza Ali passed away at a hospital in Singapore yesterday. He was 83.

He breathed his last at 11:45am (local time) at Mount Elizabeth Hospitals, his son Miran Ali told The Daily Star.

His family said he had been unwell for some time.

Reza Ali left behind his wife, Prof (retd) Nayeema Ali, and children Miran, Sarah, and Mishal as well

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Ali Haider now Baira secy gen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ali Haider Chowdhury was elected as secretary general of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) yesterday, after incumbent one, Shameem Ahmed Chowdhury Noman, submitted a resignation letter on Saturday.

A four-time secretary general of Baira, Haider has been chosen again for the post during a meeting of Baira executive committee, held at its office in the capital, chaired by its president Abul Basher.

Basher said Haider were chosen for the post "unanimously" at the meeting.

Besides, Belal Hossain Mazumder, an executive

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"We demand a permanent allocation of space for our community so that we don't have to face these situations again and again. DSCC has to build us our community spaces before evicting us."

Maria Das, Local priest

"The mayor sympathises with the community, which is why the colony has not yet been demolished. Our engineering section has been working to rehabilitate them."

Md Moniruzzaman, DSCC Estate Officer



In the Loving Memory of Al Hajj Lt. Col. Hesamuddin Ahmed, psc (Retd).

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts, you're always there.

11th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Al Hajj Lt. Col. Hesamuddin Ahmed, psc (Retd), served as a Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh in various ministries. He was the Administrator of the Dhaka Municipality, Chairman of RAJUK and other important corporations.

Being the Founder President of the National Shooting Federation Bangladesh, the Founder Member and Founding Vice Chairman RAOWA, his contributions will always be remembered.

He was associated with UCEP Bangladesh, SAHIC and various sports and social welfare organizations. In recognition of his remarkable contributions in the field of Sports development and social welfare he was awarded the National Sports Award (2003), Atish Dipannkar Gold Medal, Poet Sarojini Naidu Gold Medal, C R Das Gold Medal etc.

-Dearly Missed & Always Cherished by
Wife, Son, Daughter, Daughter in Law
Son in Law & Granddaughters

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'Justice for those who suffered in BNP-Jamaat era' Demand speakers at rally

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of people -- including freedom fighters, artists, lawyers, teachers and students -- yesterday rallied at the capital's Shahbagh, demanding justice for the victims whose human rights were violated after 1975 during the BNP-Jamaat government period.

The rally -- staged by Bangabandhu Sanskritik Jote -- was held in front of the capital's national museum.

About 50 people -- who took part in the rally -- claimed that they were injured by pro-BNP-Jamaat activists in several incidents.

Some of them participated under the banner of "Mayer Kanna", a platform for families of the victims of the 1977 court-martial during the regime of late president Ziaur Rahman.

The rally was conducted by Tarana Halim, president

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No eviction without rehabilitation

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mentioned two buildings have been constructed next to the colony, where 120 Telugu families, under direct employment of DSCC, were shifted.

"The remaining 130 still live in constant fear. This are mostly poor people, who live with a family size

of 10 to 15 people in one room, by hanging saris and using them as partitions. Even if they can afford it, people will not rent them houses in other areas due to their existing prejudices," he added.

DSCC Estate Officer Md Moniruzzaman said there are 15 acres of land

there, of which 5 acres will be reserved for the Telugu community and others in dire need of rehabilitation.

"The mayor sympathises with the community, which is why the colony has not yet been demolished. Our engineering section has been working to rehabilitate them."

Politician-businessman

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as a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

His first namaz-e-janaza will be held at Masjid Al-Falah on Bideford Road in Singapore today after zohr prayers, according to a press release from Bitopi, the business organisation Reza started in 1968.

The second janaza will be held at Gulshan Central Mosque after zohr prayers on tomorrow, after the body reaches Dhaka. His third janaza will be held at the central mosque in Dhaka's Bashundhara Residential Area after Asr prayers on the same day.

After zohr prayers on Thursday, his fourth janaza will be held at Nazrul Academy in Mymensingh's Trishal upazila. Later, he will be buried at his family graveyard after Asr prayers following the fifth janaza to be held at Dhanikhola.

According to the biography published by the parliament secretariat in November 2012, Ali was born in 1940 in Sylhet.

His father was Tofazzol Ali and mother Sarah Ali.

Ali was educated at St Gregory's High School, Dhaka; Aitchison College, Lahore; and Dhaka University.

He got an MA degree in political science and LLB degree from Dhaka University.

As a student, Ali studied political science at DU. He was arrested during the student movement of 1962 and remained behind bars for quite a few years.

He became the assistant general secretary of the then East Pakistan Student Union central committee, formed through provincial conference in 1963. From the beginning of the sixties, he had become involved with the student and mass movement throughout the country.

Towards 1968, Ali decided to establish Bitopi. He took an initiative of establishing the organisation as an advertising company in 1969. He also engaged in the garment industry in the '80s.

In the '70s, Ali was involved in politics in some way or another.

During the Liberation War, at grave personal risk, he smuggled to safety intellectuals, artists, and their families who were targeted by the West Pakistani forces and their collaborators.

He joined Awami League politics later. His ancestral home is in Cumilla's Kasba. His father had become a parliament member first and later a minister from there.

He was at the forefront of the ship-breaking industry and was the founder-president of the Shipbreakers Association of Bangladesh.

Ali built a large fishery in Dhanikhola of Mymensingh's Trishal. He became involved in various social and political activities there. As the AL candidate, he became an MP from Mymensingh-7 constituency in the 2008 elections.

Justice for those who suffered

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of Bangabandhu Sanskritik Jote.

At the event, Rajshahi city mayor Khairuzzaman Liton said, "... They killed four

national leaders, including my father... following Ziaur Rahman's order."

Tarana said, "BNP-Jamaat and the international alliance marked some

cases of human-rights violations under the present government. We came here to talk about violations during BNP-Jamaat regime."



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Spring arrives early

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the book stalls, as those were decorated with colourful balloons, while the sales people were dressed in yellow and orange.

Saleh Ahmed, an official of a private bank, who came to the fair with his wife Mushfiqa Yasmin, said, "I have taken a three-day leave from office to celebrate Pahela Falgun and Valentine's Day with my wife. I'll gift her some of her favourite books."

Tanzin Tanni, who came from Mohammadpur said, "I have already come to the fair to buy books. However, I returned to witness the end of winter and the beginning of spring. I'll buy more books today."

SanaulKabirChowdhury Kiron, the fair in-charge of Anyaprakash, said, "The book fair is slowly gaining momentum with the arrival of spring. There's a

festive atmosphere on the premises."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen visited the fair yesterday.

"I'm delighted to see so many people in colourful dresses visiting the fair and buying books," he said.

According to Bangla Academy, 105 new books were published at the fair yesterday.

Among them are Mukti Kata Dure by Serajul Islam Choudhury and In the Quest of Bangla Typography by Sabyasachi Hazra (Kathaprokash), Odike Jete Chai by Shaukat Osman and Varot-Pakistan-Bangladesh Kotha by Ahmed Rafique (Somoy Prakashan), Multimedia Journalism by Sabuj Younus (Ittadi Grantho Prokash), and Ghathe Ghathe Kheyatori 2 and Bidesh Bhromoner Golpa by Manik Chandra Dey (Bivas).

Coastguards

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in Patuakhali, named BCG Base Agrajatra.

Earlier, the prime minister inaugurated the newly constructed Laxmipur Coast Guard Station through unveiling its plaque virtually from the coastguard headquarters end. At the programme, she also handed over

Bangladesh Coast Guard Medal, President Coast Guard Medal, Bangladesh Coast Guard Medal Sheba and President Coast Guard Medal Sheba among selected members of the Coast Guard, including its director general Rear Admiral Ashraful Haque Chowdhury.

Ali Haider now Baira

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member of Baira, was elected as new finance secretary, replacing Mizanur Rahman, Basher told this newspaper over phone.

Earlier, Haider served as Baira secretary general for two terms from 2004 to 2007 and another two terms from 2010 to 2014.

Noman, who earlier served as secretary general

in the 2018-2021 Baira executive committee, submitted his resignation letter amid a row among its members. Although Noman said he sought resignation on "personal ground", sector insiders said his decision came after a section of members questioned his efficiency during a recent annual general meeting.

National Pension

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regulations and guidelines for investment.

All citizens aged between 18 and 50, including expatriate Bangladeshis, are eligible for this scheme.

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determined.

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Invitation for Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

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05	Procuring Entity District	:	Sylhet.																								
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Spring arrives early at Boi Mela

Fair gains momentum ahead of Pahela Falgun, Valentine's Day

DIPAN NANDY

It's that time of the year again, when the first day of spring and the occasion to express one's love coincide with the passion of bookworms, creating a festive atmosphere at Amar Ekushey Boi Mela.

With Pahela Falgun and Valentine's Day being observed across the country today, publishers at the book fair are hoping that the presence of bookworms will light up the fair premises, increasing sales in the process.

However, spring came a day early for many, as the fair took on a festive look yesterday. Hundreds of young girls and boys in colourful, mostly yellow and orange, traditional dresses, thronged the place. Some adorned themselves with floral ornaments.

They came in numbers – friends, families, siblings and couples – to check out the books, take photographs and be a part of the celebrations. Many were buying books for their loved ones.

Pahela Falgun had been celebrated on February 13 in Bangladesh until 2020, before the occasion moved to February 14. But for many festival-loving Bengalis, February 13 is still being celebrated as the first day of spring, visitors told this correspondent yesterday.

Spring was also the recurring theme of the day at

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It seemed that spring came a day early for bookworms yesterday, as one could spot many splashes of yellow amid the crowds at the fair. This photo was taken at Suhrawardy Udyan.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

MISSING CASE

PBI submits probe report to court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police Bureau of Investigation submitted the investigation report of the case filed over a woman's disappearance yesterday to the court. Earlier, PBI disclosed to have found that the supposed abduction was orchestrated by her daughter.

In a press briefing at PBI's Khulna office yesterday, PBI Superintendent Syed Mushfiqur Rahman said, "After completing the investigation of the case, we have submitted the probe report to the court." He also said the daughter, Moriom Mannan, orchestrated the abduction of her mother Rahima Begum to frame their neighbours of kidnapping, with whom they had a land dispute.

In the report, PIB found that Rahima and her daughters Moriom and Aduri Akhter were involved in the plan and recommended the court take legal action against them.

The official said, "According to the rules, we have already verbally informed Aduri Akhter – Rahima's daughter and plaintiff of the case filed over her disappearance – about the findings of the report given to the court. We have also informed them of our recommendations."

KHULNA SHIPYARD ROAD

In disrepair for a decade



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DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Shipyard Road, one of the busiest entrances to Khulna city, is becoming unusable for vehicular movement, as it has remained unrepaired for the last 10 years.

The thoroughfare, stretching for around 4 kilometres from Khanjahan Ali Bridge (Rupsha Bridge) to Rupsha intersection, has been in disrepair as authorities concerned are turning a blind eye to this situation, alleged locals.

Residents have long been staging demonstrations demanding urgent renovation, but to no avail.

Due to its dilapidated condition, vehicles often get stuck in large potholes and overturn on the road. When it rains, the road becomes impassable, and during the post-rain period, sand and dust engulf the entire area.

Officials said the road had been under Khulna City Corporation (KCC). However, KCC handed over the authority to Khulna Development Authority (KDA) in 2013. Since then, KDA has not repaired it.

The Ecne in May 2013 approved "Khulna Shipyard Road Widening and Development Project" to

implement it within June 2015.

Later, the project implementation period was extended to June 2018, June 2020 and June 2022. On November 8 last year, the Ecne approved the latest extension to June 2024.

On January 12 last year, the work order was given to Ataur Rahman Limited and Mahabub Brothers Private Limited (JV) to reconstruct the 3.778-km and 60-foot wide road, install drains on both sides and a culvert on Matiakhali canal, and build a bridge on Labonchhara canal in 14 months.

The cost of the project has increased from Tk 98.90 crore to Tk 259.21 crore, according to KDA sources.

During a recent visit, The Daily Star found big potholes in the middle of the road filled with bricks. Vehicles were struggling to move forward. Three-wheelers and other light vehicles were seen plying the road amid the dust.

The part of the road in Banda Bazar area was even worse.

Nurul Huda Monir, a resident of ward-31, said, "During monsoon, the road turns into a canal, and in the dry season, it becomes a dust zone."

"It is the only road for the movement of thousands of people in ward-31, which includes Banda Bazar and Chanmari Bazar," he further said.

It is a busy road as Khulna Shipyard, Dada Match Factory, Cement Factory, Modern Rice Mill and many shrimp processing factories, as well as multiple schools and colleges are located on both of its sides. Besides, many small factories have been set up around the bridge.

Iqbal Hossain Biplob, president of Nirapad Sarak Andolon of Khulna city unit, told The Daily Star, "Commuters have been suffering for years. At least five educational institutions are situated beside the road where hundreds of students face trouble to attend classes."

"Many vehicles avoid the main entrance road, which creates traffic jams at Gallamary and Zero Point," he added.

Acknowledging the issues, KDA executive engineer and project director Md Arman Hossain said, "We had to spend a lot of time to acquire land."

He said around 49 percent work has been done and the rest would be completed soon.

MOSQUITO MENACE

DNCC to follow US model: mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation has started a programme to kill mosquitoes using a method that is used in the US, said DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam.

"We saw in Miami how they kill mosquitoes there. We spread chemicals all through the year. However, in Miami, they identify the type of mosquitoes first and then decide which medicine to use against it," he said at a press briefing in the capital's Gulshan yesterday to share the experience of his recent US visit.

Last month, a 20-member team of DNCC led by Atiqul visited Florida as part of US's CLDP Consultation Trip.

"Establishing a lab is time consuming. So, we are working on starting our lab with Jahangirnagar University," he added.

"Like Miami, we will have a public relations team which will conduct the mosquito-killing awareness programme. Specially, it will stress on raising awareness among school students and various societies....," the mayor said, emphasising the need to incorporate chapters on mosquito-killing awareness in school textbooks.

Law Minister Anisul Huq, who was present as the chief guest, and US Ambassador to Dhaka Peter Haas, the special guest, also spoke at the event.

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India's Adani tries to calm investors Market regulator confirms probe

REUTERS, New Delhi

Adani Group sought to reassure investors yesterday, saying it had strong cashflows and its business plans were fully funded, as an Indian regulator confirmed it was investigating a critical report by a short-seller that has battered the group's stocks.

Led by billionaire businessman Gautam Adani, the group's seven listed stocks have together lost about \$120 billion in market value since a January 24 report by US short-seller Hindenburg Research accused it of improper use of offshore tax havens and stock

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Members of Israeli security forces stand guard as a military excavator demolishes the house of Palestinian Adham Bashir in the Jabal Mukaber neighbourhood of Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Campaigners question govt's low numbers

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Road Transport Authority (BRTA) last week, 333 people died and 336 others were wounded in 322 road crashes in January.

The figures are 45.70 percent, 43.08 percent and 62.62 percent lower respectively than those mentioned in the Jatri Kalyan Samity's report.

The BRTA has collected the data through its eight divisional offices, reads a report sent by the BRTA chairman to the Road Transport and Highways Division on February 6.

Over the last five years, the country has witnessed three movements, including a massive one

in July-August 2018, demanding safe roads. Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader on many occasions admitted his failure to bring discipline on roads.

At least three road safety campaign platforms early last month published their reports saying that the numbers of both road crashes and deaths went up last year compared to 2021.

But Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri at a programme on January 15 blasted the road safety campaigners for publishing "fabricated" reports on road crashes.

He said the reports were

creating confusion among the people and tarnishing the country's image abroad.

A transport association leader even demanded legal actions against the road safety campaigners if their reports were found to be not based on facts.

At the same event, the road secretary announced that they would publish reports on road accidents on a monthly basis.

Apart from having their own information, BRTA circle offices at the district level collected data from the district and police administrations, and sent those to the headquarters through divisional offices,

said BRTA Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder.

"We collect the information regularly and preserve it. But for the first time we have publicly circulated information as many organisations circulated their unverified reports on road crashes," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Replying to a question, Nur Mohammad said if anyone challenges the BRTA data, they will scrutinise it further.

Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, secretary general of Jatri Kalyan Samity, said the government has published "confusing data" on road accidents.

He said the actual figures of road accidents and deaths must be higher than those mentioned in the Samity's reports prepared based on media reports as many incidents go unreported.

"If the government publishes data hiding actual numbers, it will not be able to make right decisions," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Saidur Rahman, executive director of Road Safety Foundation, said, "The numbers [mentioned in the government report] are very low. We don't think the data was collected from very authentic sources."

2 top officials from US, India fly in today

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officials' tour of Bangladesh in recent months. In January alone, Eileen Laubacher, senior director for South Asia at the US National Security Council, and Donald Lu, US assistant secretary for South and Central Asia, visited Dhaka.

Though Bangladesh and the US have a robust relation, it was strained following the sanctions against Rab and seven of its current and former officials in December 2021.

Initially, Dhaka was in a mode of denial, but eventually it said it may have made some mistakes and will be making corrections when required.

Lu, during his visit, lauded Bangladesh for the reduced number of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.

While Washington is critical of Bangladesh's

2018 national polls, media freedom, space for the civil society organisations, it is keen to deepen engagement with Dhaka given its geostrategic location in the Indo-Pacific region, which is becoming a place of competition among the global powers.

"Mr Derek Chollet is expected to discuss the ways of bolstering US-Bangladesh relations. ... He will learn about the Rohingya situation on the ground and the humanitarian response," Seheli Sabrin, spokesperson for the foreign ministry, told reporters last week.

A US delegation on Sunday started visiting the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar.

Diplomatic sources said the US is attaching increased importance to promoting democracy in Myanmar, and helping Rohingyas, with more than

one million living in Cox's Bazar camps.

In December last year, the US Congress passed the BURMA Act meant to impose tougher sanctions against the regime leadership, support the pro-democracy movement and provide critical humanitarian assistance.

A diplomatic source said the US has been the largest donor for the Rohingyas sheltered in Bangladesh, and under the BURMA Act, it is mandated to bolster support at a time when the humanitarian assistance for the Rohingyas is declining amid Russia-Ukraine war.

Washington is urging all countries in the region, including South Asian and Southeast Asian ones, to create pressure on Myanmar junta, which took control of the country through a coup two years back. However, the civilian National Unity Government

(NUG) and other rebel groups now control about 80 percent of the country's territory.

Diplomatic sources said Washington wants Dhaka on its side as it supports the NUG and pro-democracy groups of Myanmar.

Foreign ministry officials said Dhaka will request Washington to lift sanctions, and support Bangladesh in addressing Rohingya crisis. It will also seek more US investments and transfer of technologies to adapt climate change challenges.

Meanwhile, Indian Foreign Secretary Kwatra will arrive in Dhaka on a two-day visit this evening, ending an official visit to Nepal.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen will hold foreign office consultation (FOC) with his India's counterpart tomorrow.

Foreign ministry officials said Dhaka and Delhi will take stock of all aspects of Indo-Bangla relations and discuss preparations for the upcoming visits of Foreign Minister Momen to New Delhi early March to attend the G20 foreign minister's level meeting and PM Hasina's visit to Delhi on September 9-10.

Kwatra is also expected to call on Hasina and Momen.

Hasina may hold a bilateral meeting with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the summit.

From the Bangladesh side, addressing trade barriers and increasing export to India, Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and taking forward water-sharing issues of the common rivers will feature prominently in the FOC, officials said.

UKRAINE WAR

Russian forces claim gains

REUTERS, Kyiv

Russia said yesterday its troops had pushed forward a few kilometres along the frontlines in Ukraine, while Kyiv said its forces had repelled Russian attacks in several areas.

As the first anniversary of the Russian invasion neared, much of the fighting was taking place around the eastern city of Bakhmut, still in Ukrainian hands amid a months-long battle.

The Ukrainian military yesterday reported heavy Russian shelling all along the frontline and said 16 settlements had been bombarded near Bakhmut.

Russia's Defence Ministry said Russian troops had managed to advance 2 km (1.2 miles) to the west in four days. However, it did not say which part of the long frontline, encompassing several Ukrainian regions in the south and east, had moved.

Ukraine's military said that over the past day, its forces had repelled a number of attacks near Bakhmut, which sits in the Donetsk region, as well as assaults in

the Kharkiv, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, founder of Russia's Wagner Group, said on Sunday the mercenary force had taken the village of Krasna Hora, on the northern edge of Bakhmut. Wagner has for months spearheaded the assault on Bakhmut, making small but steady gains.

Bakhmut is a major objective for Russian President Vladimir Putin and months of Russian shelling have left much of it in ruins.

The Donetsk region is partially occupied by Russia and Moscow wants to occupy it fully. However, neither side has made a decisive gain for weeks.

Later on Sunday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said power workers had repaired much of the damage to the energy grid caused by Russian missile and drone strikes on Friday in Kyiv.

But he warned the population it was too early to declare victory on the energy front. Russia has carried out repeated waves of attacks on Ukrainian energy facilities in recent months.

Sarah showed

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has shown us how to defeat death and stay alive with honour even after death. To me, she is a torch-bearer of humanity."

He also congratulated those involved in the country's first cadaveric transplant, a surgical procedure by which multiple organs of a brain dead donor are taken for transplant.

Of them, Prof Habibur Rahman Dulal and his team successfully recovered the kidneys from Sarah and transplanted one of those to Shamima Akter. Dr AKM Khurshidul Alam, a professor of urology at BSMMU, transplanted the other kidney into another patient.

Meanwhile, Dr Mohammad Shish Rahman, a professor of community ophthalmology, and Dr Rajoshree Das, an assistant professor of ophthalmology

science at the BSMMU, transferred each of Sarah's eyes to Ferdaushi Akter and Mohammad Suzon.

Cadaveric donations may be of organs such as the corneas, heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas and more.

Twenty-year-old Sarah had consented to donate her organs after death, an act which gave new life to four separate people in the country's first successful transplants of organs from a brain-dead patient on January 18.

The transplants took place at BSMMU, National Kidney Foundation and Sandhani Eye Hospital.

Speaking at yesterday's event as the special guest, Sarah's mother Shobnam said, "I don't think my daughter is dead. She is alive among many people."

As one of the kidney recipients, Shamima

came onto the stage and Shobnam hugged her.

"I cannot express my feelings today," Shamima said, later urging people to opt for cadaveric transplant.

Speaking as the chief guest, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud said, "This is an extraordinary initiative."

He announced that he would also donate his organs as a cadaveric donor after consulting his physicians.

Pro-Vice Chancellor (academic) Prof Dr AKM Mosarrof Hossain, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Development) Prof Dr Moniruzzaman Khan, Proctor Prof Dr Habibur Rahman Dulal, and Freedom Fighter Shahjahan were among those who signed up for cadaveric organ donation at yesterday's event.

A path not often taken

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the village faced regular hardships because of the old road, one incident, in particular, that Kamal witnessed, served as a wake-up call for him.

"Last year, as I was passing through the old narrow road, I saw a pregnant woman being taken to the upazila town on a rickshaw van. The van suddenly flipped in a nearby field, and the woman gave birth then and there.

"Due to the road's poor condition, she couldn't

reach the hospital in time, I felt horrible and it was then that I made the decision to construct the new road."

According to locals, poor farmers make up most of the population in Kumirmara village, located in the Nilganj union.

Babul Mia, chairman of Nilganj Union Parishad, said, "I appreciate the excellent job Kamal Hossain has done to build the road. After seeing this fantastic work, I urge wealthy members of society to volunteer for such social development work."

Abu Sayeed, another resident of Kumirmara village, said, "It was challenging to traverse the old and narrow road. We frequently visited the local authorities for a new road. While we were unsuccessful, Kamal Hossain managed to construct this road on his own initiative."

Sultan Mia, a local farmer, said, "Vegetables are grown on most of the land in our village. Getting to the vegetable market was very challenging for us. That won't be an issue anymore."

Another cargo

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TotalEnergies offered \$19.74 MMBtu, the lowest among four participants who competed in the tender that closed on January 29.

RPGLCL has another tender open at present.

If prices of the super-chilled fuel stay below \$20 MMBtu, Bangladesh would be purchasing 10-12 cargo between February and June, Taufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, energy adviser to the prime minister, told Reuters on February 6.

When Bangladesh paused spot LNG purchase in June last year, the country paid \$24.25 per MMBtu for a cargo.

Asian spot LNG prices slipped to \$19.50 per MMBtu in the week to February 3, the first time they have fallen below \$20 since September 2021, as inventories remain high with peak winter demand due to end soon.

"This is a high demand season for us. Ramadan is coming, this is also irrigation season," Chowdhury told Reuters on the sidelines of the India Energy Week, held in Bengaluru from February 6 and 8.

European sanctions on Russia that pushed LNG prices up are discriminatory in nature for countries like Bangladesh, which are unable to secure LNG supplies due to high prices,

he said.

The development means the industries, which have been running on a truncated production schedule for want of gas, can brace themselves for uninterrupted supply once again.

To enable the spot purchases, the government last month hiked the retail price of gas by 14.5 percent to 178.9 percent for industries, power plants and commercial establishments, who together account for 78 percent of gas use in Bangladesh.

"So, supplying uninterrupted gas to them is our first priority now," said the Petrobangla official said.

Other than spot purchases, the country also imports LNG for about \$11 MMBtu through a 10-year import deal with Oman and a 15-year import deal with Qatar, according to Petrobangla officials.

At present, the total gas supply to the national grid is 2,656 million cubic feet per day (mmcf/d), which includes the 401 mmcf/d supplied by Qatar and Oman, shows the daily supply report of Petrobangla.

Once the cargo from the spot market arrives, the supply would increase by another 100 mmcf/d, according to Petrobangla officials.

Man dies of Nipah virus

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Rasel Mia, the deceased's brother-in-law, said a few days back, he and five to six of his friends had consumed raw date juice.

The relative added that Shah Alam had a fever last Thursday. He was given paracetamol tablets. The next day, the fever worsened and he became dizzy and started vomiting.

He was taken to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital, from where he was sent to DMCH on Friday night.

At least 11 people have been infected with the Nipah virus so far, and of them, eight people died.

Cases of the virus have been reported in Rajbari, Naogaon, Rajshahi, Shariatpur, Pabna, Natore

and Narsingdi this year.

The highest number of three deaths was reported in Rajbari, according to the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

Urging people not to consume raw date juice, Health Minister Zahid Maleque recently said fruits half-eaten by birds should not be consumed.

Last month, IEDCR officials also advised people to not drink raw date juice, the main source of the Nipah virus in the country.

According to the IEDCR, infected people initially develop symptoms such as fever, headaches, myalgia (muscle pain), vomiting and sore throat. An undetected patient can even fall into

a coma within 24 to 48 hours.

There are currently no drugs or vaccines that specifically target Nipah virus infection. The primary treatment for humans is supportive care.

The virus was first identified as the cause of an encephalitis outbreak in 2001 in Meherpur. Since 2001, Nipah virus patients have been found in 33 districts.

In 2006, the Nipah Surveillance and Laboratory was established at the IEDCR.

Since then, 337 cases of the infection were documented. Of those infected, 235 died, indicating a very high mortality rate -- 71 percent, according to the IEDCR.

seized the truck but its driver and helper had fled the spot.

Meanwhile, in Cox's Bazar, three people died and three others were injured in two road accidents on Sunday night and yesterday morning.

In Sadar upazila, two people on a motorbike died after being hit by a covered van in the Eidgah area around 7:00am yesterday.

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officer-in-charge of Khetlal Police Station.

On information, members of the fire service rushed there and rescued the victims with the help of locals.

The four injured were taken to the upazila health complex, where three of them succumbed to their injuries.

OC Razibul said they

Md Azim, 30, and Delwar Hossain Saydee, 28, died on the spot.

In a separate incident, one Hasan Ahmed, 35, was killed and three others were injured after a truck overturned on the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf Marine Drive Road on Sunday night.

(Our correspondents from Dinajpur and Cox's Bazar contributed to the report.)

Advertorial

In conversation with Mike Henniger, CEO and President at Illume Student Advisory Services

Staff Correspondent



Mike Henniger visited Bangladesh recently to attend an educational event named "Canada Application Day", organised by Osprey Education Canada Inc. and Eduproof Inc. at The Westin Dhaka. The Daily

Star sat down with him for a brief conversation.

The Daily Star: Why is it important for institutions to recruit international students?

Mike Henniger: It is extremely important to internationalise universities and colleges, and to have an international mindset for all students, faculty and staff. There is no real area of study that does not have international and cultural implications. Take the Business and Economics Faculty, if they do not have international students and faculty members, it limits the general perspective because we know that the world is a global village, economies are global, and businesses are international.

DS: How do you think Bangladeshi students can benefit from an education abroad?

MH: When I look at the countries and universities that I represent, I know they are providing world-class education in sectors like Environmental Sustainability to Economics or Social Justice. I think Canada is a leader in many of those fields, and Bangladesh needs to continue to advance in those sectors. Many of the students studying at the institutions we represent will be able to come back to Bangladesh and be future leaders.

DS: What are some of the challenges prospective international students from Bangladesh face when applying abroad? What are some of the things they should be aware of?

MH: I think one of the biggest challenges is that related to budget. Unfortunately, international

study is expensive. Many students look for scholarship opportunities that often are unavailable.

For many, the realisation that they want to study abroad comes later in life. Most of these people are excellent students that the universities would be more than happy to accept, but because of study gaps or because they have dependents, it can often be difficult to obtain a Canadian visa.

When that happens, it is important that the student remains true to their dreams. I believe it is important to carve out an academic life and career path, instead of finding ways to just get to Canada or any other country. It will also allow institutions and immigration officials to understand the student's story and help them actualise their dreams.

Knowing the basics, and not outsourcing your education choice will go a long way. Researching about the faculty, entry requirements or job outcomes will make sure that the student is making the right choice.

DS: Can you talk about some of the shortcomings in the current application process? How can students get around those shortcomings to make sure their profiles are being accurately judged?

MH: Universities and colleges pride themselves with inclusivity, but often we do not do a great job and end up putting up more barriers. There is a constant effort to try to make education easier to access, but certain problems still persist, such as those related to proof of English proficiency and shorter degrees.

It is my personal belief that in academia, all the importance is put in a student's grades, even though we know that a student's skills in terms of conflict resolution, and their ability to gain different experiences in life are more influential. We often do not measure these things. However, many programs are now looking at a more holistic approach, so I believe we are headed in a direction.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE FOREVER-ADVENTURER, REZA ALI

With a heavy heart we announce the passing away of Reza Ali, former Member of Parliament from Trishal, Mymensingh on 13th of February, 2023.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un.

Born on the 10th of April, 1940, he was the eldest son of (late) T. Ali of Kasba — a Minister in the Central Government of Pakistan, Ambassador to Egypt, and President of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association — and (late) Sarah Ali of Sylhet.

Reza Ali was educated at St. Gregory's High School, Dhaka; Aitchison College, Lahore; and Dhaka University. He qualified as an Advocate and was a member of the Supreme Court Bar. He was at the forefront of the Dhaka University student's movement of the early 1960s against the regime of Ayub Khan, for which he was imprisoned.

He is one of the pioneers of the advertising industry in Bangladesh, having established Bitopi Advertising Ltd. in 1968. His campaigns for Maya Bori, Raja, and ORSaline were to have far reaching effect in the areas of family planning and public health of the then young country.

Other campaigns that are still a part of the cultural folklore are for brands like Bata, British Airways, Coca-Cola, British American Tobacco, Reckitt Benckiser, Grameen Phone, and innumerable other brands.

During the Liberation War, at grave personal risk, he smuggled to safety intellectuals, artists, and their families who were targeted by the West Pakistani forces and their collaborators.

Later, in 1984, he set up Misami Garments Ltd., which in due course became one of several world class factories. Two of the highest LEED certified factories in the world were established by him.

He was at the forefront of the ship-breaking industry and was the founder-President of the Shipbreakers Association of Bangladesh.

He established Remi Farms in Trishal, Mymensingh, and it was from Trishal that he was elected to the parliament with an overwhelming majority.

He served for many years as the Honorary Consul of Slovakia to Bangladesh. He was the Chairman of the Bashundhara Welfare Society. He was actively involved in Dhaka Community Hospital along with his lifelong friend, Dr. Mahmuder Rahman.

His interests were varied, from travelling to the remotest corners of Bangladesh to hiking the Himalayas; he never lost his passion and zest for life.

Reza Ali is survived by his wife, Prof. (Retd) Nayeema Ali; brothers, Major (Retd.) Sadek Ali, former Ambassador Dr. Toufiq Ali, and Pasha Ali; children, Miran, Sarah, and Mishal; daughters-in-law Samira Rahman and Ambel Meroño; as well as his grandchildren Taresh, Rishan, Iraz, Alejandro, Amara and her father Awrap.

He will be buried in his beloved farm in Trishal, Mymensingh. The family humbly requests all to pray for the soul of the departed.



Students or criminals?

Take action against the DU students involved in mugging, harassing people on campus

We are alarmed by the increasing incidents of mugging on the campus of Dhaka University (DU) where the culprits are none other than students. According to media reports, several such incidents have taken place over the last one month alone. The latest case to be reported saw a married couple mugged near the Shaheed Minar area on February 4. The couple was attacked by a group of 10 to 12 men who not only took away their cash and ATM cards, but also beat them mercilessly. And when their uncle, who happened to be an official of DU, tried to save them, the muggers assaulted him as well.

One may wonder who these students are, or why they are engaging in such petty crimes on their own campus. The answer is probably known to all: these muggers are reportedly leaders and activists of the dreaded Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) unit of DU. Apparently, there are several such criminal groups active on the campus who are led by the BCL. The group that attacked the couple in question was reportedly led by BCL activists belonging to the Masterda Surja Sen Hall.

BCL's involvement was found in all recent criminal activities reported in the area – for example, beating and snatching Tk 15,000 from a covered-van driver, vandalising a shop at Bangabazar because its owner refused to pay extortion money, assaulting a woman and her husband at Suhrawardy U'dyan, etc. While these organised groups mostly target non-students passing by or through the campus, students are also not spared. Our reporters talked to several students who said they knew someone who had been assaulted or mugged on campus, while many said they had been victims themselves. The situation has turned so bad in recent times that even the Shahbagh police station acknowledged it.

The question is, what action has the university administration taken against these criminal groups? Nothing visible or effective yet. This is quite disturbing. The administration clearly does not have the will to hold BCL-linked criminals to account due to political reasons. And when it comes to ordinary students, they hardly have the courage to speak up against the BCL or report such crimes. The case with the police is the same as well. They sometimes arrest students committing such crimes, only to release them a few days later. The inaction of the university administration and law enforcers as well as the silence of the victims are thus creating an environment in which such crimes are on the rise, to say nothing of other atrocities routinely committed by BCL on the campus. This must stop.

We urge the authorities to take a strong position against on-campus criminal activities and take action against all those involved. They should also take necessary steps to prevent mugging – such as installing adequate street lights and CCTV cameras, increasing patrols on campus, etc. – to ensure the safety of students and ordinary people.

Telegu people need levelling up

Eviction fears expose generational vulnerability of DSCC cleaners

It is disconcerting to know that the Telegu community at the Dhalpur area of Jatrabari has been passing their days in fear of being evicted following a verbal notice issued to vacate houses on land owned by the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC). According to media reports, there are about 16 acres of government land in Outfall No. 14 of Dhalpur, where over a thousand members of the Telegu community live. The eviction drive, which was set to begin on February 12, targets illegally built houses, and barring any rehabilitation, community members fear they would end up homeless. Even though the DSCC apparently has a plan to build housing for them on six acres of land after clearance, the message clearly hasn't been convincing enough.

We cannot help but wonder why the authorities would opt to evict a marginalised community that has lived there for long without rehabilitating them first. Where will they stay during the time between clearance and building new housing? How long will it take? Will all the tenants be accommodated there? These are valid questions, and with a history of discrimination and social ostracism facing them over the decades, the community is justified in distrusting the authorities or any eviction plan, which activists have rightly termed “illegal” and “whimsical”.

The Telegu people form a small part of the Harijan caste, the so-called “untouchables”, known for their hereditary professions involving rawhide processing, tea plantation, sanitation work, manual scavenging, etc. In cities, you see them mostly in sanitation work on behalf of the city corporations, as cleaners, sweepers, and garbage collectors, keeping our neighbourhoods clean and habitable. Thus they provide a vital service to our cities, and should be recognised and duly rewarded for it. The reality, however, is totally different. Not only do these people have to suffer poor pay and zero employee benefits, but they are also deprived of the chance to live with dignity as well as services that others take for granted. Without any political representation, and hardly any opportunity for their children to pursue high studies, their voice remains unheard, their future pitted against the same uncertainties that plagued them for generations.

The Telegu people are found in various slums and “colonies” in Dhaka. At the Dhalpur area of Jatrabari, we're told that community leaders were warned by the Jatrabari Police Station not to disobey the instructions of the DSCC or hold any protest publicly, essentially depriving them of their democratic rights. This is quite alarming. We understand that the DSCC is within its rights to reclaim occupied land, but it must be sensible in such cases. Eviction without rehabilitation is not the way to go.

We, therefore, urge the authorities to reconsider their plan so that Telegu workers in DSCC's employ, as well as their families, are safely rehabilitated before any eviction is carried out. They must also take steps to ensure that this marginalised community is not left behind in our drive for development.

Can Bangladesh get out of the Adani power deal?



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KAMAL AHMED

As Indian billionaire Gautam Adani's business empire and its practices have become a subject of intense global scrutiny, Bangladesh, too, seems to be drawn under the scanner. More and more experts are now coming out questioning the rationale behind Bangladesh's power purchase deal with Adani Power (Jharkhand) Limited (APJL), which many of them have termed as “one-sided” and against Bangladesh's interests. Amid such controversy, Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, adviser to the prime minister on energy, while responding to questions from the Indian media recently, said talks with the Adani Group on power supply were “private” and “can't be made public.”

It's unclear whether the prime minister's energy adviser meant commercial secrecy of the deal or the political compulsion alleged by *The Washington Post* in a report on December 9, 2022. The question of commercial secrecy is no longer a valid argument, since a number of news organisations have obtained a copy of the contract and experts have published detailed analysis of it. Reviewing the Adani contract, *The Washington Post* suggested that though the deal appeared unfavourable, not signing it was not an option for political reasons.

Surprisingly, the Bangladesh government did not respond to the newspaper's request for comments or protest its suggestions after the story was published. This policy of secrecy seems to be maintained strictly, as the government refrains from contesting the claims in the local press that the APJL will be paid almost double the purchase price of power compared to that paid to Bangladeshi producers, and three times the price of power imported from other sources in India at present. These price comparisons are crucial as the import of Adani power is in addition to the existing overcapacity.

Last week, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in his speech in Lok Sabha, made similar suggestions when he questioned why Prime Minister Narendra Modi's deal for selling power to Bangladesh became a deal between Bangladesh and the Adani



VISUAL: TEENI AND TUNI

Group. Rahul Gandhi's attack on Modi's relationship with Adani is nothing new. What's new, though, is the timing as the Adani Group's share values and fortune have been bleeding heavily following the allegations of widespread fraud and irregularities by the well-known activist investment firm Hindenburg Research. Hindenburg called it “the largest con in corporate history.”

Before all this media brouhaha, another serious research pointed out the flaw in the contract and put out a figure of more than USD one billion that Adani would be getting from Bangladesh over its 25-year term. In a joint study, published in June 2022, the Bangladesh Working Group on External Debt (BWGED) and Growthwatch, a voluntary research and advocacy institution in India, said the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) would have to pay a maximum of USD 1.17 billion and a minimum of USD 918.18 million per year to buy electricity from Adani Group's Godda Power Plant. Of this amount, USD 423.29 million is the capacity charge per year, which amounts to USD 11.01 billion over its lifetime, which will only benefit the billionaire Adani Group to make more money.

According to India's Guidelines on Cross Border Trade of Electricity, coal-fired power plants owned by private companies would only be allowed to export electricity if they had surplus capacity. AdaniWatch says India still doesn't have power surplus, and bending the rules by the state of Jharkhand to exempt Adani may not be legal.

It then adds that Adani's inclusion of costs that appear to be non-existent may allow Bangladesh to claim the deal invalid, too. According to the report, under the contract, the BPDB will have to pay a reference tariff that includes excise duty, customs duty for imported goods, service tax, krishi kallyan tax, central sales tax, VAT on equipment, composite tax on civil construction, work contract tax, construction workers' welfare fees, water charges, and income tax. But four and a half months before the contract was signed, the Indian government rolled out a comprehensive Goods and Services Tax regime, replacing almost all those state and centre taxes. Then again in 2019, 15 months after signing the contract, the Godda Power Plant project was declared a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), granting them a lot of tax exemptions. Documents

that APJL must inform BPDB of any changes in law that might affect these assumptions within 30 days of such an occurrence, and any variation shall be adjusted in the reference capacity price.” Clearly, the PPA was signed without informing the BPDB about the changes that hugely cut APJL's tax liabilities. AdaniWatch asks whether these changes were notified to the other contracting party, and if it wasn't, the agreement may be legally voided by the BPDB for breach of contract.

There's scant public debate in Bangladesh over such a costly blunder, compared to foreign observers and media, despite the fact that it will be the Bangladeshi consumers who will have to carry the burden. Adani Power Ltd, on February 3, 2023, informed the National Stock Exchange of India that its subsidiary APJL had received a request from the BPDB to consider a discount on the energy charge as per the PPA, adding that no PPA amendment was under consideration. This latest development suggests that the BPDB might do well by demanding scrapping the contract for the deliberate breach by Adani to take undue advantage. Or else questions of political compulsion would prove hard to dispel.

Taxing air travel could fund climate victims

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SALEEMUL HUQ and MIZAN R KHAN

Last year, the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) for climate change agreed to establish a loss and damage (L&D) finance facility to support the recovery from loss and damage caused by the increasing impacts of climate change. The decision to establish an L&D fund can be regarded as just a political win; it is not a climate win yet.

COP27 established a 24-member Transitional Committee to develop a framework to operationalise the L&D facility, to be adopted at COP28 in Dubai this year. The framework is expected to include the approaches, modalities and sources to capitalise this finance facility.

A number of funding proposals have been made by different parties and agencies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), including the G20 Ministers and the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Group on Climate Financing, over the last 15 years. They included new and innovative avenues such as financial transaction tax, air passenger levy, levy on military expenditures, etc. This is because public financing from developed countries will never be sufficient for

this purpose. Funding mechanisms that are independent of public treasuries of the developed countries can substantially complement the mobilisation of L&D funds.

The COP27 decision also indicates exploring innovative financing options. However, the current international environment is not very conducive for minimum public financing because of the global pandemic fallout as well as the ongoing war in Ukraine. The procrastination of politicking to mobilise the long-pledged USD 100 billion support is a case in point.

The LDCs also made a proposal at COP14 back in 2008 for a modest international air passenger adaptation levy (IAPAL). The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) also proposed a multi-window facility focusing on insurance and rehabilitation schemes. But neither of these suggestions were accepted by the UNFCCC negotiators. There was some opposition from some developing countries, including the SIDS, that a levy on air travel would likely impact the tourism industry negatively, which is the main source of external revenues for many of those countries.

It may be mentioned that the foundational principle for addressing climate impacts remains Article 3.1 of the UNFCCC: the common but differentiated responsibility based on respective capabilities (CBDR-RC). This principle implicitly implies the polluter pays-principle (PPP), which should be the cardinal basis of mobilising money to address climate change impacts. The climate regime

is based on the neoliberal market-based economic system. However, the most fundamental of solutions under this very system lies in internalising the emission externalities that cause climate change. This is being applied by many countries, both developed and developing, in the form of carbon pricing – either through imposing a tax or emissions trading. The number of these schemes at present is well over 70 globally.

While these instruments are applied nationally, there are still no schemes at the international level to tax the externalities. The reason is, unlike solid waste, air pollution does not stay put within national borders. Now that there is an agreement on an L&D facility, interests are renewed at the policy and academic levels to look for new, extra-budgetary sources of funding. The suggested list includes, among others, a tax on fossil fuel companies, carbon pricing at global level, financial transaction tax, climate damage tax, levies on maritime and air transportation, solidarity payment, taxing billionaires, etc. Among all these, levies on maritime and air travels are being discussed very actively.

In this context, the proposal for international air passenger levy could be revisited. Air travel has changed a lot since the proposal was tabled in 2008, including the factors that determine the volume of air travel. Flying now includes a whole gamut of factors, such as historic heritage and entertainment facilities at destinations, volume of business travel, cost of accommodation at destinations, food costs, internal

transport facilities, security-related issues and other charges imposed on travellers. So, demand for flying is not affected just by a little hike in ticket pricing.

In the last 15 years, average income across the world has risen significantly, including in developing countries. This and the enhanced demand for tourism are likely to cancel out the possible negative impact on the demand due to a little price hike. Also, the earlier opposition by the LDCs and SIDS against this levy may not hold now, in view of a sense of solidarity among the UNFCCC parties to mobilise fundings for an L&D facility.

So, we renew the proposal to revive the IAPAL in this changing context of global political-economic environment and the rising sense of climate emergency. The earlier proposal quantified the total revenue generation of around USD 10 billion, based on the levies of USD 4 and USD 40 on economy class and business/first class, respectively. The proposal warrants substantial research to look into the latest developments in air travel and the potential of mobilising new money for the L&D facility from this particular sector. Different scenarios may be developed under different levels of levies.

With this perspective, the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) has undertaken a study on reviving the IAPAL proposal as a source of capitalising the loss and damage financing facility, the findings of which will be shared with a wide range of stakeholders well ahead of COP28.

'Don't you dare name any names'



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He was rudely awakened at four in the morning. Dragged to a "torture room" on the second floor of his dormitory, he saw two others in the room, already beaten up. Now there were four of them, and 15-20 others waiting to torture them.

Soon enough, they attacked the four with stumps, pipes, and sticks, beating them mercilessly. All four were severely wounded. One of the injured fell ill, and was urgently taken to the emergency ward. Once he received the treatment he needed, they took him back to his room.

No, this is not the description of something happening at a concentration camp. The incident narrated above took place at a residential dormitory of a renowned medical college in Bangladesh – a premium institution where meritorious students come from all over the country to compete for a place every year.

This incident happened at Chattogram Medical College (CMC), to four of its students, over two days last week. Two of them are admitted at the intensive care unit (ICU) at the moment.

The four students in question are allegedly members of Islami Chhatra Shibir. Those who tortured them belong to Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the ruling party.

This incident painfully echoes what happened to another student at another renowned educational institution in the country more than three years ago. Abrar Fahad, a student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), was similarly taken to a "torture room" in his dormitory and brutally beaten up – so much so that he died from his injuries. The only difference between these two incidents is that none of the CMC students have died from the torture – yet.

We live in such a country these days that incidents like these only cause a slight uproar in the media. That media uproar at times spills over to different segments of society. In the face of such reactions, the government acts as though such an incident is first of its kind in the country, and steps are taken to bring the perpetrators to book. In some cases, the BCL leadership hurriedly kicks their accused members out, in others, they stand beside them.

Abrar's murder in 2019 sparked a massive uproar across the country. But since these four CMC students are still alive, we are not seeing much of a reaction. Chances are all four will make full recovery, and life will go on. As if what happened to them is not out of the ordinary. As if it is just a mistake that some BCL members made.



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A mural painted in protest of Abrar Fahad's murder in Dhaka.

Police say they heard these students might have been tortured, but they don't know who did it. The CMC authorities gave a similar statement at first, but now they have formed a probe committee to look into the incident.

It is better not to comment on the proceedings of such probe committees in Bangladesh.

Abrar Fahad was also accused of being a "Shibir" activist.

The same allegation was raised against these four CMC students, based on the fact that they taught classes at Retina medical admission coaching centre, and Retina is controlled by Shibir.

Now, none of the Shibir-controlled establishments are illegal in Bangladesh – their operations are running without any

hassle. If someone works at such an establishment, can they be labelled as a Shibir activist? Does that allow BCL men to torture them?

Many leaders of the Awami League, BCL's parent organisation, have participated in talk shows organised by Diganta TV, which is owned by Jamaat-e-Islami. Did doing so turned those Awami League leaders into Jamaat followers? When the Islami Bank was still under Jamaat's control, many people associated with the ruling party took loans from the bank. Did they all become "Jamaati"?

A more fundamental question is: even if those four CMC students are affiliated with Shibir, is the BCL supposed to deal with them with such

violence? Who gave BCL the authority – the medical college administration, the law enforcement, the home ministry, or the government?

We don't have the answer.

Chhatra League has every right to oppose Chhatra Shibir's political activities. Said opposition can also lead to conflicts sometimes – this is not anything unusual.

But does that allow the right to brutally torture someone – that, too, merely on suspicion of Shibir links? Does the BCL have that right?

Unfortunately, BCL members have started believing that they do have that right.

It needs mentioning that at the CMC, a bloody clash took place between two factions of Chhatra League on October 30, 2021. One

injured in that clash, his skull bashed in. Hopefully, we haven't completely forgotten that incident.

After that incident, it was announced that BCL's political activities would be shut down at the CMC. However, BCL leaders and activists continued their business as usual. The torture of those four students was led by BCL leader Avijit Das, who heads the faction that follows Deputy Education Minister Nowfel, as per media reports. Das told reporters that those four students were Shibir activists, and that is why they were "questioned," not tortured.

Just think about it. A mere "questioning" sent two of those students to the ICU. The ordeal didn't end there. BCL leaders and activists forcibly entered the ICU and threatened the two ailing students. They said, "You are comfortable here [in the ICU]. We didn't beat you much, and yet you are creating drama out of it. Don't you dare name any names" (Ajker Potrika, February 12, 2023).

It is as if the general students' fate has been sealed: they must endure BCL torture in order to continue with their studies. And keep counting days till their degree work is over, seeking divine protection. This is now the scenario of BCL-controlled educational institutes.

University administrations, law enforcement agencies – all are patrons of Chhatra League. There is no one out there who can keep them from criminal acts, nor to punish them when they do indulge in such acts.

Translated by Mohammed Ishtiaque Khan.

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- পায়ার রিভিউড স্নাতক জার্নালে কমপক্ষে দুইটি গবেষণামূলক প্রবন্ধ প্রকাশিত হতে হবে। এমফিল/এমএস ডিগ্রিসহ একটি প্রকাশিত প্রবন্ধ থাকা আবেদনকারীগণ আবেদন করার যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবেন।
- একই প্রোগ্রামে যে কোনো বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে নিবন্ধিত গবেষকগণ ভর্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন না।

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Celebrities ponder

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Chanchal Chowdhury

Jaya Ahsan

Pori Moni

The colours of love is different for many people- some call it 'blue', others call it 'red'. To me, love is the most beautiful, pure, and sweetest thing in the world. I am alive because



love exists. My whole world revolves around my son, Rajya, and my husband, Razz. Their existence makes me feel complete, as they are my heart and soul. Everything has a polar opposite side but love is something that has no alternatives. Its route only directs us towards happiness and positivity. May love reign forever in our hearts.

Sohana Saba

The one who has love, has the whole world. You really don't need anything if you have love. Each and everyone of us expect to be loved and cherished by others. It is such a sacred feeling. People can make mistakes, but you can't find fault in love. If someone pursues you ardently, then your whole life will be full of rainbows.



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and butterflies. In my eyes, love means love for everyone - parents, family, and friends. There can also be love for an animal.

Ferdous

The definition of love is different for me—my love for my parents cannot be measured in words, it's just something that is ingrained into my blood. However, my love for my in-laws is something that I really cherish a lot as they take care of me like their own son. Love is like a vast ocean. I also love my wife and my children dearly, as they make my life complete. Nowadays, most people look down on Valentine's Day, but I think it's such a wonderful occasion. Let us celebrate love, as it's something that drives the whole world.

Season 16 of the popular reality show **Bigg Boss** closed out with a bang, as the show's grand finale had millions of fans on the edge of their seats, waiting to see if their favourite contestant would be taking home the grand prize.

The last episode of the show featured five contestants: Priyanka Chahar Choudhary, Shiv Thakare, Shalin Bhanot, Archana Gautam, and MC Stan. The episode was kicked-off by Salman Khan.

As millions held their breath, it was announced that the winner of **Bigg Boss 16** is MC Stan, leaving everyone who voted for the young rapper to be overcome with joy.

Amidst the objections made by Salman Shah's family, the release of Hoichoi's new web-series, ***Buker Moddhe Agun***—which is reportedly based on the mysterious demise of the Dhallywood star—has been postponed. Initially, the series was supposed to be released on February 17.

As of now, the new release date has not been announced for the web-series. Earlier Salman Shah's uncle, Alamgir Kumkum, sent a legal notice on February 6, through Sylhet Judge Court lawyer, Mohammad Moinul Islam, to the makers of the series.

Additionally, Salman Shah's mother, Nilufar Chowdhury, filed a writ petition in the High Court, through lawyer Farooq Ahmed, requesting that the series be halted. In this writ petition, she also requested a complete ban on the production of songs, dramas, movies, and web-series related to Salman Shah.

The series features Ziaul Faruq Apurba, Tariq Anam Khan, Yash Rohan, Gazi Rakayet, Tauquir Ahmed, Tama Mirza and Shahnaz Sumi, among others.





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Local impact gives selectors food for thought

SPORTS REPORTER

Despite a wide range of controversy and criticism, the shining light of the ongoing Bangladesh Premeir League has been its ability to produce exciting cricket, especially from local cricketers.

The top five run-getters in the BPL so far are local players, three of whom are eyeing a place in the national team. Local bowlers are also leading the way, comprising three of the top five wicket-takers.

“We have to give credit to the curators of the three venues in Dhaka, Chattogram and Sylhet. We were able to witness some exciting cricket because of good pitches. The standard of cricket was good so we are satisfied,” former Bangladesh captain and selector Habibul Bashar told The Daily Star yesterday.

“Batters performed well and we witnessed some extraordinary batting while also seeing some good spells from bowlers. Overall, this BPL has been really good in terms of the standard of the cricket.”

Consistent performances from some young and emerging talents must also have been a breath of fresh air for selectors, who must consider performance before announcing the squad for the white-ball home series against England next month.

Among that crop, Towhid Hridoy has been a revelation. The right-hander showed great consistency by scoring 378 runs in 10 games at a strike rate of 145.38. He also recorded five fifties to place himself firmly among the contenders to make the squad for the England series.



“The transformation in his batting has been terrific, but if I talk about performance, he actually scored runs everywhere. We went to Chennai with a BCB XI and he played some match-winning knocks. He has been scoring runs consistently for the past two years but he batted totally differently in this BPL and it was outstanding. It was surprising to see his approach to scoring. This time he looks very confident,” Bashar said.

Although Hridoy's chance of making it to the ODI side are slim, selectors could consider the batter for the T20I series, especially as Soumya Sarkar and Yasir Ali have endured an extended lean patch since the last ICC T20 World Cup in Australia.

“We consider those who perform well and we try to provide a platform for them. There won't be an exception this time,” Bashar concluded.

The first of the three-match ODI series against England at home is scheduled to take place on March 1 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. Selectors will announce the squad for the ODI series, which is also a part of the ODI Super League, right after the conclusion of the Bangladesh Premier League on February 7.

The England series is also set to be the first assignment for Chandika Hathurusingha, the newly-appointed head coach of Bangladesh.



Even though PSG had a host of injury concerns involving a number of their star players like Kylian Mbappe, Lionel Messi and Marco Verratti, all of these players, including Neymar, turned up for training on Monday ahead of their crucial Champions League last-16 first leg against Bayern Munich at Parc des Princes today.

PHOTO: AFP

‘The team that can absorb the pressure will prevail’

SPORTS REPORTER

Sylhet Strikers skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza couldn't quite inspire his team to a win against Comilla Victorians in Qualifier 1 but by virtue of a top-two finish in the league stage of the Bangladesh Premier League, his side, who dominated for most part of the tournament so far, face an upbeat Rangpur Riders in the second qualifier in Mirpur today in a bid to book a spot in the final.

Sylhet were the first team to guarantee qualification to the playoffs and were also the first to cement a spot in the qualifiers as they finished top of the table in the league stage.

But on Sunday, they were undone in the first qualifier by a star-studded Comilla Victorians,

who extended their winning run to 10 matches.

Wicketkeeper Mushfiquur Rahim fluffed three chances in the game, the veteran dropped two catches and also missed a stumping opportunity to make it easier for Comilla. Also, Sylhet's in-form batting line-up that includes three of the top run-getters in the tournament – Najmul Hossain Shanto, Towhid Hridoy, and Zakir Hasan – faltered in the important match.

It also does not bode well for Mashrafe's side considering the fact that they lost both of their league-phase matches against Rangpur by comprehensive margins.

Rangpur, on the other hand, go into the contest with the confidence of having knocked out title aspirants Fortune Barishal.

Rangpur had performances come through for them at the right time. Shamim Hossain's highest T20 score of 70 on Sunday against Barishal couldn't have come at a better time as it laid the foundation for their successful chase.

Rangpur mentor Mohammad Rafique believes that the side that can curtail the number of mistakes will have the upper hand in a knockout situation.

“We want to play our usual game, the kind of cricket that we have played in the tournament so far. But it's a knockout game. No matter how much we plan for it, we do feel the pressure. Whoever can absorb the pressure down, it'll be more beneficial for them. The biggest thing will be to cut down on the number of mistakes which we made in the last game,” Rafique said.

Morgan calls it quits

REUTERS

England's 2019 World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan announced his retirement from all forms of cricket aged 36 on Monday, bringing the curtain down on a career studded with short-form success.

Former white-ball captain Morgan, who bowed out of the international game last June, led England to 50-over World Cup glory on home soil and the top of the one-day and Twenty20 rankings.

Morgan captained England in 126 ODIs and 72 T20s, registering 118 wins as skipper across the two formats.

“After much deliberation, I believe now is the right time to step away,” Morgan said in a statement on Twitter.

“Since my retirement from international cricket, I have been able to spend more time with my loved ones, and I look forward to being able to do so more and more in the future.”

Dublin-born Morgan made his ODI debut aged 16 with Ireland before he was called up by England in 2009.

He played 248 ODIs and 115 T20Is, scoring 10,159 runs in total, and scored 700 runs in 16 Tests.

Bangladesh to host Brunei, Seychelles

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has decided to host a tri-nation football tournament in March's FIFA window where Bangladesh will play against Brunei and Seychelles as part of providing platform for the national team for play international matches in FIFA window.

The tournament will take place between March 20 and 28 in Sylhet.

All three teams belong in the lower-tier of FIFA rankings: Brunei (190), Bangladesh (192) and Seychelles (199). The tournament will be held in single league format with top point-getters emerging as champions.

“We have already sent letter to FIFA to get approval for the trination tournament. We are taking preparation to hold it in Sylhet,” BFF vice-president Kazi Nabil Ahmed said in a video message after an online meeting.

“The training camp of the national team will be held in Dhaka and Sylhet a few days after the completion of the first phase of Bangladesh Premier League,” Nabil added.

VANGUARD AML RUPALI BANK BALANCED FUND			
Trustee: Investment Corporation of Bangladesh		Asset Manager: Vanguard Asset Management Limited	
Asset Manager		Sponsor	
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022	
	31 Dec. 2022	31 Dec. 2021	
	Taka	Taka	
Assets			
Non-Current Asset:			
Investments in securities at market price	1,289,084,640	1,535,945,942	
Issue and formation expenses	17,273,985	21,736,768	
	1,306,358,625	1,557,682,711	
Current Asset:			
Other receivables	20,179,496	14,781,434	
Deposits and prepayments	2,320,516	4,187,544	
Cash and cash equivalents	303,544,247	329,080,387	
	326,044,259	348,052,365	
Total Assets	1,632,400,884	1,905,735,076	
Equity & Liabilities			
Equity:			
Capital fund	1,587,450,000	1,587,450,000	
Unrealized Gain	-	104,586,796	
Retained earnings	35,514,974	206,038,694	
	1,622,964,974	1,898,075,490	
Liabilities:			
Accounts payables	9,247,312	7,579,366	
Unclaimed dividend account	188,598	80,220	
	9,435,910	7,659,587	
Total Equity & Liabilities	1,632,400,884	1,905,735,076	
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Unit:			
At Cost	10.72	11.30	
At Market Price	10.22	11.96	
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022			
	2022	2021	
	Taka	Taka	
A. Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Interest income realized in cash	15,576,883	15,378,187	
Profit income bond realized in cash	2,320,000	-	
Dividend income - received in cash	47,758,024	41,790,501	
Deposits and prepayments	(3,855,279)	(3,085,360)	
Payment made for expenses	(28,762,468)	(30,808,787)	
Net cash flows from operating activities	33,037,160	23,274,541	
B. Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of shares from secondary market	(184,990,279)	(960,551,027)	
Investment in Bond	(10,000,000)	(30,000,000)	
Investment in IPO	(36,366,090)	(47,410,590)	
Investment in IPO Refund	46,516,100	-	
Proceeds from sale of shares in secondary market	284,903,592	893,845,339	
Net cash used in investing activities	100,063,323	(144,117,077)	
C. Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Payment of Dividend	(158,636,622)	(25,349,749)	
Net cash used in / flows from financing activities	(158,636,622)	(25,349,749)	
Net cash flows (A+B+C)	(25,536,140)	(146,192,285)	
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	329,080,387	475,272,673	
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	303,544,247	329,080,387	
Net operating cash flow per unit	0.21	0.15	
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Full version of the Financial Statements are also available in the website of the Asset Manager. Website: www.vanguardaml.com			

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022				
Particulars	Capital Fund	Retained Earnings	Unrealized Gain	Total Equity
Balance as on 01 January 2021	1,587,450,000	25,784,312	-	1,613,234,312
Dividend declared	-	(25,399,200)	-	(25,399,200)
Net profit for the year	-	205,653,582	-	205,653,582
Unrealized Gain	-	-	104,586,796	104,586,796
Balance at 31 December 2021	1,587,450,000	206,038,694	104,586,796	1,898,075,490
Balance as at 01 January 2022	1,587,450,000	206,038,694	104,586,796	1,898,075,490
Dividend declared	-	(158,745,000)	-	(158,745,000)
Net profit for the year	-	(11,778,719)	-	(11,778,719)
Unrealized Gain	-	-	(104,586,796)	(104,586,796)
Balance at 31 December 2022	1,587,450,000	35,514,974	-	1,622,964,974
Notes: 1. The Trustee Committee has declared No Cash Dividend (i.e. Tk. 0.00 per unit) considering the Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2022, meeting held on 13 February 2023 and decided the Record Date 07 March 2023.				
2. Earning per unit for both the years have been calculated based on the number of outstanding Units for the year ended 31 December 2022.				
-SD, Trustee Investment Corporation of Bangladesh				
-SD, Auditor Zaha Zaman Kabir Rashid & Co.				
-SD, Asset Manager Vanguard Asset Mgt. Ltd.				

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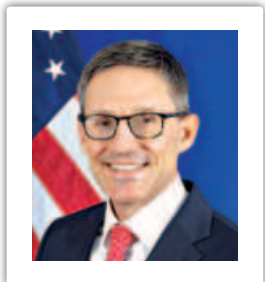


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2 top officials from US, India fly in today



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Two high-level foreign officials – US State Department Counselor Derek Chollet and Indian Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra – are expected to arrive in Dhaka today.

While Chollet's visit may prominently feature the Rohingya crisis and promoting democracy in Myanmar, Kwatra will hold the foreign office consultation to discuss bilateral relations ahead of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi to attend the G20 Summit in September, said diplomatic sources.

During his two-day visit, Chollet, an official of the rank of an under-secretary, will meet Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen. He is expected to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Chollet's visit comes on the heels of a series of senior US

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LNG SPOT PURCHASE

Another cargo on way at lesser price

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Bangladesh has ramped up its activity in the international spot market for liquefied natural gas after the recess of seven months, purchasing yet another cargo in a space of two weeks as the government looks to ensure adequate supply ahead of Ramadan and the summer months.

The country depends on imported natural gas for about three-quarters of its power generation, but was forced to ration gas supplies last year as global prices were driven up by Russia's war in Ukraine.

Since the start of the year, LNG prices plunged more than 70 percent from August's record \$70 MMBtu on slower demand and high inventory levels in Europe and North Asia.

This along with the forthcoming summer and irrigation season means the government is active in the spot LNG market once again, issuing tenders regularly.

Japanese JERA offered to supply a cargo to state-owned Rupantarita Prakritik Gas (RPGCL) at about \$16.5 per Million British Thermal Units (MMBtu) in a tender that closed on Sunday, according to officials of Petrobangla, which is in charge of LNG imports.

The offer from JERA, a major LNG reseller, is the lowest received.

The LNG cargo of 33,600 MMBtu would be delivered between March 10 and 11.

JERA's tender would be placed for approval at the next meeting of the cabinet committee on purchase.

Two weeks earlier, RPGCL had purchased one LNG cargo from French TotalEnergies for delivery in late February.

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Women browsing flowers at a shop in the capital's Shahbagh on the eve of Pahela Falgun, the first day of spring, yesterday. Flower shops were busy making bouquets and garlands for buyers who came by, but the sale was very low due to high prices. Pahela Falgun coincides with Valentine's Day.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Sarah showed the way

VC of BSMMU, 6 others sign up for organ donation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven people, including Vice-Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Prof Sharfuiddin Ahmed, have announced that they would donate their organs after death, following in the footsteps of Sarah Islam – the first cadaveric organ donor in the country.

They have officially signed up for this at a reception yesterday for those involved in the first cadaveric organ transplant process at the BSMMU.

After the event, Prof Sharfuiddin and Shobnam Sultana, mother of Sarah Islam, inaugurated the "Sarah Islam Cadaveric Transplant Cell" at the hospital.

Presiding over the event, Sharfuiddin said, "Sarah

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A path not often taken

Patuakhali farmer sells land to build road for fellow villagers



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A thoughtful farmer in Patuakhali came up with the wonderful idea to construct a 1,400-foot road in the Kalapara upazila to make it easier for his fellow villagers to commute.

Kamal Hossain, of Kumirpara village, sold 30 decimals of land for Tk 7 lakh to come up with the money to execute his plan.

With the help of local labourers, he

was able to recently finish constructing the mud road in just 15 days.

He decided to take the initiative as people of his village, including farmers and students, previously had to travel on a low and narrow road to get to the upazila town. Besides, during the rainy season, the road used to get submerged under the Andharmanik river's tidal surge.

While around 250 families in

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Man dies of Nipah virus at DMCH

So far, 8 people died this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 22-year-old youth from Narsingdi, who was infected with the Nipah virus, died yesterday while undergoing treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Shah Alam breathed his last at the hospital's emergency department around 8:00pm, DMCH Director Brigadier General Nazmul Haque told The Daily Star.

The patient was admitted to the hospital on Friday with a fever.

As his condition deteriorated, doctors suggested a Nipah virus test and it came out positive yesterday evening. He died shortly afterwards.

Shah Alam used to live in Raipura upazila's Shibpur area with his family.

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New structures found at Mayan site in Mexico

CNN ONLINE



Archaeologists have revealed a group of structures discovered at the famed Mayan Chichen Itza archaeological site in Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, believed to have been part of a housing complex inhabited by the elite of the sacred city founded in the 5th Century AD.

Archaeologist Francisco Perez

Ruiz said there were no known residential groups in Chichen Itza, meaning the housing complex would represent "the first residential group where a ruler lived with his entire family."

The area, known as Chichen Viejo, is expected to be integrated in the near future into the visitor area of the Chichen Itza archaeological site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The newly discovered complex includes the entrance arch, the House of the Snails, the House of the Moon, and the so-called Palace of the Phalluses.

Researchers from the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) hope that this area and those yet to be uncovered can provide

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The mangled remains of a CNG-run autorickshaw after it collided head-on with a truck on Joypurhat-Bogura regional highway in Joypurhat's Khetlal yesterday morning. Five passengers of the three-wheeler died in the crash. Bottom, a truck skidded off and overturned beside Cox's Bazar-Teknaf Marine Drive on Sunday night, killing a man.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Road crash claims 5 lives in Joypurhat

3 more killed in Cox's Bazar

STAR REPORT

At least five people were killed and another was critically injured when a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a truck in Joypurhat's Khetlal upazila yesterday.

Amjad Hossain, 50, Sirajul Islam, 60, Shahnaaj Parvin, 50, and Nafiz Hossain, 20, were all residents of the upazila.

Nafiz was driving the CNG-run auto-rickshaw, while the others were the passengers, police said.

Quoting witnesses, police said the CNG-run auto-rickshaw was travelling from Joypurhat town to Khetlal upazila in the morning. Upon reaching Malipara area of Khetlal municipality, it collided with a speeding truck coming from the opposite direction.

Two people died on the spot, said Razibul Islam,

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