

Golam Rasul's death anniv

STAR REPORT

Today is the 17th death anniversary of Golam Rasul Mallick, a freedom fighter and founding editor of Eastern News Agency (ENA), said a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and food distribution programme will be held after the Asr prayers at his residence.

During the Liberation War, he launched ENA as a Bangladeshi journalist.

He was elected chairman of Commonwealth Press Union, Bangladesh wing for three times and was the first member of Press Institute Bangladesh.

It will undermine

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and enforce the law properly.

Nurul Mohammad Mazumder, chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, emphasised the use of standard helmets as bikes are involved in more than 40 percent of road crashes in recent time.

Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri said the government is working to reduce 50 percent of road crashes by 2030.

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People have no interest in city polls: Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said people have no interest in the city polls being held under the Election Commission, which is regulated by the government.

Speaking at a discussion, he also feared that the upcoming elections to the five city corporations will be stage-managed.

"Arif (Ariful Haque Chowdhury) is a very popular two-time mayor in Sylhet and the people of Sylhet want to see him as mayor again. In a public meeting, Arif yesterday (Saturday) said this election will never be accepted as the government has made a blueprint. So, there is no point in going to this election as it will be meaningless," Quader said.

Fakhrul said the government has taken the election system to such a situation that ruling the party's alliance partner and Workers Party President, Rashed Khan Menon, said a few days back that they do not want "planned" elections.

BNP's ploy to foil polls will be resisted

Says Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said if BNP wants to foil the upcoming general elections, it will be resisted.

If BNP wants to disrupt the elections without joining it, the party will be resisted with the help of people. The ruling party will no longer respond to BNP by holding peace rallies, rather BNP must be resisted from the union level to central level," Quader told a rally.

Dhaka north city unit of Awami League arranged the "peace rally" in front of the Science Museum at Agargaon.

Quader said the plot BNP is hatching, is against the spirit of Liberation War.

"We have held many peace rallies. We will ask Awami League leaders and workers not to hold peace rallies anymore... The dens of killers and evil forces should be dismantled," Quader said.

Azmat promises

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stands and terminals, and improved rail service.

He also assured regular monitoring to safeguard workers' rights and safety.

Azmat also emphasised the importance of ensuring civil facilities for slum dwellers in Gazipur city and providing free health cards to workers, slum dwellers, and those in need.

Other significant pledges in his manifesto

Recognise the 1971

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been numerous lesser-known genocides that have taken place in various countries. According to him, recognising the genocide is crucial in raising awareness about the atrocities faced by the people of the country, ensuring punishment of the perpetrators, and preventing the occurrence of such genocides in the future.

When asked about the timeline for achieving recognition of the genocide, Bommel said, "Discussions about the genocide in Bangladesh are ongoing in the US, the UK and the European Union. I don't think it's going to take 100 years... International recognition will be obtained in the next few years. It may take some years, not decades."

Mentioning that Bangladesh continues to suffer due to the mass killings, Prof. Antonius Holslag of Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam, said the recognition of genocide is significant beyond the political recognition.

Chris Blackburn,

communications director at Swiss Interstry Group based in Zurich, said their mission is to understand the story of the Bangladesh genocide and share it with the world.

Presided over by Farida Yeasmin, president of the Jatiya Press Club, the event was also addressed by Aroma Dutta, an Awami League lawmaker (reserved Seat-II); Bikash Chowdhury Barua, chairman of Basug Diaspora and Development, based in the Netherlands, Germany, and Bangladesh; and Ansar Ahmed Ullah, co-president of EBF and a community leader residing in the UK.

They violated

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Contacted, Shaikh Jahidur Rahman, spokesperson of Chevron Bangladesh, sent a statement of the company. "Any employment concerns involving the contractors' personnel are matters between the personnel and their employer, the third-party contractors," the statement wrote.

315 extremists surrender with firearms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A total of 315 extremists surrendered along with their firearms in Sirajganj yesterday.

The surrendered are from Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogura, Tangail, Kustia, Rajbari and the adjoining districts.

They surrendered to Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal during a programme at Rab-12 headquarters in Solonga, Sirajganj. They handed over a total of around 219 firearms on the occasion.

Welcoming the surrendered persons to the new life, the home minister assured them of rehabilitation.

The event chaired by M Khurshid Hossain, director general of Rab.

Earlier in 2019, over 500 extremists surrendered to the law enforcers.



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Will continue

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to the concerns of the citizens, but unfortunately, he fails to do so."

Amirul Rajiv, coordinator of the platform, said, "The DSCC officials left without giving us any concrete promises.

"Therefore, we will continue our movement," Rajiv added.

Shireen Huq, one of the founding members of Naripokkho, commented, "The mayor has a responsibility to listen

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Why am I being

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am I being tortured so much? Will justice not be served about this?"

The press conference was called in response to the attack on her motorcade that occurred on Saturday in the Tongi Railgate area.

"Each time we visited Tongi, we came under attack," she claimed.

Zaida requested prayers for her well-being until May 25, the day of the election, and called upon the government and the Election

Commission to ensure a fair electoral process.

During the press conference, Zahangir, the chief coordinator of her mother's campaign, strongly condemned the attacks on Zaida and their team.

On being summoned by the Anti Corruption Commission, Zahangir stated that he had sought time from the ACC and questioned the implications of the summons being so close to the election day.

Zaida's father Abul Hasnat Abdulla, on the other hand, was made the chief of one of the committees – a 31-member advisory body. He is also the lawmaker for Barishal-1 constituency.

Uncle-nephew

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members of the zilla parishes from the Barishal division (excluding the Barishal district).

Contacted, Advocate Talukdar Md Yunus, general secretary of the Barishal district unit of AL and a Sadiq Abdulla loyalist, said they were hopeful that all internal conflicts within the Barishal AL will be resolved following the meeting. "We are committed to working in unity for the betterment of Awami League."

The conflict between the two groups intensified when AL-nominated mayoral candidate Khair

Abdullah formed two electioneering committees excluding the incumbent mayor and Barishal City AL General Secretary Serniabat Sadiq Abdulla and his followers.

According to party insiders, individuals from the anti-Sadiq camp who had been denied positions during the past few years have been added to the committees.

Sadiq's father Abul Hasnat Abdulla, on the other hand, was made the chief of one of the committees – a 31-member advisory body. He is also the lawmaker for Barishal-1 constituency.

Allocate more

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to drinking water for children in Bangladesh has increased to 98 percent in 2018 from 68 percent in 1990.

Birth registration has increased to 56 percent in 2019 from 10 percent in 2001, whereas stunting decreased to 28 percent in 2019 from 42 percent in 2013.

Also, under-five mortality dropped to 28 per 1,000 live births in 2020 from 82 in 2001. Net enrolment in primary education increased to 97.4 percent in 2021 from 61.2 percent in 1987.

Moreover, the percentage of children fully vaccinated by age of 12 months has increased to 83.9 in 2019 from 52 in 2001.

On the other hand, lockdowns impacted children's learning and well-being amid the pandemic with education of about 37 million children

was severely disrupted.

Also, poverty rate is higher for households with children (31.2 percent) than households without children (24.3 percent) while 75 percent of secondary graduates did not attain basic competencies in 2021.

Moreover, Bangladesh ranks 15th as per Children's Climate Risk Index-2021.

Ashiq Iqbal, social and economic analysis specialist at Unicef Bangladesh, said while considering allocation for children in the upcoming national budget, the government should put focus on areas like education, universal health coverage, nutrition, child protection, water sanitation, and social protection.

Besides increasing allocation, there is also need for enhancing budget spending capacities of different ministries, he said.

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1. Hiring of Transport Services and

2. Procurement of Milk Powder and Bread

1. Name of Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2. Procuring Entity	icddr,b
3. Invitation for Tender	Services and Goods
4. Invitation Ref. No.	icddr,b/SCM/GoB/OTM/Pkg-015; Pkg-016 & Pkg-017/2022-23
5. Date	22-05-2023
KEY INFORMATION:	
6. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (National)
FUNDING INFORMATION:	
7. Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget and Government of Bangladesh & other Donors
8. Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION:	
9. Tender Package No.	Pkg-15 to 17/2022-23
10. Tender Package Name	Pkg-015: Hiring of Transport Services- Staff Bus (Scheduled) Pkg-016: Hiring of Transport Services- Microbus, Sedan Car, etc. (Un-Scheduled) Pkg-017: Procurement of Full Cream Milk Powder and various Types of Bread for Hospitals
Date	
11. Tender Publication Date	22-05-2023
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