Mofakhkhar Hussain passes away

STAR REPORT

Mofakhkhar Hussain Khan, a renowned academic, passed away at his Baridhara home in Dhaka on June 10, said a press release.

He is survived by two children and five grandchildren.

Mofakhkhar was a researcher in the field of Library and Information Sciences. His PhD thesis turned book, published by Bangla Academy, The Bengali Book won the best book award in 2002. He was also honoured by Bangla Academy in 2018.

In 1986, Dr MH Khan was appointed professor and librarian of University of Dhaka.

Prof Khan has published more than 100 research articles in both national and international levels. Some of his books include Ekushe Granthopongi Sonkolon, A Dictionary of Librarianship, and Dewey for Islam and Bangladesh.

BAUPHAL IN PATUAKHALI

150 trees felled to widen road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

Around 150 palm and date trees were felled in the past week as part of a project to develop a local earthen road in Patuakhali's Bauphal upazila.

The works are being carried out under the food-for-work programme, following the directive of Kamruzzaman Litu Molla, project president and general secretary of the union's Awami League unit.

Upon visiting the spot, this correspondent saw excavators being used for soil cutting, though the work was supposed to be carried away through manual labour.

The machines have already uprooted 92 palm and 51 date trees on both sides of the road.

According to locals, 14 tonnes of wheat was allocated by the local lawmaker for reconstructing this 2,500-foot road (about a kilometre). The price of the wheat stands to be around Tk 5.88 lakh.

At least 150 trees like this one were felled in Patuakhali's Bauphal upazila recently as part of a road expansion project. PHOTO: STAR

Asked, Kamruzzaman said, "Some trees had to be felled for the reconstruction of this road. We are already done with the works and the roads are now better."

Nayon Mitra, forest officer of Patuakhali Sadar upazila, said, "Palm and date trees work as a natural earthing, preventing deaths and reducing chances of being electrocuted by lightning. Also, we usually advice to plant these trees by the roadsides as it prevents soil erosion."

"Trees cannot be chopped without permission from the authorities concerned. However, no such permission was sought for this project," informed Badiuzzaman Sohag, forest officer of Bauphal.

Zahidul Islam, chairman of Bauphal union parishad, said he did not know about the issue. "At no cost should environment-friendly trees, such as palm and date, be cut down. I will go to the root of this and take measures."

"Kamruzzaman was asked to rebuild the road, not to chop down trees," said Rajib Biswas, project implementation officer of the upazila.

Contacted, Bayezdur Rahman, acting upazila nirbahi officer and assistant commissioner (land), said, "I did not permit him to cut down the trees and honestly, I don't have the right to. The issue will be investigated and action will be taken against the rule breakers."

A long way to go for

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one patient was hospitalised in 2004 and one in January 2005. In 2014, however, these numbers were 15, 7, 2, 0, and 8 from January to May respectively.

Since then, the monthly dengue cases have increased.

This year, the total number of cases is 3,210 (till yesterday), of which 2,022 were from January to May. The number of deaths is 24 so far, while 13 died between January and May, according to DGHS.

Entomologist Prof Kabirul Bashar of Jahangirnagar University, said due to the impact of climate change, Bangladesh's temperature remains favourable for the Aedes mosquito breeding all year round.

A temperature between 20 to 30 degrees Celsius is required for Aedes mosquito breeding.

"We get 20 degrees Celsius temperature even during winter; this is why we are getting dengue cases round the year," he said.

"The number of multi-story buildings and cars have increased significantly since 2014, both of which play a significant role in the spread of dengue during the dry season, as many people wash their vehicles in parking lots, where stagnant water accumulates," said Bashar.

To combat dengue, under-construction building owners must eliminate stagnant water in the basement. They need to use Novaluron pills or oil to preserve basement water.

He said certain areas of Dhaka have water shortages and store water in buckets or drums, contributing to year-round dengue outbreaks.

Bashar advised those who store water in drums or buckets to wash them weekly with detergent to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Entomologist GM Saifur Rahman of National University said the mosquito population has a general tendency to expand progressively.

"The lengthening of our rainy season as a result of global warming is an additional cause of year-round dengue transmission. Last year it rained until November, and this year it rained in January or February, so it wasn't dry for long," he said.

"Seventy to eighty percent of dengue patients are asymptomatic, which remains concealed because their symptoms cannot be observed. These patients are detectable via Sousveillance," he stated.

Laboratory-based active surveillance systems are required, but there are none in Bangladesh, said Saifur.

"If we had this system, we would be able to analyse their blood immediately after a fever and take effective control measures based on the results," he said.

"The government should at least implement laboratory-based active surveillance systems on a limited scale".

He added effective insecticide, surveillance system, and control measures are necessary to control Aedes mosquitoes properly.

In Kolkata they do their monitoring round the year which is absent in Bangladesh, he said.

"In our country, when a dengue case is discovered in a home, the city corporation's mosquito control team conducts a single anti-mosquito campaign. Eggs or larvae of Aedes mosquitoes must be constantly monitored for at least three months in areas where they are discovered. Since not all Aedes mosquito embryos hatch simultaneously," he added.

9 more lives lost

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village in Ranishankoil upazila; and motorcyclist Md Mostafijur Rahman, 45, of Baliadangi.

Initially, a Thakurgaon-bound three-wheeler collided with the human haulier from the opposite direction. Soon after the collision, the motorcycle that got on the road from a lane hit the three-wheeler, leaving Alimuddin dead.

Firefighters and police took the injured to a local health complex. Abul Hossain succumbed to his injuries on way to a hospital while Mostafijur died at M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital.

UNB from Natore adds, a motorcyclist and his wife were killed as a train hit their vehicle on Dodangi level crossing in Lokmanpur area of Bagatipara upazila.

The deceased are Mofijul Islam, 45, and his wife Sabina Begum, 40.

Highway turns dumping zone

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kilometres from the municipality, while it is only about half a kilometer away from the spot where the garbage is currently being dumped, informed Olid Mia, president of Madhabpur Press Club.

Non-biodegradable wastes like polythene get into the nearby agricultural lands and waterbodies, causing serious harm to the area's marine life while degrading the quality of food products, said Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon's Habiganj unit.

Contacted, Habibur Rahman, mayor of Madhabpur municipality, said, "There is no specific place for dumping garbage in the municipality. The DC office has provided us with a place but we have no funds to build it."

Ishrat Jahan, the DC of Habiganj, said, "We have already handed over an NOC [no objection certificate]. The mayor has to reach out to the LGED office to clear the paperwork. We had a similar issue in Habiganj Sadar upazila but they have already started their work after we gave them permission to use the land."

"Paperwork is lengthy and might take a while. However, there are no barriers to start working," she said.

Antibiotic resistance found

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said antimicrobial resistance cannot be prevented by doctors alone.

According to his presentation, 55 percent of poultry products, including chicken, are affected by antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Furthermore, 19 types of antibiotics are used in the fisheries and poultries, without proper prescriptions.

"Consuming these food products can easily make the human body resistant to antibiotics, resulting in ineffective treatment and potential fatality," he said.

He also highlighted the importance of implementing the "One Health Approach" to control the AMR.

Dr Md Nazmul Hossain, associate professor of internal medicine department, echoed the same.

Dr Syeda Anwar, associate professor of microbiology department, stressed on the urgency of introducing antibiotic stewardship at the BSMMU, as there are no new varieties in the pipeline for the future.

Integrate food

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in order to integrate food into urban planning.

Speaking as special guest, DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam urged FAO to continue its activity for the development of all the kitchen markets in Dhaka.

DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh highlighted that his city corporation will strengthen its efforts to ensure access to safe and healthy food for all city dwellers.

FAO Representative to Bangladesh Robert D Simpson said, "There is an opportunity here for Dhaka to set an example for other cities in Bangladesh, and internationally, with a new collaborative approach that meets current challenges and looks to the future."

Xavier Bouan, senior technical adviser of DFA 2041 said, "We trust that DFA 2041 will stimulate positive, forward-thinking decision-making and policy formulation."

Following the inaugural session, two different panel discussions were held where researchers, media personalities and representatives of different key stakeholder groups from home and abroad participated.

Four other panel discussions will be held followed by the closing ceremony in the afternoon today.

Life sentence

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to build multi-storey commercial buildings and infrastructures after their plans are approved by the Chattogram Development Authority.

In response, Zahirul Alam Dubash, chairman of the CDA, said, "We will no longer approve construction plans on hilly roads."

"Not much effort is seen to save the hills, despite the fact that we do have laws in place and dedicated organisations working actively. Most of the hills in the city's Panchlaish mauza have already been cut. We urge the authorities concerned to quickly prepare a master plan to save the remaining ones," said Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela.

Participating environmentalists also demanded the formation of a separate cell alongside a hotline number to report such incidents.

Take the country

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victorious nation which gained independence in the Liberation War and the people here do not bow their heads to anyone.

Mentioning that Bangladesh gained enough success in agricultural research, she stressed the need for giving more importance to medical science research.

Referring to the speeches delivered by several students in the event, Hasina said, "I am really optimistic that none can take this country backwards anymore."

Education Minister Dipu Moni and Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhoury also spoke on the occasion.

Some 5,360,000 students from the secondary, higher secondary, and graduation (pass) and equivalent institutions are receiving a total of Tk 1,200 crore as stipends and tuition fees.

Besides, 15 talented students of Class-VI-XII, who were scouted through the Bangabandhu Srijanshil Mridha Oneshan-2023, were awarded, while 22 post graduate-level students were conferred with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Scholarship Award-2022.

They each received a crest, certificate and Tk 2 lakh, while the 22 students, selected for the scholarship award-2022, each received a crest, certificate and Tk 3 lakh.

People lost

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only to the BNP and the undemocratic forces surrounding it, but the caretaker government is a dead issue to all people having democratic values at national and international levels.

He also said Mirza Fakhrul is making strange and fabricated statements over dialogue.

Dr Yunus exempted

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Chairman Prof Yunus, its Managing Director Ashraful Hasan, and two directors Nur Jahan Begum and Mohammad Shahjahan.

On September 9 of 2021, SM Arifuzzaman, a labour inspector (general) of the Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department, filed the case with the court.

According to the case documents, officials of the Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department on August 16, 2021 inspected the office of Grameen Telecom in Mirpur and found some violations of labour laws.

On August 19 the same year, the department sent a letter to the authorities of Grameen Telecom, mentioning that 67 employees were supposed to be made permanent but they were not.

The employee's participation fund and welfare fund are yet to be formed. Besides, 5 percent of the company's dividends was supposed to be paid to the workers but it was not paid, it added.

Govt decision

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Energy and Mineral Resources on June 19 demanding a solution to the power and energy crises.

Besides, they will also stage a demonstration on Monday in front of the Jatiya Press Club to protest the attacks on their recent road march towards Dinajpur by the ruling party activists.

Saiful Haque, coordinator of the alliance and general secretary of Bangladesh-er Biplobi Workers Party, announced the programmes.

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(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION), COMPANY MATTER NO. 186 OF 2023
IN THE MATTER OF: An Application under Section 81 of the Companies Act, 1994
AND
IN THE MATTER OF: Arifur Rahman, Shareholder Managing Director, Green Planet Resort Ltd. (GPRL) .....Petitioner
-Versus-
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and others .....Respondents
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the Petitioner Arifur Rahman, Shareholder Managing Director, Green Planet Resort Ltd. (GPRL) has filed an Application under Section 81 of the Companies Act, 1994, seeking permission from the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Green Planet Resort Ltd. (GPRL) for the years ending (i) 30th June 2019, (ii) 30th June 2020, (iii) 30th June 2021 and (iv) 30th June 2022.
That upon preliminary hearing, vide Order dated 28.05.2023 the Hon'ble Justice Mr. Khizir Ahmed Choudhury has been pleased to admit the said Application and directed the petitioner to file affidavit-in-compliance of the order within 2 weeks from the date of publication of notices in two national newspapers namely The "Daily Somokal" and The "Daily Star". Any person or persons having interest in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on the date so fixed.
Copy of the said Application may be obtained from the chamber of the undersigned on payment of requisite costs.
Yours faithfully, (Mohammad Mehedi Hasan Chowdhury),
Barrister-at-Law, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

বাংলাদেশ ইনস্টিটিউট অব ইন্টারন্যাশনাল এন্ড স্ট্রাটেজিক স্টাডিজ (বিআইআইএসএস)
১/৪৬, পুরাতন এলিফ্যান্ট রোড, রমনা, ঢাকা-১০০০।
নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি
১। বাংলাদেশ ইনস্টিটিউট অব ইন্টারন্যাশনাল এন্ড স্ট্রাটেজিক স্টাডিজ (বিআইআইএসএস)-এ নিম্নবর্ণিত পদে লোক নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে:

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