

Ansar Ali's death anniv

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 28th death anniversary of Justice Muhammad Ansar Ali.



Ali passed away while he was on duty at the Supreme Court on this day in 1995.

Qurankhwani and doa mahfil will be held at his home in Naogaon and at Banani graveyard in Dhaka to mark the occasion.

Govt working

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She reiterated her government's commitment to do whatever is necessary, as they did in the past, to improve and develop the culture of Bangladesh. At the event, the premier unveiled the foundation plaques of Rose Garden in old Dhaka, Kabi Nazrul Institute Bhaban in Dhaka, President Md Abdul Hamid Shilpakala Academy and Regional Cultural Centre at Mithamoin in Kishoreganj, Muktagacha Cultural Centre in Mymensingh, and Children's Library at the National Museum.

Hasina also opened the newly constructed Copyright Bhaban in Dhaka.

Papia shifted

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notices in connection with the incident. The three are jailer Farhana Akter, deputy jailer Jannatul Taiba and matron habildar Fatema.

Karim in his complaint said he learnt that Runa had Tk 7,700 on her which was found during a search.

In order to take the money from her, Papia, along with habildars Fatema Begum and Nasima Akhtar, and inmates Sonali, Anandika, Abantika and Najma took her sister to a place where there is no CCTV coverage and tortured her. Papia and her husband are accused of laundering Tk 3.23 crore. The couple was arrested at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in September 2020 while trying to leave the country.

Private helipads, heliports get govt approval

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The home ministry was apprehensive about the potential for drug trafficking and public safety risks in the event of accidents associated with rooftop helipads.

In response to queries regarding what has changed in the past five years, sources within the civil aviation ministry have stated that there are stringent criteria that must be fulfilled before obtaining approvals for heliports and helipads. Therefore, the likelihood of misuse is minimal.

Furthermore, with the implementation of the new policy, private helicopter operations will be brought under a regulatory framework, ensuring effective oversight and compliance, according to ministry officials.

THE BENEFITS
The previous protocol required critical patients to

be airlifted to Dhaka Airport before being transported to hospitals by road, causing delays and potentially risking lives. However, under the new policy, helicopters will now be allowed to land directly on hospital helipads, enabling quicker and more efficient transfers, potentially saving both time and money. This change will significantly benefit patients in need of immediate medical attention by reducing transportation time and bypassing the congested Dhaka traffic, aviation industry insiders said.

The demand for helicopters has grown increasingly essential for urgent evacuation of critically ill patients from remote regions, emergency services, prompt response to accidents and natural disasters, as well as facilitating efficient business communication. Private commercial

helicopter services were introduced in Bangladesh in 1999, and currently, 10 business entities hold the civil aviation authority's air operator certificate (AOC).

Sources at the Ministry of Civil Aviation have revealed that at least three corporate groups, including Square Air, Meghna Aviation, BRB Air, Partex Aviation, R&R Aviation, ATL Aviation, BCL Aviation, Bangla International Airlines, and South Asian Aviation, collectively operating a fleet of 38 helicopters, a significant increase from just two in 2000.

CLEARANCE REQUIRED
Under the policies, helipads and heliport can be established only after getting clearance from at least 10 government organisations including the CAAB, Fire Service & Civil Defenses, Defense Ministry, Home Ministry, Environment Ministry, respective local government organisations including city corporation and union parishad, Directorate General of Forces Intelligence, and National Security Intelligence.

Contacted, Mofizur Rahman, secretary general of AOAB and managing director of Novoar, welcomed the government's move

But he also expressed skepticism on whether the policy is feasible as an organisation will have to take clearances from at least 12/13 government organisations before getting approval.

"Meeting so many conditions will actually make it mission impossible," he said.

Tanker lacked safety equipment

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Surgery in Dhaka, while the remaining 11 were admitted to hospitals in Barishal and Jhalakathi.

The extent of the damage became clear when this correspondent visited the burnt Sagar Nandini-2, finding that the entire deck of the tanker had been blown away.

Only some iron pieces remained, and the Coast Guard was working to prevent further oil spillage into the river.

Before the explosion, the oil tanker carried 4,05,562 litres of petrol. The exact amount of oil that spilt into the river is still unknown, but the Coast Guard, Padma Oil Company, and Department of Environment reported that only a small amount had spilt, with most of the remaining oil burnt.

PROBE COMMITTEES
Khairuzzaman told reporters that an inter-ministerial investigation committee headed by the joint secretary of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources has been formed to investigate the accident.

Apart from this, the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, district administration, and fire service have formed three separate committees to probe the incident.

WHAT AUTHORITIES SAY
Hossain Ahmed, supervisor of Jhalakathi Padma Oil Depot, said some oil had spilt into the river.

The Coast Guard has extracted over 20,000 litres of oil from the river and established preventive measures, deploying five units to guard oil spillage stretching 20km up to the Bishkhali River, said Lt Col Shafiul Kinjal, media officer of Coast Guard

(south zone). The DoE is collecting water samples from the Sugandha to assess dissolved oxygen and oil levels, said HM Rashed, deputy director of the DoE.

PANIC AMONG LOCALS
Locals in the Kheyaghat area expressed panic as the oil tanker burned throughout the night, fearing that the fire might spread to the nearby Meghna oil depot. The spot of the incident has witnessed similar accidents in the past, including the December 2021 Dhaka-Barguna passenger launch fire that claimed 50 lives, the November 2021 explosion of another Sagar Nandini-3 vessel resulting in at least six casualties, and the sinking of Sagar Nandini-2 in the Meghna in Bhola with 1.1 million litres of oil on December 2022.

France seeks to boost

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The visit comes at a time when competition among major powers in the Indo-Pacific region is intensifying, while challenges such as climate change, illegal trafficking of narcotics and weapons, environmental pollution, and overexploitation of marine resources loom large.

France, as an Indo-Pacific nation, is actively involved in the region to safeguard its territories and uphold international law.

"We strongly believe that international law is very important and we are also ready to fight illegal trafficking of narcotics, weapons etc.," said Slaars.

The French Navy has demonstrated its commitment by intercepting a significant quantity of narcotics during its deployment in the Arabian Sea.

Additionally, the French Navy shares concerns about the preservation of aquatic resources and the problem of illegal fishing, which often involves violations of international laws.

Slaars encouraged regional countries to collaborate in their efforts to address trafficking of narcotics and weapons.

He highlighted the existing partnership between the French and Bangladeshi navies, citing the presence of a Bangladeshi Navy ship involved in UN operations in Lebanon and regular Bangladeshi naval deployments to the Arabian Gulf.

He expressed France's willingness to consider specific proposals from Bangladesh for the modernisation of its Navy. In the past, the French Navy assisted the Bangladesh Navy in developing its hydrographic capabilities, and now the Bangladesh Navy has its own capacity, a source of pride for the French Navy.

Captain Jerome Dubois of the ship said joint exercises help the navies build confidence and exchange of knowledge and tactics help each other in joint operations. "That's how you build capacity and efficacy to work together."

PRAYER
TIMING
JULY 5

Fazr

Zohr

Asr

Maghrib

Esha

AZAN 4-10

12-45

5-00

6-55

8-17

JAMAAT 4-45

1-15

5-15

7-00

8-45

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Tk 5 lakh fine

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If there is any intellectual property issue for the visually impaired, it is mentioned in the law to ensure it.

Penalty system has been put in place to prevent piracy. Digital i.e. computer-based activities have been brought under the law, which was not the case earlier.

Meanwhile, the Public Service (Amendment)

Bill, 2023 was passed in parliament yesterday seeking to make mandatory for the autonomous, legislative and local government bodies to take clearance from the Finance Division over financial expenditures.

State Minister for Public Administration Farhad Hossain placed the bill which was passed by voice vote.

Dengue taking

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director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, highlighted the importance of consulting a doctor and receiving appropriate medication if diagnosed with fever.

Adequate fluid intake is crucial for dengue patients, and Dr Shirin recommended coconut water, saline, homemade fruit juices, and sorbets to maintain hydration and provide essential vitamins and minerals for a faster recovery process.

PRE-MONSOON SURVEY
The findings of a pre-monsoon survey were announced yesterday during a press briefing held at the DGHS office.

The survey, conducted between June 18 and 27, covered 3,150 households across 98 wards in the two city corporations of Dhaka.

The survey revealed that 20.04 percent of houses under DNCC and 15.47

percent of houses under DSCC were found to have Aedes mosquito larvae.

Apartment buildings constituted over 43 percent, houses accounted for 21.41 percent, and construction sites made up 18.21 percent of the affected properties. The survey also identified various types of wet containers within the houses that were positive for mosquito breeding.

Meanwhile, DNCC will conduct a survey to find out breeding sources of Aedes mosquitoes through drones from today.

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1	851828, 46.10.0000.077.14.79.22, Date: 20-09-22	Development of road including construction of Pipe line, sewers and footpath from Salek Matbar's house in Alubdi Village, Mirpur Section-12 to MP Checkpost, from H.A. Tower to MP Checkpost through Cantonment Bypass-Road Temple and from Ali Molla's house to Eastern Housing Canal under Ward No. 6.	NCT OTM	06-August-2023 15:00

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1	851416, 25.36.8500.009.14.174 .22/1697(5)	Supply and installation of Planetarium Dome (Inner & Outer Dome) under the project named Establishment of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Rangpur. (Civil Sanitary and Electrical works)	03-Aug-2023 12:30

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