

Prof Faruque's death anniv

STAR REPORT

Today is the 24th death anniversary of Prof Mohammed Faruque, former chairman of Bangla department of Jahangirnagar University and Karachi University.

On the occasion, his family members will hold a daylong programmes including Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil and special prayers at the mosque. Besides, food will be distributed at orphanages and among the destitute, said a press release.

His relatives, friends, well-wishers and students have been requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

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abroad for treatment. On July 13, the ACC filed a petition with the High Court seeking a stay on the order allowing him to go abroad.

On July 15, a day before the hearing on the petition, Samrat left for India for treatment. On July 16, the ACC brought the issue to the HC's notice, but the court adjourned the hearing till August 1.

Undaunted, yet uncertain

Anamika's admission to DU hangs in balance amid financial strains

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Fighting against tragedy and adversity, a young girl emerges, defying all odds to rise to remarkable heights. Meet Anamika Roy, a young woman from Lalmonirhat, whose indomitable spirit has led her through a journey of resilience, triumphing over the darkest of circumstances.

Anamika went through a lot. She lost her mother at the age of two, fought against her father for marrying her off as a child, secured GPA-5 in both her SSC and HSC examinations, and finally has been selected for admission to psychology department of Dhaka University.

And yet, the spectre of poverty has cast a shadow of uncertainty over her future once again, as her family does not have the financial means to support her education.

After her mother's demise, Anamika was left with her father, Amullya Barman, to be raised alone. However, the minimal wage her father earned by working at a sweatshop was barely enough to provide for her education.

Anamika's maternal uncle offered her a shelter at his home. She flourished academically and secured GPA-5 in her SSC examination from humanities in

2020.

She then got herself admitted to Lalmonirhat Government College. She came back to her father's home as the college was near his place. But fate once again tested her resolve. At the age of 17, her father attempted to marry her off against her wishes. But she fought back,



rallying the support of her college teachers to call-off the imposed marriage.

She didn't stop there. After achieving GPA-5 in HSC examination, she faced the highly contested Dhaka University entrance exam, and passed with

flying colours, by securing a spot in its psychology department.

"Getting a chance at Dhaka University is a significant milestone in my life. This has taken me one step ahead towards fulfilling my dream," said Anamika. "But I don't know how I will pay for my education and expenses in Dhaka. My father and relatives cannot bear such a burden. I'm trying to save my tuition money, but I don't think it'll be enough," she added, visibly worried.

Amulya Barman, while expressing joy at her daughter's admission to DU, shared the harsh reality of their financial struggle.

"Compelled by poverty, I agreed to marry off Anamika two years ago, as the groom decided on the union without a dowry. As her father, I now find myself torn with the inability to support her education financially," he said.

Prof Yusuf Ali, principal of Lalmonirhat Government College, told The Daily Star that the teachers provided all kinds of support to Anamika at HSC level. But it is not possible for the teachers to provide for Anamika's university expenses.

"Anamika is a brilliant student. We are proud of her. If she gets financial support, she will get good results in the university as well," he said.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 161.53 cr seized in July

UNB, Dhaka

Border Guard Bangladesh has seized arms, ammunition, drugs and other goods worth Tk 161.53 crore during anti-smuggling drives across the country, especially in bordering areas in July.

During the period (from July 1 to July 31), the paramilitary force seized 12,51,573 yaba pills, 7,425kg crystal meth, 12,343 bottles of phensedyl, 24,250 bottles of foreign liquor, 6,650 cans of beer, 1654kg cannabis, 32,609kg heroin, 2,58,961 packets cigarettes and bidi, 1,24,979 injections, 6,791 Eskuf syrups, 2,424 bottles of MkDil/Cofidil, 11,27,853 different types of medicines and 1,67,950 other tablets, said a BGB media release yesterday.

Other smuggled items include 8,679kg gold, 29,700kg silver, 1,39,637 cosmetics, 36,350 imitation jewelry, 11,450 sarees, 1,772 three-piece/shirt-piece/bed sheet/blankets, 557 cft timber, 7,173kg of tea leaves, 37,737kg of coal, 10,941 kg of current nets, and vehicles.

Seized arms include one pistol, one air gun and 439 rounds of bullet.

Week-long tree fair ends

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A week-long tree fair and plantation drive, held on Moulvibazar Government High School grounds, concludes today.

The fair, organised by Moulvibazar district administration and the Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, began on July 27.

Students, among other visitors, got the chance to explore an array of varieties, both local and foreign, that were on display in different stalls at the fair.

Fruit trees got the most attention, as many were seen for the first time by spectators.

"I did not know the names of many fruits displayed here," said Satyabrata Sen Gaurab, a fourth grader at Moulvibazar Govt High School.

"I have never seen a Brunei King mango until now... such a big mango," said Habiba Akhtar Arifa, an eighth grader.

"We brought about 250 varieties of fruits and flowers to the fair, including persimmon, avocado, cherry, palm, and Brunei King mango, as the demand for such exotic varieties is usually high," said Abul Kalam, owner of Kalam Nursery.



BNP wants to foil polls

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Addressing the US, Menon added, "You are crossing limits by repeatedly interfering in the internal affairs of our country. You opposed us during the great Liberation War and now you are conspiring to disrupt the development of this country."

Dilip Barua, general secretary of Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal, echoed the same.

Bangladesh Socialist Party (BASD) Convener Rezaur Rashid, Gana-Azadi League General Secretary Advocate SK Shikdar, Bangladesh Chhatra League General Secretary Sheikh Wali Asif Inan, Jatiya Party Organising Secretary Abul Khair Siddiqui Abu, Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Tariqat Federation Syed Taibul Bashar Maibhandari also addressed the rally.

Pvt hospitals, perform

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prevent avoidable maternal deaths.

"A large number of deliveries in rural areas are still assisted by midwives who are not trained. As a result, the number of maternal deaths has not reached zero yet," he said.

In 2022, the maternal mortality rate was 156 per one lakh births, according to Bangladesh Sample Vital Statistics published by BBS.

Informing that the government has already launched a 24/7 delivery

assistance service in public hospitals, the minister said, "We hope this will help increase the number of institutional deliveries."

"Bangladesh is going to be a middle-income country since we have a [big] population as an asset. Ensuring education, health, and employment for the young population is urgent."

The minister also highlighted the importance of preventing early marriage and ensuring women's empowerment in the country.

Hajj quota 1.27 lakh next year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saudi Arabia has approved a quota of 127,000 hajj pilgrims from Bangladesh for next year.

Religious Affairs Secretary Md A Hamid Zamadder said this yesterday at a meeting at the conference room of the religious affairs ministry, said meeting sources.

The meeting was held to discuss preparations for 2024 hajj operations.

Hamid said hajj registration for 2024 will start from September 16 this year and hajj visas will be issued from March 1 to April 29 next year.

Hajj flights will start from May 9. The Hajj Package 2024 will be announced as soon as the Mina-Arafah-Muzdalifah service prices are declared by the Saudi government.

A total of 1.22 lakh Bangladeshis performed hajj this year.

Officials of the religious affairs ministry called upon the agencies and all concerned with management activities to carry out their responsibilities properly for the smooth operation of next year's hajj.

Attacked and intimidated

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Meanwhile, two rights bodies — Manusher Jonno Foundation and Manabdhikar Shongskriti Foundation — have strongly condemned the attack and demanded punishment for the attackers.

In a statement, MJF demanded swift arrest and punishment of all

those responsible for the violent attack on four girl footballers.

MJF also urged the local administration to initiate a transformative shift in the mindset and attitude of certain people towards women's football in Battlughata.

"Moreover, MJF emphasises the importance

of collective efforts from all stakeholders to push forward women's football activities within the community," the statement added.

Manabdhikar Shongskriti also called upon the government to take necessary measures for building social resistance and awareness against such violent attacks on girls.

Uncle, nephew murdered

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Nur and its owner Badal.

Nur and Badal have already given confessional statements before a Narayanganj court, Banaj added.

On November 6, 2017, a press employee named Hasan Mia called Iqbal's wife Parvin Begum and said Iqbal had beaten his nephew Sohail with an iron

rod and escaped.

Sohail's younger brother Saidur Rahman filed a case against Iqbal with Kadamtali Police Station after his death. Things then got complicated when Iqbal's hanging body was recovered.

Police then submitted the final report in the Sohail murder case as Iqbal was the only accused.

But things started to take a turn after getting the post-mortem report of Iqbal. The investigating doctor said the time of both deaths was close.

Iqbal's wife then filed a murder case against 10 employees of the press. PBI took charge of the investigation on March 22, 2018.

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ACC ordered to submit

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assistant general managers Sadia Akther Shahin, Romana Ahad, ASM Amitur Rahman and Md Jalal Uddin.

They appeared before the HC bench for bail in the case.

During hearing, lawyer AM Masum appeared for accused petitioners while lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan for ACC.

Khurshid Alam told The Daily Star that the ACC has approved the charge sheets against former BASIC Bank chairman Sheikh Abdul Hye Bacchu and 146 others in 59 cases filed over embezzlement of Tk 2,265 crore.

The commission has submitted most of the charge sheets before the trial courts concerned, he said.

Increase efforts

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requires a holistic approach by all stakeholders and integrated actions that focuses on prevention, protection of victims, awareness raising, building evidence-based policies and especially enabling successful investigation and prosecution, said Marco Teixeira, regional representative of UNODC South Asia.

European Union Ambassador to Bangladesh Charles Whiteley said human trafficking is not an isolated issue but a symptom of deeper problems within the societies that thrive in the shadows of poverty, inequality and desperation. He emphasised the importance of collaborative effort and having robust legal framework to effectively combat human trafficking.

"Together we can create a powerful alliance that leaves traffickers with no safe haven," he added.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen said Bangladesh's "Tier-2" status for consecutive years in the US state department's TIP report testifies the effectiveness of the government's continuous efforts under "zero tolerance" policy.

Bangladesh has long been working to build partnerships with international stakeholders to combat human trafficking, he said.

He also said asper experts, thousands of Rohingya people in Bangladesh refugee camps are at risk of trafficking, reiterating that their repatriation to Myanmar is the ultimate and sustainable solution to address their vulnerabilities.

Chaired by Senior Secretary Mustafizur Rahman of the public security division, the dialogue was also addressed by Additional Inspector General of Police Monirul Islam, among others.

Want experienced

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that the state would play a role in the decision-making process. The EC would write to both the home and foreign ministries to seek their cooperation in issuing visas to foreign observers.

However, he clarified that the ultimate decision on granting visas rested with the relevant authorities.

Regarding the recent controversy surrounding the Election Monitoring Forum bringing four foreigners, two journalists,

and two social workers, who were presented as international observers, EC Alamgir stated, "There was no discussion to know whether they were international observers. They came as an international forum. We give time to anyone who wants to talk to us."

He further clarified that no complaints had been received about this matter, and any future actions would be considered only if formal complaints were filed, not solely based on media reports.

War should be made

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for the goal of peace and stability.

He shared his views on various global issues — including climate change, Ukraine war, China-Taiwan conflicts and Covid-19 — and mentioned that to tackle all these problems, the concept of social business should be kept at the forefront.

He said war is a profitable business for those who produce and sell weapons at very high prices.

The conference has brought together 120 speakers worldwide such as Marina Mahathir, columnist and activist; Sharifah Sofia Albukhary, trustee of the Albukhary Foundation; and President Jose Ramos Horta of Timor Leste.

Dr Devi Shetty, founder of Narayana Hrudalaya; and

Andrea Jung, president of Grameen America, joined the event virtually.

Eight breakout sessions — hosted by different organisations from the social business ecosystem, including Yunus Centre, Albukhary International University, My Harapan, Yunus Social Business, and Grameen Creative Lab — provided a platform for experts and practitioners to share strategies, case studies.

The day concluded with remarks from Prof Yunus.

"Nations invest billions of dollars in producing weapons. They have a big budget for weapons and war, but no budget for peace," he said.

He urged all to find social business solutions to turn young people into entrepreneurs rather than running after jobs.