

# Let the world know of 1971 genocide

Speakers tell event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is important to effectively communicate the severity of the genocide carried out by the Pakistani occupation army on Bangalees during the 1971 Liberation War to the global community, said national and international researchers at an event yesterday.

While participating in an international seminar on genocide, they said excluding genocide from the narrative would render it impossible to fully comprehend the sacrifices made by the nation's freedom-loving people during the nine-month struggle for independence.

"The 1971: Genocide-Torture Archive and Museum" organised the international seminar titled "Remembering genocide and Liberation War 1971: in the quest of diversity".

Speaking at the event, State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid said the Pakistani forces perpetrated one of the worst genocides in 1971. He expressed disappointment that some individuals continue to dispute the number of martyrs, highlighting the unique responsibility of researchers in addressing this issue.

"If the Liberation War or genocide issue is limited within the country's borders, then the vastness of the war will be narrowed," he said.

Prof Sajal Nag from Assam University in India delivered the keynote paper during the inaugural session.

The event also featured addresses from Prof Muntassir Mamoon, the chairman of The 1971: Genocide-Torture Archive and Museum trustee board, as well as its trustee Chowdhury Shahid Kader and other participants.

At the opening session, filmmaker Kawsar Chowdhury and Calcutta University researcher Punam Mukharjee handed over rare collections of videos and photos of the Liberation War to the museum authority.

The museum's website was also launched during the event.

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# Stalwarts of English medium education honoured

STAR REPORT

Four women, considered to be the trailblazers in the field of English medium education in the country, were given a reception yesterday.

WINGS, a voluntary organisation, arranged the event in the capital's Banani.

The honourees are Yasmeen Murshed, founding chairperson of Scholastica; Lubna Choudhury, founder principal of Bangladesh International Tutorial (BIT); Zeenat Chowdhury, founder principal of Southbreeze School; and Tazeen Ahmed, founding principal and head of school of Sunnysdale.

The event celebrated the remarkable contributions of these women to the English medium education sector by presenting them with sashes and crests. This was followed by an opening remark by Tootli Rahman, president of WINGS.

The honourees during their speeches described the early days of English medium

schooling in Bangladesh and the struggles they faced. They spoke about the respective journeys of their schools and how their schools have gone on to produce graduates

who are contributing in all walks of society. The event concluded with a dinner and a musical performance by academic, musician, and writer Nashid Kamal.

## Bodies of two workers found in septic tank

UNB, Feni

The bodies of two workers were recovered from a septic tank of an under-construction building in Chhagalnaiya upazila of Feni district yesterday.

The deceased are Mayeen Uddin, 25, of Khagrachhari and Bikash Chandra Das, 35, of Bagerhat.

Police and locals said the workers remained missing since Friday afternoon.

The bodies were found in the septic tank of the house owned by expatriate Shahidul in Thanapara area. Being informed, members of Chhagalnaiya Fire Station retrieved the bodies from the tank, said the fire station's officer Mirazul Islam.

He said the workers might have died after inhaling poisonous gas in the tank.

# Empowering mothers in Gaibandha

Play-based learning project helps 45,000 children

ARAFAT RAHAMAN

Munmun Akhter, a 23-year-old mother from Dhonarua village in Gaibandha's Saghata upazila, regularly recites poems and sings to her infant daughter to ensure her cognitive development and enhance her imagination.

"I learned these techniques at the monthly sessions of Championing Play project. Under this project, facilitators taught us the play-based techniques for teaching various life skills to our kids," she said.

Dozens of others like Munmun attended the monthly practical training session organised by

Save the Children Bangladesh to equip mothers in Gaibandha with essential parenting skills.

The project focused on physical, linguistic, social, and cognitive development of children aged 0-6 years in the district by reaching out to children, caregivers, and teachers directly.

Under the initiative, mothers were introduced to various play-based learning techniques to equip children with knowledge and other necessary life skills. As part of the programme, young mothers and school teachers received

"magic bags" which contained 14 educational toys for children.

"The toys are very useful as they help children identify colours, count numbers, boost their imagination and enhance their focus on specific activities," said Sumi Khatun, a mother of two and a regular attendee of the sessions.

Alongside the monthly sessions, the participants could also watch "Golpo Bolar Asor", a television programme that offered origami and toy making lessons and other educational insights.

Mostofa Moin Ur Rahman, senior officer of the project, said the initiative worked in 176 schools across 45 villages in the district, providing lessons to 12,226 parents and caregivers. The project left a positive impact on 45,000 children. Upon ensured funding, the project will be re-initiated, he added.

## MP Abdus Sattar no more

STAR REPORT

Brahmanbari-2 lawmaker Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan died at a hospital in Dhaka early yesterday. He was 84.

He breathed his last at 3:02am at Evercare Hospital where he had been undergoing treatment for the last one week.

Confirming his death, Abdus Sattar's son Mainul Hasan Tushar said his father was suffering from kidney disease for a long time.

Abdul Sattar, a six-time elected MP, was born on January 16, 1939 at Parmanandpur under Brahmanbaria's Sarail upazila.

He was also a former adviser to the BNP chairperson and state minister for law, fisheries and lands.

Abdus Sattar was an elected lawmaker from Brahmanbaria and Cumilla as a BNP candidate five times, including the 11th parliamentary election held in 2018.

He resigned from BNP on December 11, 2022. He again won Brahmanbaria-2 by polls as an independent candidate this year.

## Lawmaker Shahjahan passes away

UNB, Laxmipur

Former Aviation and Tourism Minister and Laxmipur-3 lawmaker A K M Shahjahan Kamal died at a hospital in Dhaka early yesterday. He was 74.

He breathed his last around 3:30am at Evercare Hospital in Dhaka, confirmed Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, his younger brother and pro-vice chancellor (academic) of Dhaka University.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at the south plaza of the parliament at 11:00am yesterday, and he was laid to rest at the family graveyard after a second janaza followed by Asr prayers at Laharkandi union in Sadar upazila of Laxmipur.

Shahjahan Kamal, a freedom fighter and former president of the district unit of Awami League, was elected from the Lakshmipur-3 constituency in the 2014 and 2018 elections with the boat symbol. He served as minister for aviation and tourism for around one year after winning the 2018 election.

## Academic activities

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school with all the essential facilities."

Twelve primary schools in five flood-affected upazilas in Sirajganj have fallen victim to erosion in the last couple of months.

As per district primary education administration, Chowdhali was the hardest hit, with seven primary schools lost to erosion this year. Two schools in Belkuchi, two in Kazipur, and one in Shahzadpur met a similar fate.

The situation worsened

with the recent flood, submerging seven schools in Sirajganj Sadar, 14 in Kazipur, 11 in Ullapara, four in Belkuchi, and five in Chowdhali, causing a halt in academic activities.

District Primary Education Officer SM Abdur Rahman said, "To rebuild temporary schools, we need a fund of Tk 3 lakh for each institution that river erosion has destroyed. However, we haven't been allocated any money yet."

A recent visit to five of the

12 erosion-hit schools revealed significant disruptions in academic activities.

"Financial and infrastructure losses in erosion-hit institutions will be recovered, but we are yet to recover from the academic losses," said the education officer.

Many erosion-affected schools have witnessed a loss of 50-60 percent of students. While reconstruction efforts may bring some back, a permanent loss of 25-30 percent is anticipated, he said.

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