

24th death
anniv of Syed
Mahbubul
Haque today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the
24th death
anniversary of
Syed
Mahbubul
Haque (Benu Mia),
a prominent freedom
fighter in Magura.



Mahbubul, who was also a leading businessman in the district, passed away at the age of 72.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to offer doa and pray for eternal peace of all departed souls including Mahbubul.

Uniform entry
test not from
next year: UGC
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The UGC yesterday announced that it will not be able to hold uniform admission test from the upcoming 2023-24 academic year "due to unavoidable reasons".

UGC acting chairman Prof Muhammed Alamgir said the cluster admission system will continue for now. He also urged the institutions that are outside the cluster system, including Dhaka University and Buet, to participate in the cluster system.

The UGC on October 26 finalised the draft of Central Admission Test Authority Ordinance for implementing a single admission test system.

Currently, there are three cluster admission tests -- the GST (general, science, and technology) consisting 22 universities; agriculture (eight universities), and another one with Ruet, Cuet and Kuet. Under this system, universities are grouped together to admit students based on their choices and merit.

JAMALPUR GENERAL HOSPITAL
ICU locked for 8 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

The intensive care unit at Jamalpur General Hospital has remained unused since its inauguration, depriving heart patients of required treatment for years.

The ICU, inaugurated on January 31, 2015, has been non-functional for eight years due to a shortage of trained manpower and medical equipment. Recently, it has been declared unusable.

As a consequence, patients with severe heart problems are redirected to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital or any hospital in Dhaka.

Solaiman Kabir from Sarishabari upazila told The Daily Star that his father, experiencing severe heart pain in 2019, was rushed to Jamalpur General Hospital. However, the on-duty doctor referred him to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, and he passed away on the way there.

Had he received treatment at the hospital, he might have survived, Kabir added.

Recently, officers from the National Electro-Medical Equipment Maintenance Workshop & Training Center visited the hospital. They declared one of the two machines in the ICU completely unusable, while the other is repairable, according to hospital authorities.

Lovely Akhter, the nurse in charge

at the ICU, said, "I come here every morning and stay until half past two. No patient has been treated here since its inauguration."

Jamalpur Civil Surgeon Dr Pronoy Kanti Das said, "The ICU's function has yet to start due to a shortage of trained manpower and medical equipment. Recently, it has been declared unusable."



Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, assistant director of the hospital, alleged that the ICU machine was damaged due to the non-cooperation of the officials at the National Electro-Medical Equipment Workshop. He said they have sent several letters informing them about the issue, but to no avail.

No daycare for children

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centres operational under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, including 20 under the Department of Women Affairs and 43 under the Child Day Care Centre Project.

However, none of those offer facilities for children with disabilities and special needs, mentioned joint secretary Shabnam Mustari, director of the Child Day Care Centre Project.

The biggest barrier to initiating this facility is an acute lack of skilled people who are equipped with the knowledge on ways to handle and take care of differently abled children," she said.

Befriending children from the mainstream can influence the development of the differently abled ones. However, each child

reacts differently and that prevents them from attending mainstream daycare centres, she added.

She called for a collective effort from ministries to develop and design better health and educational facilities for children with special needs.

Mahmudul Hasan, assistant director of SWID Bangladesh, believes daycare centres, designed specifically for children with psychological disabilities, will provide a safe nest for them, while their parents, especially mothers, can go to work.

The National Disability Development Foundation's intention to establish such facilities on their campus was hindered by insufficient funds. "We are not thinking about the daycare project at the moment," said

additional secretary Ruhul Amin Khan, managing director of the foundation.

Currently, 103 disability service and aid centres are functional under the foundation countrywide.

Joint secretary Md Shah Alam, managing director of Neuro-Developmental Disability Protection Trust, said, "There are no specialised day care centres for children with disabilities at the moment. However, we are planning something in this line and will proceed as soon as the government permits."

It is noteworthy that daycare facilities for children with disabilities are not mentioned in the Child Day Care Centers Act, 2021.

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up the challenge to give Dhaka a complete facelift, to make it green, clean, and healthy by contesting the mayoral election.

He came out victorious in the elections held in 2015, and was in the middle of his mission to bring about qualitative changes in delivering civic services with the slogan "Clean Dhaka, Green Dhaka".

Annisul, who led apex trade bodies like BGMEA and FBCCI, was also a popular TV show host.

To mark the day, special prayers will be offered at Gulshan Society Jame Mosque after Maghrab prayers today.

Wali-ur Rahman

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which coordinated the Liberation War.

Bangabandhu sent him to the UN in Geneva in January 1972 where he served as permanent observer from 1972 to 1975. Rahman served as special envoy of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during 1997-1998.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen expressed grief at his death.

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through the same unsolicited means. They are generating huge profits while making the electricity costlier to the consumers," Tuhin said.

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A modern marvel

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overnight train can conveniently store their belongings in lockers and explore the beach and other tourist spots during the day before catching a night train back to Chattogram or Dhaka.

The station is equipped with ample amenities, including escalators, lifts, and refresh rooms for men, women, and those with physical disabilities.

Accessing any of the three platforms is made easy with a footover bridge connected to escalators, staircases, and a ramp bridge facilitating movement between platforms.

Md Tajul Islam, senior engineer of Max Infrastructure Limited, construction partner of the project, said the newly constructed rail station boasts modern facilities comparable to those found in international airports.

Sona Ali, a Saudi

expatriate from Baharchara in Teknaf, expressed happiness upon visiting the station yesterday, noting the significance of such a structure in Cox's Bazar.

He mentioned that he can now proudly inform his foreign friends that Bangladesh has a rail station equipped with modern facilities.

The construction work of Dohazari-Cox's Bazar railway project at Tk 18,034 crore, started in July 2018 with the involvement of Chinese contractors from China Railway Engineering Corporation, Tama Construction Company, and China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation, alongside Bangladesh's Max Infrastructure Limited.

As part of the fast-track initiatives of the government, the railway station's construction, a component of the larger project, comes with a price tag of Tk 215 crore.

AL to face

FROM PAGE 5 committee member, said he will run independently.

There is no restriction from the party on independent candidates from within, he claimed.

Abu Reza Mohammad Nezamuddin Nadi secured AL nomination for Chattogram-15 (Satkania) constituency, while MA Motaleb, Satkania upazila unit AL president and former upazila chairman, has decided to run independently.

Contacted, Motaleb confirmed that he plans to submit nomination form on November 30.

"The party said incumbent and former lawmakers who did not get nomination this time cannot run in the polls. However, there is no such restriction for new leaders who want to contest independently," he claimed.

The Daily Star could not independently verify his claim.

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