

Journalist
Rezwan
Siddiqui
no more

STAR REPORT

Dr Rezwan Hossain Siddiqui, acting editor of now defunct Dainik



Dinkal, passed away in the capital yesterday. He was 71. He breathed his last around 10:15pm while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Shyamoli.

Rezwan was suffering from kidney complications for a long time, said his daughter Aditi Siddique.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter. His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Jatiya Press Club today at noon. He will be buried at Rayer Bazar graveyard.

Rezwan started his journalism career in 1972 as a proofreader for Dainik Bangla. He was the director general of Press Institute of Bangladesh for four years.

He completed his postgraduate diploma from the Institute of Social Studies in Holland and PhD from Dhaka University in 1995.

Rezwan was also a prolific writer. He wrote over 50 books, including nonfiction and fiction.



A group of workers sit on rusty iron rods loaded onto a truck in the capital's Kakrail. The sharp exposed rod protruding precariously out from the vehicle, poses significant risks to commuters and vehicles plying behind it. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

PROTEST AGAINST NEW CURRICULUM
Civil society demands
release of arrestees

DU CORRESPONDENT

A section of teachers, along with guardians of school students, formed a human chain yesterday in front of the National Museum in Shahbagh, demanding the unconditional release of those who were arrested for protesting against the new national curriculum.

The programme was titled "Concerned Guardian, Teacher, and Civil Society".

At the programme, economist Anu Muhammad urged the government to give unconditional release to all arrestees and withdraw all cases against them immediately.

"It is difficult to understand why the government is deciding on a new curriculum within a short time. And why did they arrest those who talked against the curriculum?" he said.

"It is one of the responsibilities of



the government to accept dissenting opinions. Rather, they assaulted guardians and teachers who were against the curriculum. Then who will talk about the new curriculum?" he added.

Jagannath University teacher Nasir Uddin Ahmed said, "The new curriculum policy will reduce the competence of students."

2 killed, 9 hurt in
road accidents

AGENCIES

Two people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in two districts in the last two days.

A man was killed and eight others were injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a truck in Naogaon yesterday, reports BSS.

Truck driver Imran Hossain, 24, of Naogaon, died on the spot.

Adamdighi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Rajesh Kumar Chakraborty said the accident happened when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Naogaon collided with a rod-laden truck in front of Adamdighi Upazila Health Complex around 7:30am.

The injured were taken to Bogura Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital, he added.

UNB from Kurigram adds, a biker was killed and his pillion injured after an unidentified vehicle hit their motorcycle on Kurigram-Nageshwari road on Monday night. The deceased is Taibul Islam, 25, while the injured could not be identified immediately.

Farming marijuana

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According to the district police, around 30,215kg of marijuana were destroyed in the presence of senior judicial magistrate Faridul Alam.

The remaining 15kg of marijuana was preserved as a sample, said the police official.

"Estimating the price of one kg of marijuana at Tk 10,000, the total price of the destroyed marijuana stands at Tk 30.25 crore," said Mukta.

Mukta said they had information that a section of narcotics traders cultivated the marijuana in the remote hilly areas for commercial use.

"Based on the tip-off, we conducted a drive in the Chowdhuripara area, which is 15 kilometres away from the Guimara residential area," she said.

Reserve forest

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from the local encroachers.

Meanwhile, the alleged encroachers could not be reached for direct comments, when some journalists went there, the occupants fled the scene, sensing their presence.

The encroachers started occupying the remaining 21 acres of land for the first time in 2013, when they cut down about 20,000 trees in the reserved forest and built houses with the help of local influential persons.

Even forest officials were attacked at the time when they tried intervening.

Following that, the forest department filed a case against 53, but the district judge issued a stay order in this regard.

Alamgir Hossain, chairman of Patharghata Union Parishad, said he has heard of the encroachment and will take action after getting more information.

Journalist and environmental activist Shaiful Islam Khokon said the reserve forest is the protector of the coastal area. If this forest gets destroyed, the environment and biodiversity will be threatened.

Contacted, Patharghata UNO Md Roknuzzaman Khan said he had received complaints of deforestation against three people.

As it is an offense under the Forest Act, the matter has been referred to the higher authority of the Forest Department, he added.

The game that
brings together
communities

Hoomguti Khela, a
265-year-old tradition
in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

On a chilly winter afternoon, a timeless tradition brings together people from diverse backgrounds in Boroiaata area near Laxmipur Bazar.

Casting aside differences, hundreds gathered at this place on Sunday from nearby villages in Phulbaria, Muktagacha, Sadar, and Trishal upazilas.

Despite the biting cold, the attraction is irresistible -- a two-centuries-old game known as "Hoomguti Khela".

This year marked the 265th edition of the game, claimed AB Siddique, president of Hoomguti Khela Smriti Sangsad.

The game takes place marking Poush Sangkranti, locally known as Pahura, according to locals.

The whole area gets a festive look during the celebrations. Hundreds visit the place to enjoy this game that has been continuing for decades, said 78-year-old Hazrat Ali of Laxmipur village, who played Hoomguti in his youth.



HOOMGUTI EXPLAINED

It is traditionally played with a decorated 30-40 kg brass ball, called the "Guti".

Four teams -- named East, West, North and South -- take part in the game.

The objective is quite simple -- you have to take the Guti back to your village from Boroiaata.

However, things get a bit challenging as the other teams will try to stop you and capture the Guti for themselves.

According to the elderly, many even go to great lengths such as hiding the Guti in a pond or bury it.

The game will continue for several hours and concludes when one team successfully reaches their village with the Guti.

On Sunday, the players of East group (Bailor, Dhanikhola in Trishal) won the game that concluded around 10:00pm.

There are some uncertainties in regards to the origins of the game, with some locals saying it was invented by Maharaja Shashikanta Acharya Chowdhury, the then zamindar of Muktagacha, and Hemchandra Roy, the then zamindar of Boilor in Trishal.

However, some also say it was introduced by local cultural figure Doulat Mondol in 1758.

Interestingly, there is no prize for the winners, but they are accorded a reception by the organisers. Regardless, there is a different kind of joy in the eyes of those attending and participating, which no amount of prize money could get.



5,024 killed

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Meanwhile, BRTA termed the WHO statistics "totally unrealistic".

"According to Bangladesh Police report, 5,084 people were killed in road accidents in Bangladesh in 2021," claimed BRTA in their report.

The BRTA chairman also opined that WHO should obtain prior permission from the government before publishing any such report on "estimated death" in road accidents.

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- RFP/BAN/2024/001 (Addendum-1):** Training for health professionals on climate change and health in climate stressed areas of Bangladesh.
New deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 30 January 2024 (Dhaka time).
- RFP/BAN/2024/002 (Addendum-1):** Build Capacity of Health Managers/Professionals on Climate Informed Hospital Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans in Climate Stressed Areas.
New deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 30 January 2024 (Dhaka time).
- RFP/BAN/2024/003 (Addendum-1):** To enter into a Long-Term Agreement for the provisions of Professional Videography Services/Animation for WHO activities in Bangladesh.
New deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 30 January 2024 (Dhaka time).

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Bangladesh, House-SW(1)1/A, Road-8, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

They sold yaba

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"We are now conducting drives to arrest the rest of the members," he added.

In another drive on Monday evening, the DNC team arrested three -- Md Sagor, 20, and his two associates -- Rozina Akter Moyna, 25, and Roksana Akter Sumi, 28, -- by conducting a drive in Narayanganj.

Searching the flat, the DNC team recovered 45kg marijuana packed inside three luggage.

Investigators said Sagor took the house on rent three years back, identifying himself as a grocery trader. But he was involved in selling marijuana after bringing those from the Cumilla border using female carriers, said Obaidul Kader, an inspector of Uttara circle of DNC.

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Corrigendum

In this advertisement "Invitation for Tender (OTM/NCT, Non-Consulting Services)" published in this newspaper on January 14, 2024 in Page 4. Serial No. 1 should be read as Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Medical Education & Family Welfare Division instead of Medical Education & Family Division. In Serial No. 22 in right column should be read as Procurement of Physical Services (Ward Boy and Aya) through Outsourcing Process instead of Procurement of Physical Services (Ward Boy and Aya) Outsourcing Process. In Serial No. 23 in right column should be read as Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank Code No. 1-7481-0000-2366 instead of Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank Code No. 1-781-0000-2366. And in Serial No. 28 in right column should be read Tel No. 02-55155119 instead of Tel No. 02-551551119 which has been inadvertently printed. The printing error is deeply regretted.

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