

Death anniversary of Dr AR Mallick today

CITY DESK

Today is the 27th death anniversary of Dr AR Mallick, an eminent educationist and the first technocrat finance minister of the country, said a press release.

To mark the occasion, a memorial discussion and a milad mahfil was held at RKB Mallick School and College at his village home in Rajapur of Dhamrai.

Food will be distributed among the orphans today.

Dr Mallick was a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, USA in the early 60s and the founding vice-chancellor of Chittagong University.

He was president of the Liberation Council of Intelligentsia in 1971, the first education secretary, the first high commissioner to India. He was also elected chairman of Asian Development Bank.

His publications include "British Policy and the Muslims in Bengal" and "Amar Jibon Kotha O Bangladesher Mukti Sangram". Bangla Academy published "Dr AR Mallick Sharak Grontho", comprising articles by renowned personalities from home and abroad.

Dr AR Mallick Lecture Hall has been established in DU, JU and RU.



The Khakuriya bridge was supposed to be completed about 2 years ago under a Tk 4.21 crore project. However, the structure remains incomplete, hindering communication across 40 villages in Tangail's Ghatail upazila.

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Bridge left incomplete for three years

Residents of 40 villages suffer

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The construction work of Khakuriya Bridge on Dhalapara-Purbasinda road in Tangail's Ghatail upazila remains incomplete almost two years past its deadline, leaving residents of 40 villages with untold sufferings.

To replace the old bridge, the Local Government Engineering Department called for a tender to construct a new bridge on September 21, 2021, and tasked Dhaka-based construction firm SE Sadia & Samia (JV) with a Tk 4.21 crore project to complete it by March 20, 2022.

According to locals, the firm, instead of carrying out the construction work, hired one Saiful Islam, a local sub-contractor, to do the work.

Saiful demolished the old bridge without constructing a diversion road for vehicles to pass, causing much hassles for the commuters. Later, facing protests from locals, he constructed a narrow earthen road that only allows light vehicles like motorcycles and three-wheelers to ply.

After working for a few months to construct some structures on both ends, the sub-contractor

stopped working and has not been even visiting the construction site, alleged Jahangir Hossain, a local.

"Due to the bridge remaining incomplete, people and vehicles from 40 villages in the area are having to use the earthen diversion road facing much difficulty for the past three years," said Jahangir.

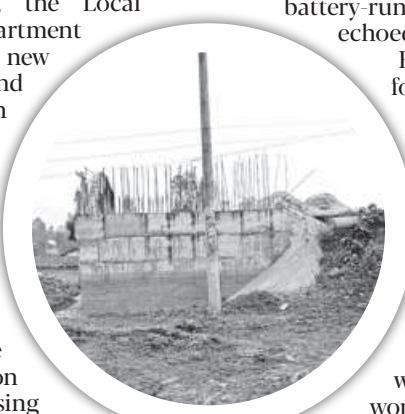
Several drivers of CNG-run auto-rickshaws, battery-run three wheelers, and mini trucks echoed him.

Blaming the authorities concerned for their alleged negligence, locals demanded prompt construction of the bridge.

Contacted, AKM Hedayet Ullah, upazila engineer (LGED) in Ghatail, said the contractor could not complete the construction work due to different reasons, including flood.

"The contractor has been given a reminder and he responded with assurance of resuming the work within a couple of weeks and completing it as soon as possible," he added.

Contacted, sub-contractor Saiful Islam, however, claimed that he could not complete the work as he did not get some bills. "However, I shall resume the work very soon," he added.



Two killed as bus hits rickshaw-van

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Two people were killed when a bus crashed into a battery-run rickshaw-van in Kalihati upazila of Tangail yesterday.

The accident occurred on Bangabandhu Bridge East Link Road in Salla area around 1:00pm, said police and witnesses.

The rickshaw-van passengers -- Abdus Sattar, 35, from Gohaliabari village; and Abdul Momin, 36, from Kurshabenu village in the upazila -- died on the spot.

Nazmul Hasan, a sub-inspector of Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station, said they seized the passenger bus of Hanif Paribahan.

KILLING OF STUDENT Ensure punishment for culprits: locals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Locals yesterday blocked Tangail-Basail road, demanding arrest and punishment for those who killed an HSC graduate in Tangail recently.

Holding a protest rally for two hours in Basail Bus Stand area, they also gave the local administration a seven-day ultimatum to meet the demand.

Later, they withdraw the programme after police assured them of arresting all the accused as soon as possible.

Jijan Hasan Deepta, 18, son of Jahangir Alam from Chakdaha in Sakhipur upazila, succumbed to his injuries at a Dhaka hospital on Friday, nine days after being beaten by a local teen gang in Basail.

Mazharul Amin, officer-in-charge of Basail Police Station, said Deepta's mother filed a case with the police station on January 27, accusing eight named and four unnamed persons.

They have already arrested three persons, said the OC, adding that they are trying to arrest the remaining accused.



DENGUE OUTBREAK 1 dies, 10 get hospitalised in a day

UNB, Dhaka

One more death was reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 15 this year.

During the period, 10 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Of them, six were hospitalised in Dhaka. A total of 1,093 dengue cases have been reported since January 1.

Last year, a total of 1,705 people lost their lives due to dengue, making it the deadliest year on record. The DGHS recorded 321,179 cases and 3,18,749 recoveries last year.

Last year's September was the deadliest month for the outbreak, with 396 fatalities and 79,598 cases, according to DGHS data.

EU wants

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The foreign minister also held a number of bilateral meetings on the day with Foreign Minister of the Netherlands Hanke Bruins Slot, Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg, Foreign Minister of Hungary Péter Szijjártó, Foreign Minister of Portugal Dr Joao Gomes Cravinho and Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis.

During the bilateral meetings, the ministers discussed matters of mutual interest including increasing trade and investment.

Hasan requested for increased international pressure on Myanmar for repatriation of the forcibly displaced Rohingyas with full rights.

PRAYER TIMING
FEBRUARY 4

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5:30 12:45 4:15 5:52 7:15
JAMAAT 6:05 1:15 4:30 5:56 7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

রেডি ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয়

SAVAR DOHS ক্যান্টনমেন্ট এলাকায় ১০০০ বর্গফুটের সম্পূর্ণ রেডি ফ্ল্যাট প্রতি বর্গফুট ৮৫০০/- দরে ১,১৫,০০,০০০/- টাকায় ফ্ল্যাট ফিন্যান্সিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করে। ৫০০০ টাকা দরে ৭৫,০০,০০০/- টাকায় ১টি ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয় হইবে। যোগাযোগ: ০১৭১৫০৪৪৪৮, ০২৮০৯১১৪২

Stories of hope and strength

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Addressing as chief guest, Prof Dr Subhagata Choudhury, CCCF advisor, highlighted the global impact of cancer as the second leading cause of death.

Although there have been advancements in treatment,

rural communities in Bangladesh still remain uninformed about cancer's consequences and prevention, he said.

He called for awareness, emphasising the alarming rise in smoking, a major contributor to cancer, among the youth.

Dr Choudhury also expressed concern over the absence of a cancer patient registry.

Attributing it to the lack of a comprehensive screening process, he said this leaves the true extent of the issue much in the shadows.

Prof Mahfuza Khanam, a member of Dhaka University Senate, said, "Many women have no knowledge about breast cancer screening, which is a concerning issue. Just one screening process can detect it early leading to faster diagnosis and treatment."

If metro speeds up Dhaka, footpath slows

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Besides, rickshaws and motorbikes of ride-sharing apps were seen parked on the road in front of Sonali Bank head office.

Prof Adil Mohammed Khan, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Planners, attributed the government's lack of

political will as the cause of this menace.

"A nexus, backed by politically influential people as well as the administration, has occupied Dhaka's footpaths and is extorting the street vendors. The government knows who they are, but it is not taking

any steps," he said.

Prof Adil, also a faculty member at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Jahangirnagar University, said a comprehensive policy is necessary to put an end to this menace.

"The government can establish a biometric

identification system for the hawkers and designate specific locations in the capital," he suggested.

Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, zonal executive officer (zone-1) of Dhaka South City Corporation, could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

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Memo No. 58.04.8400.113.03.001.24-334(5) Date: 03-02-2024

e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal.

SL No.	e-Tender ID No.	Name of goods	Publishing date & time	Closing date & time
01	945690	Supply of Unnatamaner Mashur Dal (Mota) to Rangamati District Jail for the period of April, 2024 to September, 2024	05-February-2024 & 10:15	19-February-2024 & 12:00
02	945691	Supply of Unnatamaner Cholar Dal to Rangamati District Jail for the period of April, 2024 to September, 2024.	05-February-2024 & 10:15	19-February-2024 & 12:00
03	945150	Supply of Mashur Dal (Sorur) to Rangamati District Jail for the period of April, 2024 to September, 2024.	05-February-2024 & 10:15	19-February-2024 & 12:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 11:30 on 19 February, 2024.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Corrigendum of Local Tender Notice

Memo No.44.01.0000.024.01.004.2023-96 Date: 01 February 2024

Invitation for national tender published in different national dailies as per Memo No-44.01.0000.024.01.004.2023-2380 Date: 28 December 2023 is hereby amended only for Purchase of goods (Vehicles for Bangladesh Police) as follows:

Other terms and conditions shall remain as before.

SL no.	Description	Published	Revised/Amended
10	Tender Selling last date	04 February 2024	20 February 2024
11	Tender closing date and time	05 February 2024 at 12.00 pm	22 February 2024 at 12.00 pm
12	Tender opening date and time	05 February 2024 at 12.30 pm	22 February 2024 at 12.30 pm

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THE SECURITY PRINTING CORPORATION (BANGLADESH) LTD. (SPCBL)
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Local e-Tender Notice

Local e-Tender is invited in 'The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd. (SPCBL)'s e-Tender site <https://spcbltender.bb.org.bd> for procurement of the following works for SPCBL as per e-Tender schedule. Necessary information is given below:

SL No.	e-Tender No.	Nature of e-Tender	Name of the works	Date of publish	Last date & time for submission of e-Tender	Date & time for opening of e-Tender
01.	12/2024	Local	Repair and renovation works of E-1 and E-2 residential building at SPCBL, Gazipur	04/02/2024	04/03/2024 upto 11.00am	04/03/2024 up to 11.15am
02.	13/2024	Local	Repair and renovation works of F-2 residential building at SPCBL, Gazipur	04/02/2024	04/03/2024 up to 11.00am	04/03/2024 up to 11.15am

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