

## Khawaja Ghulam Sarwar passes away

STAR REPORT

Khawaja Ghulam Sarwar, a former member (customs), National Board of Revenue (NBR), passed away on February 14, said a press release.

He was undergoing treatment at Khawaja Yunus Ali Hospital in Enayetpur, Sirajganj.

He was buried at his family graveyard in Enayetpur following a namaz-e-janaza at his home.

During his career in Bangladesh Customs, he held various positions since joining in 1968.

From 1993 to 1999, he was a member of NBR. He obtained honours and master's degrees in economics from Dhaka University. Later in 1982, he went to Harvard University, USA to complete one-year specialised training on tax law.



PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

A young boy lost in the verses of a novel at Ekushey Boi Mela in the port city's CRB area. The fair witnessed a promising turnout this weekend, bringing together readers across ages and backgrounds.

## 64 gold bars recovered at Ctg airport

UNB, Dhaka

Customs officials have recovered 64 gold bars, weighing 7.5 kilogrammes, from Shah Amanat International Airport in Chattogram.

The gold was recovered from an Oman Air flight around 9:45pm on Friday.

Group Captain Taslim Ahmed, director of the airport, confirmed the matter. Legal action in this connection is underway, he said.

## Death anniv

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Institute of Technology in the US.

The prolific businessman founded over 50 firms in the last four decades. He invested in automobiles, petroleum, pharmaceuticals, real estate, IT, deep sea fishing, telecommunications, electronics, food processing, banking, and insurance firms.

He started his career at a pharmaceutical company and began his own business in 1979.

Rouf spearheaded the formation of Bank Asia in 1999 by acquiring the Bangladesh operations of the Canadian Bank of Nova Scotia. He was also associated with many social and philanthropic activities throughout his life.

## Now govt

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his family? I belong to a middle-class family but I also feel that we have become helpless," she said.

"The government says every day that prices will come down. I say they won't come down... their syndicate will not reduce prices and they [the government] will not say anything to the syndicate," she said.

The BNP leader called for nationwide protests to "bring down" the government which she described as "fascist".

To overcome this situation, the entire nation will have to take to the streets, she said.

# A carnival for booklovers

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Finding her way amid an excited crowd at the entrance of Ekushey Boi Mela in the port city's CRB area, Shanta Devnath managed to enter a stall.

Browsing through the titles, the Chittagong University student finally picked up a book and started turning its pages.

"I have loved the smell of new books since I was a child," said Shanta.

The Amar Ekushey Boi Mela at Shirishtola saw a great turnout of booklovers this Friday and yesterday. The sales were also

satisfactory, said publishers.

Earlier, the fair used to be held at MA Aziz Stadium gymnasium. However, the new location is much better, said Anamika Dhar, a resident of city's Patharghata Bundle Road.

Ishrat Jahan, an eleventh grader, was seen looking at the Humayun Ahmed collections. "I am his fan and plan to purchase some of his titles I am yet to read," he said.

This correspondent spoke to many others at the fair, including schoolteacher Tapash Barua, an avid traveller looking for travel books at the stall of Prothoma

Prokashan; and ninth grader Mosharrif, a fan of Muhammad Zafar Iqbal's novels.

Content with the sales, Md Junaid, a salesperson of Labonyo Prokashani, said, "We are expecting more visitors in the coming days."

A total of 92 publishing houses are participating in the fair which has a capacity of 155 stalls, mentioned Nisar Uddin Ahmed, a councillor of CCC and convener of the book fair.

The fair is open for all from 3:00pm to 9:00pm on weekdays and 10:00am to 9:00pm on weekends till March 2.

## Dedicated train

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Express rake. However, they were unable to do so because they did not have enough locomotives. Last month, the new rail minister announced plans to start a commuter train between the two districts by February.

However, that will not be possible as it is not feasible from their end, said DRM Saiful, mentioning two pairs of trains running on this route between the capital and Cox's Bazar with two allocated coaches in each

train for Chattogram passengers.

"Passengers of two districts are neglected by the state. We urge the government to start dedicated train services between the two cities soon," said Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, general secretary of Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity.

Tarek Imran, divisional commercial manager of Chattogram Railways, said, "The initiative will be profitable if the authorities manage to provide quality service."

## Make sure country

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Movement and independence through the Liberation War under the leadership of Bangabandhu.

Giving a brief description of the overall development of the country, she said they have made huge socio-economic developments of Bangladesh.

"Not only mega projects, we focus on the development at the grassroots," she said.

Terming the BNP the party of looters, she

said the BNP did not do anything for the well-being of the people.

She criticised BNP for not taking part in the 12th parliamentary election.

The PM claimed that BNP did not take part in the election as they knew people would not vote for them, and resorted to arson and killing.

She said the 12th parliamentary election held on January 7 was the most free, fair and credible polls since 1975.

## Country sees

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Another 23 patients recovered during this period, taking the total number of recoveries to 20,15,004. The recovery rate of 98.40 percent.

Due to a sudden rise in infection rate from the beginning of this year, the government has decided to administer Covid-19 vaccines again.

Advising people to use masks as a precaution at high-risk places such as hospitals or medical centres, DGHS in a press release said the new type of Covid-19 JN1 infection has increased in several countries.

Amid this situation, the DGHS advised those who are at high risk to receive the fourth dose of the vaccine. It also asked people to take a Covid-19 test before any surgery or treatment of any other diseases if there are any signs or symptoms of the disease.

## 57 'members'

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They are from "Langra Nuru", "Potato Rubel" and "King Shaon" groups, said Rab-4 CO Lt Col Mohammad Abdur Rahman.

Teen gangs in the capital first made headlines in 2017, after 14-year-old student Adnan Kabir was beaten to death in Uttara.

Since then, Rab has arrested a total of 1,126 teen gang members in the last six years. Of them, 349 were arrested last year across the country, according to Rab.

## Quader labels BNP as 'primary source of extremism'

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday labeled BNP as the primary source of extremism in Bangladesh.

During a press conference held at the AL president's office in Dhanmondi, Quader also accused BNP of engaging in reckless politics.

Quader asserted, "Extremism in Bangladesh originated with the BNP. Unlike the BNP, the Awami League engages in responsible discourse, not baseless rhetoric."

He likened Mirza Fakhrul to a "reckless driver", accusing BNP of aiming to disrupt political stability, a pattern they have followed.

On the issue of the recent tensions along the Myanmar border, Quader emphasised the need for "intelligent diplomacy", noting that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is actively pursuing a peaceful resolution under the prime minister guidance.

## Technical glitch halts metro services again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Metro rail services from Uttara to Motijheel remained suspended for an hour yesterday due to a "technical glitch".

The trains started running from 3:40pm, Nazmul Islam Bhuiyan, an official of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd, told The Daily Star.

The operations were suspended after a door of a train malfunctioned, he said.

The suspension lasted for around an hour, he said.

Mentionable, metro services either got delayed or remained halted for around an hour on Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

## Nine members of robber gang held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police claimed to have arrested nine members of an inter-district robber gang from Dhaka, Narayanganj, and Munshiganj districts.

Md Asaduzzaman, superintendent of police in Narayanganj, disclosed the matter during a briefing yesterday.

On Friday, police arrested seven gang members from Keraniganj area of Dhaka, the SP said.

They are: leader of the gang Monir alias Cutter Monir, 28; and his associates Masud, 27; Shamsuddin alias Nana, 56; Alif, 25; Jahirul, 26; Rokon, 22; and Sabbir, 20.

Based on information retrieved from them, two other members - Jahid, 27, and Md Sharif, 25, - were later arrested from Narayanganj and Munshiganj respectively.

Police recovered Tk 19,800, and locally made firearms and machetes from their possessions, said the SP.

The armed gang looted ornaments and electronic gadgets worth Tk 85,000 from a house in South Keraniganj area on January 21 midnight after entering it by cutting window grilles and tying up the house owner and his wife.

Borhan later filed a case in this connection against unidentified robbers. Police investigated the matter and identified the arrestees in connection with the robbery, SP Asaduzzaman said.

## We can still limit temperature rise to 1.5°C: Saber

UNB, Dhaka

The window to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C is still open, said Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Saber Hossain Chowdhury yesterday.

"Climate change is an existential threat, but we have not yet entered the era of overshoot," he said.

Saber said this while speaking at the Munich Security Conference held yesterday in a panel titled "The unavoidable master risk? Addressing climate overshoot". He urged the developed world to honour climate commitments.

"If emissions peak by 2025, are halved by 2030, and we achieve net zero by 2050, then the worst impacts of climate change can still be avoided," he said. Saber said climate change is already exacerbating the existing social, economic, and geopolitical vulnerabilities, putting national peace and stability at risk.

He also said climate change is already causing more frequent and extreme weather events, which are leading to the displacement of people. By 2050, an estimated 13.3 million people in Bangladesh will be displaced by climate change, making it the country's number one driver of internal migration.

## Fateh Ali Chowdhury no more

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Fateh, also a founding member of Ekatattor Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, left behind his wife Kabita Chowdhury, daughter Simin Chowdhury, and a host of relatives and admirers.

Fateh's body was kept at the mortuary of a hospital. The decision of his burial will be taken after his daughter returns from Canada.

Fateh joined the Liberation War when he was a student of the English at Dhaka University. He fought the war under Sector 2.

Crack Platoon shook the Pakistani army's

confidence in Dhaka in 1971 with guerrilla operations, representing growing resistance against the occupation. It exposed that even the capital Dhaka was not completely under the control of the occupying army, which boosted the confidence of the Mukti Bahini.

The guerrillas stunned the Pakistani authorities by organising attacks in the vicinity of Intercontinental Hotel (InterContinental Dacca), on police checkpoints and electricity substations.

Habibul said Fateh was part of almost all the operations carried out by the Crack Platoon in Dhaka. He was born in 1949. His house on Hatkhola Road during 1971 was used by the freedom fighters, especially those from Crack Platoon.

After independence, Fateh became a teacher at Government Haraganga College, Government Tolaram College and worked with Bangladesh Industrial Development Corporation.

He was also a director of CSL, which provided logistic support as an associate to foreign companies doing business in Bangladesh.

Fateh was a pioneer of progressive socio-cultural movements and a believer of non-communal spirit, said Shahriar Kabir, president of Ekatattor Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee and brother-in-law of Fateh.

Fateh was engaged in several activities of the Nirmul Committee, advocating for the trial of war criminals, led by Jahanara Imam, and the restoration of the 1972 constitution.

Fateh was also the brother of eminent journalist, editor and freedom fighter Shahadat Chowdhury.

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