

Ex-attorney general AJ Mohammad Ali no more

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Eminent jurist and former Attorney General AJ Mohammad Ali passed away yesterday.

He died at Bangladesh time 2:15pm while receiving treatment at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore.

Ali was a senior advocate, president of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum, a former president of Supreme Court Bar Association, and an adviser and principal counsel for the BNP chairperson, said BIAF Secretary General Kayser Kamal.

Ali left behind his wife, a son and daughter and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan and Attorney General AM Amin Uddin have expressed deep shock at his death. Ali served as the 12th attorney general from 2005 to 2007. His father MH Khandkar was the country's first attorney general.

He also served as an executive member of Bangladesh Bar Council.



First end graft, then hike price

FROM PAGE 3 Economist and Dhaka University Professor MM Akash said, "Electricity and energy are essential commodities. The price of such commodities should be determined based on societal impacts rather than commercial factors. This rationale led to the establishment of the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission. Withdrawal of subsidies, as advised by the IMF, would be unconstitutional."

Ijaz Hossain, a former professor of Buet, said the government moved away from the place of transparency by bypassing BEREC in the process of price increase.

"I will pay whatever price

[of electricity and fuel] the government fixes. But why should I take responsibility for the corruption and waste in these sectors?" he asked.

There is still a deficit of Tk 40,000 crore in the electricity sector. If there was no wastage, embezzlement and looting, this would not have happened.

M SHAMSUL ALAM Energy adviser to CAB

"There is no fuel, yet power plants are being built. Why don't the IMF-World Bank look for irregularities? In Bangladesh, 30 percent

of electricity is still produced with furnace oil. But nowhere in the world it is more than five percent. Why aren't donor agencies taking action on these issues?" added Prof Ijaz.

"What is the point of having a 25,000 MW power plant if it cannot produce that much electricity? I think 15,000 MW power plants are enough in the country. Because not more than that is being produced in the country... So why doesn't the IMF look at the increased wastage?" he added.

In the written statement, CAB said despite having sufficient production capacity, consumers are suffering from terrible load shedding every year in summer.

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groups of citizens, expand cooperation and partnerships among civil society organisations, provide grant opportunities, and strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations.

US Ambassador Peter Haas said, "Our support for the Nagorikata Civic Engagement Fund aligns with our commitment to empowering civil society for positive change and sustainable development."

Canadian High Commissioner Lily Nichols said, "Gender equality is at the core of Canada's international assistance programming. Promoting gender equality is the most effective way to address the root causes of poverty. This fund supports SDG 5, which promotes gender equality."

Swiss High Commissioner Reto Ringgli said, "Switzerland staunchly supports stronger civic voices and citizen engagement at home and abroad and we stress that this is a universal principle that transcends borders."

Chief Coordinator of SDG Affairs of the Prime Minister's Office Md Akhter Hossain and Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau Md Saïdur Rahman attended the event.

Roskana Khondker, executive director of Khan Foundation; Hasibur Rahman, executive director of MRDI, and Shamsin Ahmed, founder and CEO of Identity Inclusion, also spoke.

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another mill in Fatullah, said, "The factory authorities don't provide us with safety equipment. If we demand them, we get threats of losing our jobs."

Md Sumon, another worker at the factory, got his leg burned by molten iron.

"Such kinds of accidents are very common in most of the factories," he said.

There are instances of several incidents occurring at these mills throughout the previous years, which support Sumon's statement.

On October 14 last year, five workers were burned to death in a blast that occurred due to accumulated gas at Sharmin Steel Limited factory in Siddhirganj area of Narayanganj.

On May 4 of that year, seven workers were burned to death after falling into molten iron at Rahima Industrial Complex Limited in Rugganj upazila of Narayanganj.

After that incident, The Daily Star published a report that stated, quoting the officials of DIFE and fire service, that the factory had been running for six months without any valid papers and without ensuring adequate safety measures.

Nine days after that incident, a worker was crushed by heavy irons while loading them into a truck at

Montaha Steel Mills Limited in Sonargaon upazila.

Apart from these, during the 2018-2022 period, many workers in such factories died or sustained severe injuries due to similar accidents -- like explosions and falling into molten iron.

SM Kadir, general secretary of Re-Rolling Steel Mills Sramik Front in Narayanganj, alleged that such accidents are recurring due to the indifference of factory owners and lack of monitoring by government authorities.

According to DIFE, there are 90 steel re-rolling factories in Narayanganj. But workers and locals claimed over a hundred more are operating illegally.

Contacted, DIFE's Deputy Inspector General Rajib Chandra Ghosh admitted that most of the factory authorities don't provide sufficient safety equipments to workers.

However, he claimed that they keep inspecting the factories and issuing notices regarding this matter.

Meanwhile, Mahbubur Rashid Jewel, general secretary of Bangladesh Re-Rolling Mills Association, claimed that mill owners have already taken several measures to increase wages for the workers and implement adequate safety measures in the factories.

THIRD PHASE UPAZILA POLLS

1,588 submit nomination papers

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A total of 1,588 aspirants submitted nomination papers to contest in the third phase of upazila elections slated for May 29.

In this phase, 112 upazila will go to polls. Yesterday was the last day to submit nomination papers.

A total of 570 aspirants have submitted nominations for the post of chairman, 618 for vice chairman, and 400 for vice chairman posts reserved for women, an Election Commission press release said.

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allocate election symbol to Proddhan till May 5 following the order.

The EC had cancelled his candidature as he was convicted and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in a case filed over amassing Tk 57.79 crore illegally and laundering about Tk 22 crore.

Following a petition filed by Proddhan, now on bail, the HC ordered the EC to allocate election symbol and allow him to contest the upazila polls.

EC to send letter to Speaker

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"It carries the message that ministers and MPs can have relatives as candidates, but they can't exert any illegal influence," he said.

"All candidates are equal to the commission; they should be treated equally. If anyone does not follow the code of conduct or exerts illegal influence, then action will be taken according to the law," he added.

Asked about what the EC will do if ministers and MPs do not obey the EC's message, Alamgir said, "If

the ministers and MPs do not follow the rules, it will be seen which rules are breached and action will be taken accordingly."

The EC's move to send the letter to the Speaker came after field-level administration and police officials expressed concern that lawmakers and ministers trying to influence the upazila polls in their respective localities might pose a serious challenge.

They said this at a meeting with the commission on April 25. According to the

electoral code of conduct for upazila polls, no MPs or ministers are allowed to join the electioneering on behalf of any candidate.

Meanwhile, Awami League sources said relatives of more than 50 ministers and lawmakers are contesting the polls.

They are still in the race, defying the party's decision that close relatives will have to withdraw their candidatures, the sources added.

This year, upazila polls will be held in four phases from May 8 to June 5.

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process of adding two sophisticated helicopters is underway to prevent criminal activities, conduct operations, and transform Bangladesh Police into a three-dimensional force.

To make the police a smart force, various types of modern firearms are being provided to them, he added.

While replying to a question from MP Mahbubur Rahman of Chatogram-1, the minister said Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has been equipped with modern weapons, vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft.

Not enough

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"It is too hot. Also, there is no new moon and full moon along with no rain, so hilsa migration is not happening. Hopefully the weather will improve later on to change the situation," he said.

According to the Divisional Fisheries Office sources, they expect a catch of 5.71 lakh tonnes of hilsa.

There are 4.21 lakh registered fishermen in the division while an equal number of fishermen are unregistered.

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