

Ex-MP Manu Majumdar passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manu Majumdar, a former lawmaker and vice-president of Netrakona district Awami League, passed away at an Indian hospital on Tuesday night.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

He was admitted to Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences in Bangalore, India where he died around 2:30am, Chandan Biswas, brother-in-law of the deceased, told The Daily Star.

Majumdar was elected as the MP for the Netrokona-1 constituency in the 11th national parliament elections in 2018, nominated by the AL.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed shock and sorrow at his death.



BRIDGE ON JHENAI RIVER

Three pillars in 3 years!

Construction remains incomplete since 2020

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Construction of a bridge on Jhenai river in Kashil area of Tangail's Basail upazila remains incomplete even three years after the work began.

Locals blamed the officials of the Local Government Engineering Department and the contractor companies for their negligence in not completing the bridge work.

After an old bridge on the spot collapsed due to being damaged by flood in 2007, the LGERD ministry called for tenders to construct the new 270-metre bridge in 2020, said sources at LGED in Tangail.

The work order was issued to construction firms Mainuddin Limited and SMDwip Construction (JV) on March 23 of the same year, with a six-month deadline to complete the work.

And more than three years have passed since then, with only three pillars of the bridge being constructed so far.

Last year, The Daily Star

reported on this issue.

With no other bridge on the river in the area, thousands of residents of Kasil, Basail, Kauljani, Fulki, Kanchanpur, Fatehpur, and Dubail unions have been facing prolonged sufferings, as they are compelled to use boats to cross the river.



Students have to wait for long periods on the river bank for their turn to cross the waterbody, while farmers face hassle when taking their crops to the markets.

"Every time we cross the river on a boat, we fear of drowning. Also, we often have to wait 20

25 minutes to catch a boat," said Rasel Miah, an eighth grader at Kasil High School.

Sumi Akter and Bablu Miah, residents of Kasil village, echoed Rasel.

After the bridge's construction began, the contractors abandoned the work several months later following a hike in price of construction materials, locals alleged. There are also cases filed over the demarcation of land ownership on one end of the bridge, they added.

Contacted, Rafiqul Islam, executive engineer of LGED Tangail, informed that the work order for the bridge has been cancelled as the contractor firm expressed reluctance to complete the rest of the work.

"A Tk 24.50 crore re-tender was held by the ministry concerned afterwards and a contractor firm from Jamalpur got the work order. The construction work on the bridge will resume soon," he added.

Anhar Ahmed Chowdhury no more

CITY DESK

Anhar Ahmed Chowdhury, a member of the board of trustees at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP), passed away at United Hospital, Dhaka on May 21. He was 74.

He had been suffering from leukemia, said a press release.

Chowdhury left behind his two sons, a daughter, and numerous well-wishers.

Beyond his work with UAP, he was an active Rotarian and served as the secretary general of the Gulshan Society from 2012 to 2014.

Chowdhury was buried at Banani graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at the Gulshan Society Jame Mosque.



A ray of hope for cancer patients

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to ensure cancer treatment and palliative care for cancer patients.

"If cancer were not treated and palliative care not provided, Bangladesh would not achieve an important sustainable development goal. It is good news that we have started working together," he said.

At the inaugural ceremony, Kumudini Welfare Trust Director Srimati Saha said, "If all the people are with the Kumudini Welfare Trust, it will be able to make remarkable achievements."

Speaking as chief guest, Rokeya Sultana, state minister for health and family welfare, stressed



palliative care as it provides relief to cancer patients before their death.

Prof Nizamuddin Ahmed, founder of the palliative care department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, said the concept of palliative care is still not

clear to many people.

"The purpose of palliative service will not be achieved if communities are not involved. The approach should be done from the public health perspective," he said.

Only 14 percent of the

world's population gets palliative care. In poor countries like Bangladesh, this rate is much lower, said Shefali Rani Sarkar, vice principal of Kumudini Nursing College.

Arun Mahadevan, a delegate from the US, explained how radiotherapy can be used for palliative care.

Kumudini Hospital in Tangail is one of the first hospitals in the country which has been treating cancer patients using radiotherapy devices since 1948, said Prof Md Abdul Halim, principal, Kumudini Women's Medical College.

A total of six sessions were held on the first day of the conference.

Public, pvt partnership Will Nirala Dighi

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Nurul Aktar, president of Bangladesh Solar Renewable Energy Association, said, "If the garment sector comes forward, we can generate 5,000 MW of solar electricity from just the rooftops of their factories."

"We have failed to involve commercial banks in green financing. Bangladesh Bank should fix a target of green financing for every other bank," he also said.

Khondkar Morshed Millat, former director of Sustainable Finance of Bangladesh Bank, and Lead Energy Analyst of Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, Shafiqul Alam, presented keynote papers at the event.

they doing themselves? It is unacceptable," he also said.

Dilip Kumar Datta, former professor of environmental science department at Khulna University, said, "Waterbodies like Nirala Dighi are essential for a city. It also acts as a reservoir to replenish groundwater as well as reducing temperature of surrounding areas."

Contacted, Mertoza Al Mamun, executive

engineer of KDA and director of the project, said, "We are developing the road as well as Nirala Dighi. Sand filling is being done only to a portion of the pond, while the remaining waterbody will have new retaining walls with grilles on its banks."

"If we don't fill up a part of the pond, the project cost will go up as we would have to acquire private lands. It would then leave no scope to widen the road along the KCC graveyard," he said.

Road crashes

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Among those killed in road accidents in April, 10 were members of law enforcement agencies, 169 were drivers, 63 pedestrians, 58 transport workers, 46 students, six teachers, 119 women, 67 children, three journalists, two physicians, one lawyer, three engineers and eight activists of different political parties.

Of the accidents, 35.28 percent occurred on national highways, 14.78 on regional roads and 42.45 percent on roads. Besides, 6.58 percent accidents occurred in Dhaka city, 0.43 in Chattogram and 0.43 percent on rail tracks.

PRAYER TIMING
MAY 23

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-05 12-45 5-00 6-40 8-00
JAMAAT 4-40 1-15 5-15 6-45 8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

End crackdown on

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access to education and employment, the letter said.

Since April 7, more than 100 Bawm people have been arbitrarily arrested in military operations in villages across the Chittagong Hill Tracts region following the

alleged robberies by KNF men, it also said.

Amnesty demanded that the government provide adequate legal representation for all arbitrarily arrested individuals and allow their relatives to visit them freely, without fear of being arrested.

Government to blame

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He said there is no option but to remove the current regime from power to establish a pro-people government.

Referring to the US sanctions on some Rab officials, the BNP leader said the government did not learn any lessons from it.

Replying to a question about the upazila elections, the BNP leader said he did not see any enthusiasm among people as they have no interest in voting.

About the recovery of the body of ruling party MP Anwarul Azim, Fakhrul said when a lawmaker went missing going to India, neither the Bangladesh government nor the

friendly country India could give any information about it. "Then what are we to believe?"

He also said their party is not even certain if there was any foul play behind the death of the MP in India.

We don't care

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anniversary on June 23.

Criticising BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir for his statement over the killing of Anwarul Azim, Quader said BNP leader Salahuddin remains safe in friendly-country India.

Quader urged Fakhrul not to play blame game of politics about the friendly country.

Man held for burning wife to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Rab on Tuesday arrested a man for burning his second wife to death by pouring petrol on her body and setting her on fire in Gazipur's Nayapara.

Mizanur Rahman Sumon, 28, of Cumilla's Muradnagar, and a driver by profession, was arrested by Rab-1 from Naojor area of Gazipur city, said Mahfuzur Rahman, assistant director of Rab-1, at a briefing yesterday.

The victim is Bilkis, 26. The Rab official said during primary interrogation, Sumon said he lived in a rented house in Ranabola area near Dhaka's Turag with his first wife and their daughter.

Two years ago, he married Bilkis, without informing his family.

He rented another house for his second wife in Nayapara, approximately two kilometres from Ranabola.

Recently, Sumon and Bilkis were having a dispute over household expenditure, Rab said quoting him. She was demanding more money from him for expenses.

On May 19, he took Bilkis to the Purbachal area in a car. Around 4:00pm, Sumon parked the car in a secluded area. When the couple got out of the vehicle, he poured petrol on her and set her on fire. He then fled the scene.

Hearing screams, locals rescued Bilkis from a drain and took her to Kurmitola General Hospital.

As her condition deteriorated, she was shifted to the burn institute in Dhaka where she died around 9:00am on May 20, the Rab official added.

'Vast areas may face waterlogging in monsoon'

Taposh points at filling up part of Hatirjheel for expressway; UDJFB awards 6 reporters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said residents of a vast area in the city, like Panthapath and Kathalagan, may face waterlogging during the upcoming monsoon, as part of Hatirjheel has been filled up to construct elevated expressway.

Both the mayors in Dhaka tried to save the waterbody, but for the country's greater interest, their demands might have been turned down.

He said this at a programme organised by Urban Development Journalist Forum Bangladesh (UDJFB) at the CIRDA auditorium, where six reporters were given Best Urban Reporting Award 2024.

Elimination of corruption, strict enforcement of law, and ensuring prompt justice are three key components for building a liveable and safer city, the mayor said.

The six reporters who were awarded at the event are – Amitosh Pal and Latiful Islam (Samakal), Rashad Ahmad (New Age), Al Fatah Mamun (Bonik Barta), Rajnin Farzana (Sarabangla.net) and Nazmul Sayed (Independent TV).

Prof Ahmad Kamruzzaman Majumder, director of Center for Atmospheric Pollution Studies; Sujaul Islam Khan, general secretary of Institute of Architects Bangladesh; and Helemul Alam, convener of the award implementation committee, among others, spoke at the programme.

Former President of Jatiya Press Club and Jugantor Editor Saiful Alam attended the programme as special guest. Shaikh Muhammad Mehedi Ahsan, general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, presented a keynote paper at the programme. UDJFB President Matin Abdullah presided over the event, moderated by UDJFB General Secretary Faisal Khan.

Faulty server stalls

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The server is available for some time, when a couple of application processes can be completed, the officials added.

"We are facing some problems with the server for

issuing new trade licences and renewing old trade licences. The old server is not working. We are looking for ways to use an alternate server to resolve the issue," said Ariful Haque, chief revenue officer of DSCC.

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IT SYSTEM DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR TENDER

23/05/2024

Subject: Supply, Installation and Operation of Bulk Masking/Non Masking SMS Service at Bangladesh Development Bank PLC, Head Office for next 03 (Three) Years.

Tender is invited from the reputed SMS Service Provider for Supply, Installation of SMS Service and Integration with CBS in Quarterly Payment basis for 03 (Three) Years. Necessary information's are given below:

01. Procuring entity	IT System Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC., Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level-06), 8 Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
02. Procurement Method	Through Open Tendering Method (OTM) of Public Procurement Rules, 2008 (Corrected upto 2021).
03. Invitation for Re-Tender No.	BDBL/ITSD/OTM/2024/02 Dated: May, 2024
04. Source of Funds	Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. own Fund.
05. Brief Description of the Goods and Services	Supply, Installation & Operation of Bulk Masking/Non Masking SMS Service at Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. Head Office for next 03(Three) years.
06. Name & Address of Receiving Tender security & Other Documentary Evidence.	IT System Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC., Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level-6), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
07. Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Schedule.	06-06-2024 up to 10:00 A.M.
08. Last Date and Time for Submission.	06-06-2024 up to 2:00 P.M.
09. Date, Time and Place for Tender Opening	All Tenders will be opened at IT System Department, Head Office, Dhaka on 06-06-2024 at 3:00 P.M. (Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening of Tender).
10. Eligibility of Tenderer	The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as Prime Contractor shall be 3 (Three) years. The Tenderer must submit documentary evidence of their experience and i. The Tenderer must have experience to implement Bulk Masking/Non Masking SMS Service with CBS integration at least 02 (Two) Bangladeshi Schedule Bank/Financial Institution. ii. Any Distributor on behalf of the Service Provider can't participate in the Tender. iii. The Tenderer must have A2P SMS Aggregator Provider in Bangladesh licensed by BTRC. iv. The Tenderer must have MNP license agreement. v. The Tenderer must submit documentary evidence of their experience, license, failing which the Tenderer would be treated as Non-Responsive.
11. Time for completion of the works	02 (Two) weeks from the date of issue of Contract Award.
12. Tender Security	1,40,000.00 (One Lac Forty Thousand Taka Only) Tender Security Money only will be required in the form of Pay Order in favor of Bangladesh Development Bank PLC., Head Office, Dhaka.
13. Price of Tender Schedule	Taka 1,000/- (One Thousand) Only. (Non Refundable)

Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender either in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever. If occur any government holiday then the tender opening date will be shifted to next working day.

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Network Firewall and 2U Rack Server
(IFT Ref no: TIB/Proc/IFT/2024/025 Date: 23 May 2024)

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is hereby inviting all bona fide traders/suppliers to participate in the tender process for supplying and commissioning of **Network Firewall and 2U Rack Server** as per the specifications published in the tender documents.

Interested vendors are requested to download the IFT documents from the following link of the TIB website or collect a hard copy from **Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), House 5, MIDAS Centre 4th Floor, Road 16 (new) 27 (Old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1209**. All other terms and conditions are mentioned in the tender documents. For any clarifications or queries, please contact pretom@ti-bangladesh.org. The hard copy of the Tender documents shall be submitted to the above address on or before **3:00 PM, 06 June 2024**.

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