

Justice Ansar
Ali's death
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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 29th death anniversary of Justice Muhammad Ansar Ali.

A 1 i passed away while he was on duty at the Supreme Court on this day in 1995.

Qurankhwani and a doa mahfil will be held at his home in Naogaon and at Banani graveyard in Dhaka to mark the occasion.

Probe

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the expressway, the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Housing and Public Works on June 10 formed the probe body, which includes lawmakers MA Latif, Mojibur Rahman, and Parvez Zaman.

Contractor firm Max-Ranken (Joint Venture) is constructing the expressway.

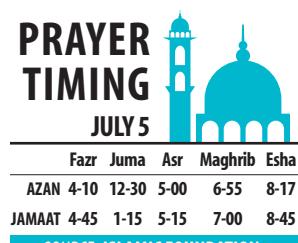
Mahfuzur Rahman, director of the project and executive engineer of Chattogram Development Authority, said there are some air cracks in pillars, which are nothing major.

"We already examined and asked contractors to level the cracks. We also found some errors in the finishing work. We will solve them as soon as possible," he also said.

The construction work of the much awaited Chattogram Elevated Expressway is nearing completion.

The project was initiated in 2017. The project's original cost was Tk 3,250 crore and was scheduled to be completed in June 2020.

However, the government had to extend the deadline as the CDA failed to implement the project within the stipulated time. At present, the cost of the project is Tk 4,298.95 crore.



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Want to order a boat? Just give a call

Boat makers in Bagerhat embrace technology

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY,
Bagerhat



Boat makers in Kachua upazila of Bagerhat have turned to digital platforms using their mobile phones to sell dinghy boats, thereby transforming the way to reach out to their buyers.

Samples of the boats, crafted from wood of Chambal and Mahogany trees, are prominently displayed at Badhal Haat (bazaar), with contact details of the artisans.

Interested buyers would use the contact numbers to place orders over phone, said Altap Hossain and Sobhan Sheikh, two artisans from Tangrakhali village in the upazila who are at the forefront of this approach to market their products.

The approach not only saves their time but also increased their sales, they also said.

"Usually, we can make a dinghy in a single day. However, following this approach, we sold 60 boats each from our homes

in one month. Based on the size and quality, each boat fetched Tk 3,000-5,000," said Altap.

"Our customer base has expanded beyond the locality to Morrelganj, Rampal, Polerhat, Doibaghyaht, and Vatkhai in Bagerhat, and Bhajor and Indurkani in Pirojpur district," said Sobhan.

Sharing his experience, one satisfied customer, Rafiqual Sheikh from Rampal, said, "We

use these dinghy boats in the fish enclosures for feeding fish. The process of ordering over phone is very convenient."

Another buyer, Laizu Sheikh, who had ordered three boats for fishing, echoed him.

Altap and Sobhan's initiative serves as a model for other artisans in the region to follow suit and thereby improve their livelihoods, said Abu Bakar Siddique, a resident of Tangrakhali village.

Mother, daughter die as microbus hits auto-rickshaw

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and five injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday.

In Natore, a woman and her three-year-old daughter were killed in a head-on collision between a microbus and a battery-run auto-rickshaw in Lalpur upazila.

The accident happened around 1:00pm on Lalpur-Bagha regional highway at Rahimpur Jamila, said police.

Rubina Khatun, 33, from Udhampara area in Lalpur, and her daughter Rokeya Khatun -- who were on the auto-rickshaw -- died on the spot, Lalpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nasim Ahmed quoted witnesses as saying.

The microbus was seized but the driver fled the scene.

In Dinajpur, a microbus driver was killed and two people were injured as his vehicle and a pickup collided head on on Dinajpur-Phulbari regional road at Buritali village.

Jewel Mondal, 49, from Dakkhin Debipur village in Ghoraghata upazila, died at M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital, said Sadar Police Station OC Farid Hossain.

In another accident, at least three people were injured as two trucks collided head on on Dinajpur-Gobindaganj regional highway at Panchbari village in Sadar upazila.

Three traffickers held

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the accused first forcibly took her to Chatogram from Rangamati on June 19 and then to Dhaka.

On June 25, they took her to a restaurant and asked her to marry a man who speaks Chinese. As she refused, they confined her.

Meanwhile, a human chain was held in

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and printed them in the form of advertisements in newspapers. If you read it, you will get the answers there. It is not necessary to search for new answers now," he said.

"I have never been prosecuted by the government or the NBR regarding my taxes. So I do not understand where did the issue of tax evasion come from. So, these are the subject of investigation," he continued.

He also said, "I am feeling good as I was not inside the cage today. There is no cage system here. The cage system should be removed permanently from courts."

Meanwhile, the tribunal set August 14 for hearing the appeal filed by Yunus and three Grameen Telecom directors against a labour court's sentence in the case.

On January 1, the Labour Court-3 of Dhaka sentenced the four to six months' imprisonment and fined Tk 30,000 each for violating labour laws.

Among those, 239 were killed, and 50 died by suicide. In the first six months of 2023, at least 806 children became victims of killings, torture, and repression, and 109 of them were killed.

The cases of attacks on minorities, including the Hindu community, so far this year have included the attack and vandalism of 21 Hindu idols, temples, and puja mandaps, alongside the arson and vandalism of 25 houses.

The last six months also saw 32 people killed in mob lynching, the report said.

Others were injured in shooting by Indian Border Security Force in the last six months, while the number was 11 from January to June last year.

A total of 250 women were raped across the country from January to July this year, among whom 14 were killed after rape and three died by suicide. The number was 294 in the same period last year, according to ASK.

The ASK report also revealed that 631 children have become victims of killings, torture, and repression so far this year.

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