

Journalist Aghore Mondal passes away

STAR REPORT

Sports journalist Aghore Mondal passed away yesterday afternoon at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). He was 58.

Aghore left behind his wife, two daughters and a lot of well-wishers.

He had been suffering from kidney and coronary diseases for a long time and underwent treatment at the BSMMU for the past two months. He was released from the hospital early this month but was again admitted to the same hospital after he was diagnosed with dengue fever on September 5.

He was on life-support for more than a week since then as his condition deteriorated.

Aghore was involved in journalism for the past three decades. He started his career at the Daily Bhorer Kagoj before working for channel-i, ATN News, and Dipta TV, respectively.

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Ctg sees surge

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before determining the aedes mosquito density in all areas, which will help identify the host spots and act as a guideline for CCC to conduct anti-mosquito drives," she added.

"Our study found that density of mosquitoes remains high an hour after sunrise and an hour before sunset. The CCC should consider it while conducting its drives," she added.

Contacted, Dr Jahangir Alam, civil surgeon of Chattogram, said the regular rainfall has created a congenial environment for aedes mosquitoes to breed.

CCC's conservancy workers have been spraying mosquito repellents and larvicide in areas under 41 wards of CCC, said Sheikh Muhammad Tauhidul Islam, its CEO.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

HEAVY RAINFALL IN BAGERHAT Fish from over 7,000 enclosures washed away

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY, Bagerhat

Incessant rainfall over the past few days caused severe waterlogging in low-lying areas of Bagerhat, inundating at least 7,000 fish enclosures across the district.

Local fish farmers are facing huge losses as fish worth hundreds of crores of taka were washed away from the enclosures, ponds and canals following the inundation since September 16.

Even with the odds stacked against them, many fish farmers were seen trying to salvage their remaining fish using nets and natural barriers like water hyacinths.

The worst-hit areas include Fakirhat, Chitalmari, and Mollahat upazilas, which are renowned for prawn cultivation, while fish farmers in Mongla, Rampal and Morrelganj upazilas also suffered substantial losses, according to the district fisheries department.

"My three ghers (fish enclosures) are entirely submerged under knee-deep water. Fish worth around Tk 10 lakh, that were ready to be harvested, have been swept away, while the vegetables I cultivated within the enclosures have also been damaged," said Mirajul Islam, a farmer from Faltita village in Fakirhat.

Nasir Sheikh, a farmer from Kahalpur village in Mollahat, shared similar plight. Tulu Haque, a farmer from Chitalmari, said, "Many of us had borrowed from banks and NGOs for fish farming and growing vegetables in and around the enclosures. How are we going to pay back the loans and reinvest to resume cultivation?"



The affected farmers called upon the government to provide financial assistance to help them grapple with the loss.

Contacted, ASM Russel, district fisheries officer in Bagerhat, said, "We are working on to assess the damages, while affected farmers are being advised on preventing fish from getting washed away."

Buet cancels dorm seats

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Amin Siddique, director of Buet's Directorate of Student's Welfare, told The Daily Star, "The seat allotment of the students was cancelled as there were complaints against them regarding their political involvement. There were also protests from other students centring the issue. To maintain the discipline and peace of the dormitories, the seat allotments of the accused students were cancelled."

He said the authorities do not know the total number of such students as they are yet to receive the names from the hall authorities.

However, Buet students alleged that they submitted the names of 55 students to the administration, but the residential facilities were also cancelled for some other students, against whom they did not submit any complaints.

But the seat allotments of all the students against

whom they submitted complaints were cancelled, and they were directly or indirectly involved in Chhatra League's politics, they said.

Meanwhile, seeking anonymity, a student whose seat was cancelled said, "I did not breach any discipline of the university. However, authorities cancelled my allotment from Dr MA Rashid Hall, and they did not follow the proper way to do so. This is injustice."

Will start negotiations with India

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basin by India, Nepal, and China.

"Due to water diversion and dam construction for hydroelectricity, the availability and navigability of Bangladesh's rivers have drastically decreased during the dry season," he said.

He also said that India's construction of three special dams on transboundary rivers has proven to be a significant detriment to Bangladesh.

Mihir Biswas, convener of World Rivers Day Celebration Council, stressed the need for proper basin-based management following the United Nations Watercourse Convention of 1997. He said, "An action plan must be developed with the assumption that floods and droughts will become more frequent due to climate change."

Prof Md Shahidul Islam of Dhaka University's Geography and Environment Department said identifying the exact number of national and transboundary rivers should be a priority.

"Neither the domestic nor international rivers are in good health. The primary issue affecting northern rivers is sand mining. Rivers need to be classified, otherwise encroachments will continue to convert them into canals," he warned, urging prompt resolution of all river-related problems.

Shamsul Huda, executive director of the Association for Land Reform and Development, called for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses of 1997.

Md Alamgir Kabir,

general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, moderated the seminar.

Social safety

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Foundation, called for combating inequality through systemic reforms and timely implementation of the programmes, improvements in beneficiary selection process, increased allocations for urban and hilly areas, reforms in local government structures, and enhanced accountability.

Wave Foundation's project coordinator Mir Mostak Ahmed and deputy director Kaniz Fatema, Prof MM Akash, chairman of the Bureau of Economic Research at DU, and SM Zulfikar Ali, research director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, spoke, among others.

UK MP calls

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and a society that is run in their interests," she said in the letter.

She emphasised that corruption has severely impacted Bangladesh's living standards, workplace rights, and democratic freedoms.

"Given that Bangladesh's ACC is seeking international cooperation to recover any misappropriated funds, I would be most grateful if you can clarify what steps have been taken to investigate and freeze all UK-based assets owned by Mr Chowdhury and others subject to these corruption investigations," she added.

She further said freezing and repatriating relevant funds is not only critical for justice and the future of people's rights in Bangladesh but essential in relation to the UK's reputation and international record.

Nahid meets

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including her brother's name in the list of martyrs and requested that no autopsy be performed.

In response, Nahid Islam assured her of his support and assistance.

The adviser confirmed that all martyrs and injured individuals will be included in the official list, noting that once the July Martyrs Memorial Foundation office is established, related tasks will proceed more efficiently.

Gill nets

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Kamrun Hasan Numan, an environmental activist, said several iconic indigenous species like Magur, Ritha, and Chital are on the brink of extinction, alongside many aquatic plants such as lotus and water lily.

"There were over 25 fish sanctuaries in Hakaluki Haor 15 years back, but only 11 of those now remain along with only three designated protected areas," said Touhidur Rahman, a project officer of Centre for Natural Resource Studies.

Contacted, Abu Masud, senior fisheries officer in Kulaura upazila, said the upazila fisheries office has been conducting drives regularly alongside continued monitoring and enforcement of laws.

Around 5,000 meters of banned nets were seized and destroyed during a drive on September 22, he added.

Shah Zahurul Haque, assistant commissioner (land) in Kulaura upazila, said the drives will continue.

Local communities, authorities, and environmental organisations must collaborate to develop and implement conservation strategies to preserve the fisheries resources of Hakaluki Haor ecosystem, he added.

Three kidnapped

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The miscreants at first demanded Tk 50 lakh as ransom, they said, adding that when they expressed their inability to pay, the kidnappers shifted them to a remote area and assaulted them.

They ordered them to make phone calls to relatives seeking the amount for business purposes, the victims said.

One of the contacted relatives realised the matter and informed police officials in Khagrachhari.

Nahiduzzaman told the journalists that the Khagrachhari SP made several calls to his cellphone number.

As the miscreants confirmed through Truecaller that the calls were coming from the SP's number, they released the victims sensing a possible rescue operation by law enforcers.

The tourists said there were eight abductors and all of them were Bangladeshis.

Khagrachhari SP Arefin Jewel told The Daily Star that the three tourists had gone to Sajek on Friday.

"Following the violence that broke out in the hill district, they were trapped there. While returning in their private car this Tuesday, unknown abductors intercepted them at Dighinala area and held them hostage," Jewel said.

Later, the abductors phoned their family, demanding ransom of Tk 50 lakh, said the police official adding, "When the family informed us of the matter, we informed the army."

After joint efforts by the police and the army, at one point, the abductors were forced to release them, he said.

A case was filed with Dighinala Police Station, said the SP.

Dhaka-Addis Ababa direct flight from November 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Africa's leading carrier Ethiopian Airlines is set to launch direct flight on the Addis Ababa-Dhaka-Addis Ababa route from November 2.

Initially, the airlines will operate five Boeing B787 Dreamliner flights per week on this route.

"Bangladesh is a dynamic and growing market, and we are confident that our modern fleet and exceptional service will meet the needs of travellers between our two regions," said Mesfin Tasew, Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, in a press release yesterday.

Petition seeks

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that India does not need to import hilsa as it harvests a huge quantity of the fish from the sea. However, India imports the hilsa caught from Padma river in Bangladesh as it becomes tastier after migrating from the sea to the river.

"As such, fish exporters in Bangladesh stockpile this fish captured from Padma river to export to India, and due to this, Bangladeshi people do not find enough hilsa in the market for consumption," he also said.

BANGLADESH COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS (BCPS)
67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

BCPS /CAR/916/2024 /23721 Date: 25.09.2024

Tender Corrigendum

The following corrigendum has been made to be the invitation of tender ref no: BCPS /CAR/916/2024 /23640; Date: 12/09/2024 for procurement of vehicles.

SL	Published as	To be replaced with
1.	Supply of Microbus and Sedan car	Supply of Microbus and Jeep
2.	Tender Last Selling Date: 01/10/2024 at 02:00 P.M.	Tender Last Selling Date: 05/10/2024 at 02:00 P.M.
3.	Tender Last Submission /Dropping/ Closing Date and Time: 02/10/2024 at 12:00 P.M.	Tender Last Submission /Dropping/ Closing Date and Time: 06/10/2024 at 12:00 P.M.
4.	Tender Opening Date, Time and Place: 02/10/2024 at 02:00 P.M., Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. In presence of Tenderer if any.	Tender Opening Date, Time and Place: 06/10/2024 at 01:00 P.M., Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. In presence of Tenderer if any.
5.	The Tenderer shall have experience in supply of similar goods of the subject in single contract more than 37 lacs for lot: 1, 32 lacs for lot: 2 during the last 03 (three) years.	The Tenderer shall have experience in supply of similar goods of the subject in single contract more than 48 lacs for lot-1 and 55 lacs for lot-2 during the last 03 (three) years.
6.	The average annual turnover of the tenderer should be more than 47 lacs for lot: 1, 40 lacs for lot: 02 during the last five years.	The average annual turnover of the tenderer should be more than 50 lacs for lot-1 and 58 lacs for lot-02 during the last five years.
7.	The minimum amount of credit line/credit facility/ liquid assets shall be Tk- 41 lacs for lot: 1, 36 lacs for lot: 02.	The minimum amount of credit line/credit facility/ liquid assets shall be Tk- 52 lacs for lot-1, 60 lacs for lot-02.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. This corrigendum will be treated as a part and parcel of the tender.


(Professor Abul Bashir Md. Jamal)
Secretary, BCPS
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

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Obituary



Our father, **KM Fazle Sayeed**, passed away on Sunday, 22nd September 2024 (Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihi raji'un) at the age of 87. He was a retired Joint Secretary of BCIC.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and many relatives and well-wishers.

Please keep him in your prayers.

-Ishtiaque, Imtiaz, and Iftezar Sayeed

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Caritas Bangladesh invites applications by 10th October 2024 to implement the Family Planning Program in Chattogram City Corporation, Salimpur, Sitakunda, and Banskhali Upazila, under the Chattogram district. The Expression of Interest (EOI) aims to identify National / Sub-National Partner/ Local Organizations who have the experience to implement the "Family Planning Program". The main thematic area of the EOI is to ensure access to services on family planning with necessary materials approved by the Bangladesh Government in the project centers/communities, for details pls. visit <https://caritasbd.org/notice/tender/>.

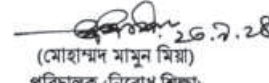
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