

Rezaul Karim
passes away

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Dr Md Rezaul Karim, founder chairman of Tropical Homes



Limited, passed away yesterday, said a press release.

He breathed his last around 4:00pm at Square Hospital in Dhaka.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today after the Juma prayers at Allahu Mosque in Dhaka Cantonment. All are requested to attend the janaza to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

TV channel
owners’
association
election held

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The 8th annual general meeting of the Association of Television Channel Owners (ATCO) was held on November 6 at a city hotel.

Anjan Chowdhury, president of ATCO and managing director of Maasranga TV, presided over the meeting, said a press release.

After the AGM, 15 members were elected as the board of directors. They are Anjan Chowdhury, Mohammad Mosaddak Ali (NTV), Mostafa Kamal (Ekattor TV), Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury (DBC News), Abdul Haque (Bangla Vision), Arif Hasan (Desh TV), Zahiruddin Mahmud Mamun (Channel-i), Md Jasim Uddin (RTV), Md Liaquat Ali Khan Mukul (Asian TV), Tipu Alam Milon (Boishakhi TV), Kazi Zahedul Hasan (Deepti TV), Abdus Salam (ETV), Navidul Huq (Nagarik TV), Md Hasan (Somoy TV), Safwan Sobhan (T Sports).

Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury was elected as vice president, Arif Hasan as general secretary, and Zahiruddin Mahmud Mamun as treasurer.

As two candidates got equal number of votes for the post of president, the election commissioner will hold the polls for the post later. By that time, the current President Anjan Chowdhury will remain in charge.



As winter draws closer, vendors have already started to prepare for the eventual demand for warm clothes. They have set up shops, featuring children’s winter clothes, on the sidewalk on Fazlul Haque Avenue in Barishal city. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

JAMUNA RIVER BANK IN PABNA

Govt mulls freeing it
from encroachment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Following a decade of rampant encroachment, the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority has finally taken the initiative to remove illegal structures from the Jamuna’s bank and smooth the operations of Nagarbari River Port in Pabna’s Bera upazila.

A large market, locally known as the MP Bazar, currently occupies the river bank, which was established by former Pabna-2 lawmaker Khandaker Azizul Haque.

On September 29, BIWTA Assistant Director Abdul Wakil sent a letter to the Pabna deputy commissioner seeking the removal of the market and allotment of river land for the port’s operations.

“A Tk 563 crore construction work is undergoing to build a modern port in Nagarbari. The work will be finished by next year. However, we need more space so that more vessels can unload goods simultaneously at the port,” said Abdul Wakil, also the Nagarbari port officer.

With the initiative of the former lawmaker, a group of influential people occupied a huge portion of river land, and filled up the area with sands from the river.

They have been allotting plots in the area for around Tk 1 lakh since 2014.

“The entire land is originally government property, but people have illegally built shops here without any permission from the authority

concerned,” said Morshedul Islam, upazila nirbahi officer of Bera upazila.

Local administration earlier tried to remove illegal structures from the river bank, but the eviction drive was halted due to a stay order from the High Court, the UNO said.

However, Abdul Wakil said the Supreme Court dismissed the stay order on July 31, 2023, so there is no bar for removing illegal structures.



Meanwhile, traders at the market have urged the government to not demolish the market.

“Hundreds of traders have invested a lot of money here. There is no other space where we can relocate to. If needed, we can pay certain taxes to the government for the allotment,” said Shah Alom, a trader.

Contacted, Pabna Deputy Commissioner Md Mofizul Islam said, “We have asked the UNO concerned to submit a report in this regard. We will take steps following the report.”

Amu’s lawyer

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Faruqi, a top leader of a pro-BNP lawyers’ platform, said, “No one of my fellow lawyers were involved in assaulting anyone. The assault incident took place between two groups of defence lawyers.”

WHAT LAWS SAY

Legal experts say no one is above the law according to the constitution and existing laws of Bangladesh.

“If this assault towards defence lawyers continues, people’s trust and respect for the legal profession will be destroyed,” a legal expert said.

Article 17 of the Constitution states the right to equality before law – “All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law”.

Article 7 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights also says, “All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.”

Govt to

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The celebrations, initially scheduled for March 17, 2020, to December 16, 2021, were extended by nine months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the extended timeframe, concerns have arisen about the financial implications of the celebrations, leading to calls for transparency.

In addition to the Mujib Borsho review, the advisory council announced the formation of a taskforce to assess the prices of essential drugs. The government currently regulates the prices of 117 essential medicines, and discussions will explore how to expand this list to protect the poor from rising drug costs.

The council also reviewed the draft of the Smoking and Tobacco Products Use (Control) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024, and decided to establish a high-level committee, led by Finance Adviser Saleh Uddin Ahmed, to consider various aspects of tobacco control law.

Shafiqul Alam also noted that Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus would attend COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, in the second week of November, with a reduced delegation compared to the UNGA summit in September. The COP29 conference will take place from November 11 to 22.

PRAYER
TIMING
NOVEMBER 8

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

BGB seized goods
worth Tk 225.88cr
in October

UNB, Dhaka

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized arms, ammunition, drugs and other contraband items worth Tk 225.88 crore during anti-smuggling drives across the country, especially in bordering areas in October.

During this period, the paramilitary force seized goods including 986 grammes of gold, 14,302 sarees, 15,023 three-piece/shirt-piece/bed-sheet/blankets, 27,652 metre unstitched fabrics, 2,50,722 cosmetics, 3,149 cft timber, 2,265 kgs of tea leaves, 4,16,711 kgs of sugar, 4,130 kgs of fertilizer, 86,750 cubic feet coal, 20,440 mobile displays, 40,640 glasses, 942 kgs of yarn/current nets, 15,334 kgs of betel nuts, 90,904 kgs of garlic, 1,318 kgs of onion, 22,889 kgs of cumin, four touchstone statues, 21 trucks, 24 pickups, five private cars/microbuses, nine trolleys, 347 boats, 53 CNG/human haulers, 81 motorbikes and 24 bicycles, said a BGB media release signed by its Public Relations Officer Md Shariful Islam yesterday.

Seized arms included two pistols, three firearms, two magazines, one rifle, three grenades, one rocket bomb and 270 rounds of bullets.

Meanwhile, legal action has been taken against 243 alleged smugglers, 345 Bangladeshi nationals and 28 Indians for illegally crossing the border during the period, said Shariful Islam.

EU looks to develop

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Currently, the bilateral relationship between the EU and Bangladesh is based on the 2001 Cooperation Agreement.

The EU, the largest destination of Bangladesh’s exports, has been providing Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) facilities. It has helped Bangladesh’s RMG industry flourish.

As Bangladesh is graduating out of LDC by 2026, the EU will eventually phase out such facilities but can also provide incentives under a different scheme – GSP Plus.

However, more conditions – labour

rights, environment, human rights, democracy, media freedom, and civic space – will be considered for that.

Meanwhile, the EU also looks to develop political relationships with Bangladesh and support its policies, an EU official told this correspondent.

“The discussions included all aspects of the relationship, including politics, governance, human rights, trade and economy, development, environment, etc. It may take two to three years to conclude negotiation and sign the PCA,” a foreign ministry official said.

AL passed it to stay

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Kabir, the lawyer for another writ petitioner, Mofazzal Hossain, who also challenged the legality of the 15th amendment, told the same HC bench that Article 7 of the Constitution, which said all powers in the republic

belong to the people, has been destroyed by the 15th amendment.

Following the petition filed by Mofazzal, a freedom fighter from Naogaon, the HC on October 29 issued a rule questioning the constitutionality of the 15th amendment.

Bury all

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sovereignty of the country. You have to live like a tiger, not like a cat.”

“We never engage in anti-social activities like corruption, rape, and extortion. But the Awami League always targeted us and banned the party twice. The only reason behind this is our transparency,” said Shafiqur.

The cancer of corruption must be uprooted, he said, adding, “That is why political parties and leaders have to fix their political character.”

Government

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It has been asked to submit the finalised action plan to the ministry by November 30.

The other members of the working group include representatives from Water Development Board, BIWTA, Department of Environment, National River Conservation Commission, LGED, DNCC, DSCC, Rajuk, one representative from an NGO or volunteer organisation, and a student representative (selected by the local administration).

We must

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“Today, we are celebrating the centenary of that very aspiration,” he said.

Recalling the early days of Dhaka University and the city, Prof Yunus said the peaceful little town, the green meadows, cannot be brought back, but the glory of the university can certainly be restored in today’s independent Bangladesh. “On the centenary of the Bose-Einstein theory, we assert this with conviction,” he said.

“Today, as we strive to rebuild the country through a total uprising of the student and masses and aim to re-establish the university as a place for its rightful practice, what could be a more appropriate theme for celebration than the centenary of Bose’s discovery?”

“What greater tribute could there be to inspire the students, the heroes of the movement, than this?” he added.

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