

Bhasani's 144th birth anniversary today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Today marks the 144th birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Hasani



Khan Bhasani, a legendary politician and dreamer of independent Bangladesh. Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Bhasani's family and various social and political organisations will be placing wreaths at the grave of the great leader at Santosh in Tangail.

Besides, doa and milad mahfil will be held at the central mosque of the university after the Zohr prayers.

Born at Dhagara village in Sirajganj in 1880, Bhasani was the founder president of the Awami Muslim League, which afterwards became Awami League. He later formed a left-leaning political organisation called the National Awami Party (NAP).

He played a leading role in the 1969 mass uprising and also led the historic Farakka March in 1976 to ensure Bangladesh's right to a fair share of the Ganges river waters.

Bhasani's relentless work for the common people earned him the title Mazlum Jana Neta (leader of the oppressed). He passed away on November 17, 1976.

The forgotten lens of Liberation War

Iconic, vivid photographs taken by Naib Uddin Ahmed serve as invaluable documents of '71

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Naib Uddin Ahmed alias Manik Mia, an internationally reputed photographer, preserved some of the most striking scenes from the Liberation War of 1971 with his camera -- scenes of torture, aggression, and grave injustice.

One of his most iconic works is the historic photograph titled "Muktijuddhe Tin Kishore (Three Freedom Fighters)".

The photo, displayed at the main corridor of the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, surprisingly does not bear Naib's name.

Despite his immense contribution to capturing many such images, which are now invaluable for their vivid portrayal of the scenes from the warfront, Naib's name is now almost forgotten.

Only a few of his colleagues, well-wishers and family members still remember this veteran behind the lens during the Liberation War.

Naib is also the elder brother of the eminent photographer late Dr Noazesh Ahmed.

Many of the photographs Naib had captured during the Liberation War are used massively on different occasions across the country, but his name is often not credited, which is painful, said Mahmuda Nasrin Kajol, his daughter-in-law.

Born in Paril Nauda village

under Singair upazila of Manikganj in 1927, Naib joined Public Relations and Publications Department of Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh in 1961 as chief photographer. He went on retirement in 1990 and passed away on December 14, 2009.

"Taking great risk, Naib captured striking images of brutality unleashed by the Pakistani forces and their local cohorts in 1971. These

the occupying forces' claim of 'normalcy' and exposed the atmosphere of terror that prevailed everywhere in the country to the rest of the world," Bimol said.

In later years, Naib organised many solo exhibitions of his photographs at home and abroad, including in India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

He was also founder of Alokchitra Shilpi Sangsad in Mymensingh city,



photographs helped publicise the war to the world and now survive as documents of the Liberation War," said Md Nowab Ali, 81, one of his colleagues.

Bimol Pal, a valiant freedom fighter, said Naib had managed to send some photographs to Col Abu Taher, commander of Sector-II, with the help of local Budhhijibi Sangram Parishad members.

"One of the photographs of a rape victim, which was published in The Washington Post, invalidated

and achieved many awards for his brilliant photographs, including the United Nations Award, Unicef Award, award in Photo Contest on Liberation of Bangladesh, World Photo Contest in Moscow, Pravda Award, and Life-time Achievement Award by Drik Picture Library.

"We pursued on different occasions, but Naib did not get recognition as a freedom fighter," said Kajol.

"We just want him to be recognised as a freedom fighter by the state for his contributions behind the lens on the warfront," she added.

Sundarbans robbers Govt revising

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of abduction, physical abuse, and ransom demands.

Meanwhile, at least six cases of abduction have been reported in the West Sundarbans in the last four months.

On November 8, two fishermen from Koyra upazila -- Atahar Hossain, 35, and Rafiqul Islam, 38 -- were abducted while fishing in the Malanch river within the forest, while their six companions were released to arrange a ransom.

"A group of robbers posing as Dayal Bahini abducted the two in Dune area of Satnala, and demanded a ransom of Tk 4 lakh," said Rabiul Islam, one of the six fishermen who were released.

The two fishermen later returned home after paying the ransom, confirmed Ferdous Dhali, a local union parishad member.

Dhali expressed concern about the safety of honey collectors and fishermen in the area and urged immediate administrative action in this regard.

According to sources, there is another group of 10-15 robbers called Abdullah Bahini, which patrols the Raimangal, Dargang, Atharobaki, Kachikata, Kachukhali, and Maondo rivers in the West Sundarbans and robs fishing boats and trawlers.

The leader Abdullah Taraldar, 42, of Sathkira's Shyamnagar upazila, who was in jail in a woman trafficking case, escaped from prison on August 5, when Sathkira District Jail was vandalised, said

sources.

On November 12, Coast Guard (West Zone) personnel arrested two robbers, including Asabur Sana, 42, leader of Asabur Bahini, and seized two single-barreled guns and four bullets.

Rafiqul Islam, member of Nolian Union Parishad in Dacope upazila, said Asabur Bahini has abducted at least 40 fishermen recently, releasing them after collecting ransom.

Ahidul Sheikh of Kalabagi village, one such victim, recounted, "Asabur's men abducted me from the Sorbotkhali canal, beat me, and forced me to call my family for ransom. I was released after paying Tk 10,200."

Contacted, AZM Hasanur Rahman, assistant conservator of forests, said, "On information, we conducted drives and rescued 10 fishermen, three boats, a solar panel and one bullet so far. We have also increased patrolling, and robust actions are underway."

Anwarul Kadir, director of Sundarban Academy, stressed the need for strict law enforcement and improved surveillance to nab the robbers and ensure the safety of fishermen and others.

Capt Faiz Uddin Ahmed, commander (West Zone) of Coast Guard, said their regular patrols, drives and intelligence operations against robbers are ongoing.

The commander of Rab-6 could not be reached for comment despite repeated calls and messages.

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In the past, Bangladesh had to go to the international court to cancel a deal with Niko, she said, adding that the interim government has to spend a lot of time in damage control.

"Some projects have been implemented, and the debt burden is huge.... The responsibility for dealing with the consequences of unfair agreements and exorbitant costs is on the government."

Prof M Tamim, former adviser to a caretaker government, said a party that cancels a power deal often has to pay a fine of US \$8 to \$12 billion.

"There are long-term agreements here. Breaking them before the term ends will lead to legal complications and penalties," he said, adding that the power sector transformation must be approached cautiously with proper planning.

The three-day-long conference is organised by Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development, a coalition of several NGOs.

Action against

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The accurate documentation is key to maintaining transparency, ensuring justice, and upholding public trust in the police force, police officials said.

The DMP chief also instructed the police officers to act promptly on any complaints or general diaries (GDs) filed at police stations.

"Police must reach the scene of an incident within an hour and conduct initial investigations. If necessary, a case must be filed," he said.

The prompt action will foster a positive perception towards police, he added.

Sazzat Ali said the DMP has undertaken initiatives, including engaging directly with the public, listening to their concerns, and providing them with the best service "to restore the lost glory." He also called for strict action against muggers, extortionists, and teen gangs.

To combat these crimes, he proposed forming citizen forums involving community leaders and different professionals.

Over 78pc women

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has made women, especially teenagers and young women, more vulnerable to threats. This is also putting pressure on their education and mental development.

The responsibility does not end with just formulating laws; this law needs to be enforced. It is also necessary to make everyone aware at the community level. Steps must also be taken on how to deal with online harassment urgently."

A few students from various districts shared their community's situation regarding tackling cyberbullying.

Jinat Ara Haque, chief executive of WE CAN, said, "In our society, parents only think about the safety of their daughters, but they should also think about their sons. Because girls are not responsible for violence against women."

"In addition to adopting

new technologies, it is the responsibility of the government to conduct campaigns on cybersecurity and increase awareness about helplines," she added.

Masuma Billah, programme head of the gender, justice and diversity programme at BRAC, said, "Just as parents once married off girls to secure their place in society, we are now neglecting their digital security. We are restricting girls from accessing digital spaces and tools, which is widening the digital divide. If they are not digitally empowered, they will ultimately fall behind in the job market."

Nishath Sultana, director of influencing, campaign and communication of Plan International, and Hasne Ara Begum, social development and gender expert of Asian Development Bank, also spoke at the event.

Politics won't influence Govt moves to curb officials

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"If the society is corrupt, even the ACC might be affected by corruption. There are allegations against me as well, which you should investigate. Allegations against anyone should be reviewed with fairness and integrity," he said.

"Corruption is the root cause of inequality. If corruption is curtailed across all sectors, inequality will reduce. I firmly believe we will succeed in reducing corruption. We seek everyone's cooperation in addressing the challenges," he added.

Momen officially took charge of ACC 42 days after the resignation of the previous commission, led by Moinuddin Abdullah, on October 29.

The Ministry of Public Administration issued the official notification regarding appointments for the new commission earlier this week.

Meanwhile, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) called on the newly appointed

ACC chairman and commissioners to ensure transparency by publicly disclosing their income and asset statements.

It also requested ACC's clarification regarding their position on corruption allegations and any political affiliations.

In response, Momen said, "In the next seven days, we will publicly release the asset statements for the entire commission, including myself."

Addressing the allegations against him, he said, "The complaints date back to 2009 and have been investigated multiple times between 2009 and 2022. In 2023, long before the August 5 changeover this year, the ACC certified that the allegations were unsubstantiated."

"The interim government does not carry any political character like other political governments. Its objective is to move forward with the people, without being influenced by politics, and we will also work impartially and with integrity," he added.

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The government directed all levels of government officials to refrain from undertaking recreational trips abroad. It also said that government officials and employees should avoid taking long term leave for education abroad.

The circular stated that a ministry-based database for foreign trips must be created, and the structure of the database will be developed by the Chief Adviser's Office, which will also maintain the data.

The circular advised government officials at all levels to avoid foreign travel simultaneously.

The adviser and secretary of a ministry should generally refrain from travelling abroad together, stated the government order.

However, if such travel is deemed absolutely

necessary in the national interest, the justification for the necessity must be specified.

The circular added that secretaries of ministries and heads of subordinate departments or agencies should not travel abroad together unless it is absolutely essential for the national interest.

For participation in seminars or workshops abroad, the circular mandates that proposals involving advisers and secretaries must include information on the level of officials invited by the

organising authority and the levels of officials participating from other countries.

Proposals for foreign travel must include the necessity of the trip and the relevance and suitability of the proposed official to the specific activity, said the circular.

The government guidelines mentioned that for purposes such as procurement, pre-shipment inspection, or factory acceptance tests, only relevant experts should be considered for travel.

Japan to continue

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stability, economic cooperation, and human-to-human interactions. "We'll do our best to support Bangladesh based on the three pillars," Kiminori said, reiterating Tokyo's "strong support" for the reform initiatives undertaken by the Interim Government in different areas.

Prof Yunus thanked the outgoing ambassador for his contribution to

improving the Bangladesh-Japan relationship.

Calling for more Japanese investment in Bangladesh, Yunus said, "The presence of Japanese investors in Bangladesh sends a good message for us."

The Japanese envoy said, "No Japanese company withdrew their business from Bangladesh after the July-August mass uprising, and they are willing to stay in Bangladesh."

Future govt must

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use Facebook, we no longer need to use backspace," he said.

He further said the younger generation is angry at those judges who sentenced the innocent to death.

"We are in a generational conflict," Hasnat said. "The older generation wants to force the younger generation into submission, but the youth who fought against oppression will

never give in. The fight against oppression will continue, and the youth will never compromise."

Regarding the political activities of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, Hasnat said, "It is not an active [political] organisation; rather a platform to unite all the anti-fascist forces, including Chhatra Dal, Chhatra Shibir, and Adhikar Parishad, and to serve as a symbol of national unity."

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ফাফুল বাতিলসংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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মাতার নাম : বন্দী নাথ
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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of Acquisition and Assistance Agent, FSN - 8, 9 (ladder position) in the Office of Acquisition and Assistance (OAA).

Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: December 26, 2024.

For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website: <http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and www.bdijobs.com

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১। কাজের নাম	২। একেছো গাড়ি (টোকা মেট্রো-৫-৫১-৪১০২) নিলামে বিক্রয় ও অপসারণ।
২। কাজের অবস্থান	৩। মিরপুর বেনারশী পল্লি ভাওয়ানটেক।
৩। নিলাম দরপত্র দাখিল কারির যোগ্যতা	৪। যে কোন আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান।
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৮। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	৯। ২৪/১২/২০২৪ ইং বেলা ০১.০০ ঘটিকা। প্রধান কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ জীও বোর্ড।
৯। দরপত্র দাখিলের বিক্রয় মূল্য	১০। প্রতি সেট ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (নগদ এবং অফেরতযোগ্য)।
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