

Koko's 10th death anniv today

UNB, Dhaka

The tenth death anniversary of Arifat Rahaman Koko, the younger son of ex-president Ziaur Rahman and former prime minister Khaleda Zia, the founder and current chairperson of the BNP respectively, will be observed today.

BNP and its associate bodies have taken various programmes to mark the day with due solemnity.

Koko, also a sports organiser, died of cardiac arrest in Malaysia on January 24, 2015. He was 45 years old. He was buried at Banani graveyard.

Biker dies as bus hits him in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A motorcyclist was killed after being hit by a bus on Dinajpur-Rangpur highway in Karabol upazila of Dinajpur yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Delwar Hossain, 35, son of Lutfar Rahman from Komolpur village in the district's Birganj upazila.

Md Ruhul Amin, inspector (investigation) of Karabol Police Station, said Delwar was travelling towards Dinajpur from Birganj on his motorcycle.

When he reached Doshmila area on the highway around 3:30pm, a Thakurgaon-bound bus hit the motorcycle, leaving him dead on the spot.

Two houses, 11 shops burnt

BSS, Noakhali

At least two houses and 11 shops were burnt in a fire that broke out at Hatiya on Wednesday night.

The fire originated from a cosmetic shop after an electric short circuit at Afazia Bazar of Shukchar union around 11:45pm. Two units of Hatiya Fire Service station brought the blaze under control after two hours, said Harun Ar Rashid, an official of Hatiya Fire Service station.

PRAYER TIMING

JANUARY 24

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrir Esha

AZAN 5:30 12:30 4:15 5:43 7:15

JAMAT 6:05 1:15 4:30 5:47 7:45

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A bus parks to pickup passengers right next to a sign saying "No Bus Parking Here". In Dhaka, irony sometimes knows no bounds and blatant disregard for rules is the norm. The photo was taken opposite Dhaka College yesterday.

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Medical waste poses severe health risks in Phulbari

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Improper management and lack of disposal facilities for the medical waste in Phulbari upazila, Dinajpur, has led to serious environmental pollution and health risks due to negligence from the local authorities. Despite government guidelines mandating proper waste management and incineration, these regulations remain largely ignored.

Medical waste – including used needles, syringes, expired medications, and blood-contaminated materials – is often dumped openly near healthcare facilities. Stray animals scatter the waste, creating foul odours and attracting disease-spreading mosquitoes and flies.

Experts warn that if immediate action is not taken, the current practices could lead to a public health crisis.



Locals said drug users collect discarded syringes for reuse, raising the risk of spreading diseases such as Hepatitis B, C, and HIV/AIDS. Phulbari upazila hosts one health complex, four private clinics, and 13 diagnostic centres, none of which possess environmental clearance certificates. Most facilities lack proper waste

management systems, and licences remain unrenewed. At the Phulbari Upazila Health Complex, medical waste is stored near the premises and collected by municipal vehicles only twice a week.

Managers of private clinics, including Sabuj Kumar Mahanta and Faruk Hossain, said they have complained repeatedly to the Department of Environment, but to no avail.

Without proper disposal facilities, waste is often buried or dumped into rivers.

Contacted, Dinajpur Civil Surgeon Dr Md Asif Faisal emphasised the importance of incinerating medical waste. He said they have plans to coordinate with clinics to hire specialised waste disposal services.

DoE inspector Prabhati Rani said they are currently in process to hire a waste management contractor in this regard.

We should focus

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"Both Bangladesh and China have vital interests in resolving the conflict, and we must cooperate wholeheartedly to bring about the resolution," he said.

He underscored the transformative role of China's development assistances and investments in Bangladesh's various sectors which have significantly contributed to the country's socio-economic development.

He underscored the need for working towards strengthening multilateral institutions, expanding investments, deepening people to people exchange and championing global trade system.

The programme

Most people

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of discrimination against his party, GM Quader said, "False murder cases are being filed against us. Whenever our leaders and activists take to the streets, false cases are lodged against them."

"The political situation in the country is unstable and uncertain. Even those running the country do not know what will happen a month from now. Before August 5 last year, the Awami League seemed to dominate the country, but within a day, they disappeared."

"People are also annoyed with different groups showing off their strength these days. They are acting like ruling parties. Jatiyo Party is the only one standing against this tide in the field," he added.

GM Quader said, "Price hikes have left people unable to manage their expenses with their income."

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5 Bangladeshi women conquer Himalayan peaks

STAR REPORT

In celebration of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's "Sultana's Dream" being recognised as a Unesco "Memory of the World," five Bangladeshi women mountaineers embarked on a special Himalayan expedition, said a press release.

Inspired by "Sultana's Dream Unbound," the team recently returned to Bangladesh after overcoming the challenges of the Himalayan peaks.

Organised by Abhijatri and endorsed by Unesco, in association with the Liberation War Museum, the expedition was supported by Mastercard and led by Nishat Mazumder, the first Bangladeshi woman to conquer Mount Everest.

The journey highlighted Begum Rokeya's vision of women's emancipation.

Local organisers in Kathmandu announced plans to publish a Nepali translation of "Sultana's Dream," with Unesco's Memory of the World office in Bangkok celebrating the initiative.



BCL leader 'passes' exam without attending Probe body formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur authorities have formed a three-member committee to investigate the allegations of a former Chhatra League leader "passing an exam" without appearing for it.

Suraiya Yasmin Oishi, a Master's student of mathematics, allegedly passed her first semester mid-terms in December, without taking it.

Vice Chancellor Prof Md Shawkat Ali formed the probe committee on Wednesday evening after the results were published. The committee has been asked to submit the report as early as possible.

Oishi, organisational secretary of the BRU unit BCL, has been in hiding since the murder of Abu Sayed on July 16, although some students have claimed that she has been participating in campus activities.