

Khurshida Haque's death anniv today

STAR REPORT

Today is the 14th death anniversary of Khurshida Haque, a social activist, said a press release.



She was the wife of late MA Haque, a former minister, high-ranking police officer, writer, proponent of poverty alleviation, founding president of the Bangladesh Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA), and founder of the Police Welfare Society (POLWEL).

On the occasion, food will be distributed to the poor and orphans, and special prayers will be offered in mosques for the salvation of her departed soul.

PRAYER TIMING
FEBRUARY 3

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| JAMAAT 6:05 | 1:15 | 4:30 | 5:56 | 7:45 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

A protest here, a gridlock there

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are the rising number of road blockades. THE WIDER IMPACT Dhaka, already crowned the world's slowest city by a 2023 report from the National Bureau of Economic Research, now teeters on the brink of a complete traffic meltdown.

Commuters, especially during school and office hours, endure hours-long delays, missing appointments and, in some cases, jeopardising their livelihoods.

"Yesterday, it took me over three hours just to reach my office in Karwan Bazar," said Sumaiya Rahman, a private bank employee. "By the time I got there, I had missed an important client meeting."

There are other factors that compound the city's traffic woes. An increasing number of rickshaws on major roads, ongoing construction projects, illegal parking, and vendors encroaching on footpaths all contribute to the chaos.

Randomly stationed buses and unregulated stops further clog the streets.

"Every day feels like a gamble," said Ashfaq Hossain, a father of two.

"I can never be sure if I'll be able to pick up my kids from school on time. The stress is unbearable."

The economic cost? Incalculable.

Delayed deliveries, missed business opportunities, and lost productivity add up to a staggering loss for the city's economy.

"I run a small business, and my deliveries are always late," said Kamrul Islam, a shop owner in Old Dhaka. "Customers get angry, and I lose money every day because of this mess."

EFFORTS PROVE INSUFFICIENT

Between September 1 and December 31, 2024, the DMP's traffic division issued 139,001 traffic violation cases, resulting in fines totalling nearly Tk 50 crore. The DMP also confiscated 45,457 battery-operated rickshaws and 5,979 foot-operated rickshaws during this period.

The police have deployed 4,200 officers and 600 student representatives to enhance enforcement.

Recently, the government has introduced traffic signal systems at four key intersections using manual technology and formulated a policy to regulate battery-

powered rickshaws. Yet, these measures have done little to ease congestion.

Besides, construction for MRT Line-5 and Line-1 has prompted public advisories to avoid several areas, including Gulshan-2, Uttar Badda and Aftabnagar.

Traffic congestion persists in hotspots like Pragati Sarani, Vata, and Badda due to metro rail construction, while dug-up roads in Moghbazar-Mouchak and gridlocks in Old Dhaka worsen the crisis.

Lalbagh Traffic Division ADC Abu Sayeed blamed increasing auto-rickshaw numbers, street vendors spilling onto roads, and reckless bus operations as reasons behind Dhaka's traffic mess.

Echoing him, Mofizul Islam, deputy commissioner (Traffic-Gulshan) of the

DMP, said roads under his division have been narrowed down due to ongoing metro rail construction.

Those interviewed by this newspaper, both commuters and cops, said while protests are a democratic right, their unchecked proliferation — especially in a city as congested as Dhaka — requires urgent attention.

Authorities must strike a balance between allowing citizens to voice their grievances and ensuring that the city remains functional, they added.

Experts have called for designated protest zones, stricter enforcement of traffic regulations, and better urban planning.

For now, Dhaka's streets remain a battleground of demands and a cacophony of grievances disrupting the daily rhythm of life.

First phase of Ijtema

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for the second session of Zubair's followers will take place on February 5, with devotees from 22 districts expected to join. Followers of Maulana Saad Kandhalvi will attend the second phase from February 14 to 16, with their Akheri Munajat scheduled for February 16.

Meanwhile, at least 40 people were injured in a commotion at the Ijtema ground after a drone crashed, triggering panic among devotees.

The injured were taken to Shaheed Ahsan Ullah Master General Hospital in Gazipur.

Faridul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tongi East Police Station, said the

drone crashed near the Mill Gate of the Ijtema venue, causing a sudden panic. As devotees rushed toward the exit points, many fell and sustained injuries.

It was not immediately clear who owned the drone or why it fell.

Mostafizur Rahman, emergency department officer at the hospital, confirmed that at least 40 injured devotees were brought in following the incident.

Five devotees attending the Biswa Ijtema have passed away during the first phase.

The deceased are Abdul Gafur, 75, Romij Ali, 60, Yakut Ali, 60, Abdul Quddus Gazi, 60, and Sabet Ali, 65.

Work begins

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Canal (4.46km), and Korail Lake (2.45km).

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan; Housing, Public Works, and Industry Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan; and LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan attended the ceremony.

After the inauguration, the advisers and officials walked to the banks of Baunia Canal, where a floating excavator had been stationed. They boarded the excavator, walking over the red carpet pathway.

The red carpet issue caused a storm on social media, with many users questioning the necessity of such a grand gesture for a canal excavation project.

During a media interaction, a journalist raised the issue with Rizwana, pointing out that previous mayor-led inaugurations had not featured such elaborate arrangements.

She responded with a smile, "I didn't notice that. Did you?"

Earlier, Rizwana stressed the urgent need to restore Dhaka's canals, emphasising that action must begin immediately. She warned that the neglected waterways had become breeding grounds

for mosquitoes and severe pollution.

"We need better management in the surrounding areas," she said, citing rampant sewage dumping and even discarded furniture in the canals. "This will no longer be tolerated."

Addressing encroachments, she said illegal occupants would have to be removed, recognising that the process might face resistance.

According to officials, renovation work on four more canals will begin this month, with plans to start work on nine more before the rainy season.

"Our primary goal is to restore water flow. The work on all 19 canals will be done following a comprehensive master plan," she added.

DNCC'S CLARIFICATION ON RED CARPET USE

The Dhaka North City Corporation, which hosted the event, later clarified the use of the red carpet.

It said the measure was purely for safety reasons.

It said the temporary approach way to the floating excavator was steep, muddy, and slippery, and the red mat was laid to ensure safe movement and improve walkway visibility, not as a ceremonial gesture.

Encroachment justified by time

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Following the local government ministry's instructions, DSCC is now preparing revised designs and drawings.

"We have a working plan in place and expect to complete revisions by February. Field-level work will begin soon after," said Safulullah.

The previous plan had two components — cleaning and recovering the canals, and adding amenities like cycle lanes, bridges, and open spaces.

The revised plan limits the scope of adding the amenities.

"We will incorporate civic facilities where possible but will primarily focus on retaining walls, walkways, and waste removal," Safulullah noted.

Separate drainage lines will also be installed to treat sewage before discharge, he added.

EXPERTS EXPRESS SKEPTICISM

Contacted, Adil Mohammed Khan, president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said implementation often diverges from initial plans, necessitating alternative measures.

"We need to understand whether this shift is based on ground realities or aimed at protecting encroachers."

Since authorities are deviating from their earlier stance, they must provide a clear explanation," he said.

"The initial decision was made based on specific

considerations, so any change requires justified reasoning," he added.

Khan also recommended involving third-party experts for an objective assessment before making such changes.

Architect Fazle Reza Sumon, former BIP president, said, "Many areas are already heavily encroached upon as per the CS records. If authorities apply different laws in different places, no law will be enforced properly."

"I believe this approach will create major difficulties during execution," he added.

CURRENT SITUATION OF THE CANALS

A recent visit to the project sites highlighted the deteriorating condition of these canals.

At Manda canal, the bed near Sukhnagar Bridge showed signs of neglect.

Local Abul Hossain said DSCC started cleaning last year but left it incomplete after some equipment was stolen.

Sheikh Enam of Muga recalled how the canal once connected to the Balu river and was navigable by boats.

Jirani canal, once a vital waterway, is now clogged with waste. At its confluence in Begum Bibi Road, Modinabagh, solid waste filled the canal.

"No cleaning has been done in eight years," said resident Mohammad Siyam Hossain Bhuiyan.

Shyampur-Kadamtali canal has suffered from road construction and

encroachment. In the 1990s, a kilometre near Shyampur Bazar was piped and filled.

Kalunagar canal, part of Hazaribagh canal, is now filled with garbage. Resident Md Liton recalled its vibrancy two decades ago before it was converted into drainage pipes during road construction.

HC summons

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death while five others to life terms imprisonment for the killing.

Inzamamul's lawyer, Mohammad Shishir Manir, said the SI and several other cops beat him, gave him electric shocks, and repeatedly pierced his left leg with syringes.

They also allegedly demanded Tk 10 lakh from his family to spare him from further torture.

SI Sahidul, however, denied the allegations.

205 women

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Meanwhile, 49 women and girls were murdered for various reasons, while attempts were made to kill 18 women, including six girls.

In January, 25 females, including seven children, died under mysterious circumstances.

The report further noted that five women, including three girls, were abducted, while seven others narrowly escaped abduction attempts.

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- No 3rd Class / Division is allowable in any academic carrier;
- Having Minimum 2 years' teaching experience in Secondary Level;
- Strong Communication skills in Bangla and in English;
- Maximum 35 years of age as on 31st January 2025 which may be relaxed for highly qualified candidates;

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- Minimum GPA 3.0 or 1st division in S.S.C & in H.S.C level;
- No 3rd Class / Division is allowable in any academic carrier;
- Having Minimum 2 years' teaching experience in Secondary level;
- Strong Communication skills in Bangla and in English;
- Maximum 35 years of age as on 31st January 2025 which may be relaxed for highly qualified candidates;

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Today 3rd February 2025, Monday is the 27th Death Anniversary of former Secretary Late M. Akhtar Ali. Relatives and well wishers are requested to pray for the departed soul.

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- প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্রের পদের নাম, প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতার নাম, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র নম্বর, জন্ম তারিখ, মোবাইল নম্বর, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা, বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, জাতীয়তা এবং যাদের উপর পদের নাম উল্লেখ করে কমাড্রাফ্ট সিএমএইচ কুমিল্লা এর বরাবরে লিখিতভাবে আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ১০ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৫।
- প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, ০৪ কপি সনাক্তকৃত পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত রঙিন ছবি জমা দিতে হবে। অবসরগ্রহণ রেসিটি/এনসিওসের ক্ষেত্রে চাকুরী হতে অবসর গ্রহণ সনাক্তকৃত যাবতীয় নথিপত্র আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সযুক্ত করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ ও ক্রটিপূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল গণ্য হবে। যে কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ, বাতিল ও সবেক্ষণসহ অন্য যে কোন প্রসঙ্গে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ক্রমিক নং ১-৬ এ উল্লিখিত পদের প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক সাক্ষাৎকার আগামী ১০ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৫ তারিখ ০৯:০০ ঘটিকায় সিএমএইচ কুমিল্লা, কুমিল্লা সেনানিবাসে চিঠিবিস্তান কক্ষে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত স্থানে প্রার্থীদেরকে সকল প্রয়োজনীয় সার্টিফিকেট ও কাগজপত্রাদিসহ যথাসময়ে উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।
- ক্রমিক নং ৭ এ উল্লিখিত পদের প্রার্থীদের লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষা আগামী ১০ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৫ তারিখ ০৯:০০ ঘটিকায় সিএমএইচ কুমিল্লা, কুমিল্লা সেনানিবাসে চিঠিবিস্তান কক্ষে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উল্লিখিত তারিখে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ পদের প্রার্থীদেরকে লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য যথাযথভাবে উপস্থিত হতে হবে।
- সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ পদের বিপরীতে আবেদনপত্রের প্রত্যেক প্রার্থীকে কমাড্রাফ্ট, সিএমএইচ কুমিল্লা অনুকূলে ২০০.০০ (দুইশত) টাকার পেন-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (অফেনেরকোপ) জমা দিতে হবে। নির্বাচিত লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আবেদনকারীকে কোন প্রকার ভাতা প্রদান করা হবে না।

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