Farida Anwar passes away

STAR REPORT

Farida Anwar (Baby), daughter of late Shah Muhammad Israil Huq and late Salema Khatun from Lashkerdia, Nagarkanda upazila in Faridpur, died on February 6 in Oxford, UK. She was 82, said a press release.

She was a retired officer of the British government and elected councillor of Oxford City Council. Farida Anwar is a descendant of Hazrat Shah Abdur Rahman Danishmand (R) of Faridpur.

Once a lifeline

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while several sections of the Meghna have been dredged in recent years, the mouth of the Kakoria has been overlooked. They said targeted dredging at key locations could resolve the crisis.

Mohammad Didarul Alam, deputy commissioner of Brahmanbaria, said the issue was recently discussed at a district development coordination committee meeting.

Following the discussion, the Water Development Board conducted a field survey in Brahmanbaria and submitted a report proposing plans to dredge the river and designate the silted sections as sand extraction sites, he said.

Md Manzur Rahman, executive engineer of the BWDB in Brahmanbaria, said they had listed the Kakoria for dredging and would initiate the work once existing projects were completed.

Mother, son among 3 killed in road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Narayanganj*

Three people, including a woman and her son, were killed after a bus hit an auto-rickshaw at Sonargaon upazila in Narayanganj yesterday, police said.

The deceased were identified as Kakoli Akter, 35, wife of Ashraful Islam; their son Ariyan Ahmed Rafi, 5, residents of Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha district; and auto-rickshaw driver Anisur Rahman, 23, of Sukanpur village of Rangpur's Pirgachha upazila.

The accident occurred on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway near Kanchpur Bridge.

Kazi Wahid Murshed, officer-in-charge of Kanchpur Highway Police Station, said, "An auto-rickshaw coming from Siddhirganj collided head-on with a Dhaka-bound bus, killing the three on the spot."

The bodies were recovered and taken to the Highway Police Station. Both the bus and the auto-rickshaw involved in the accident were seized, he added.

He said they were looking for the bus driver and filing of a case was underway.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Nearly 4,000 foam sheets, pillows, and blankets that are damaged and unfit for patient use being burnt in an open field near the Doctors' Hostel at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barishal. This act not only causes severe air pollution but also poses a risk of accidents if the fire spreads. The photo was taken recently.

Man stabbed to death over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

A man was stabbed to death allegedly by criminals hired by rivals over land dispute in Ghoraghat upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

The deceased -- Md Motiar Rahman, 50 -- was from Shoula village in Ghoraghat.

Motiar was staying at a paddy field belonging to his son-in-law Anwar Hossain, said locals.

There has been a longstanding dispute over the land between Anwar and his cousin Babu Mia, family sources said.

When Motiar began sowing paddy on the field around noon, several goons hired by Babu confronted him, said police.

An altercation ensued, and they stabbed him, leaving him dead on the spot, they said.

Nazmul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Ghoraghat Police Station, said police recovered the body and sent it to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

No arrest was made immediately.

The OC said they are investigating the incident. Filing of a case against the perpetrators was underway, he added.

TIB and BLAST condemn arson, vandalism

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"The anger among the country's masses, who have suffered from widespread rights violations, has risen significantly due to the shameless and conspiratorial propaganda spread by exiled Sheikh Hasina and her local and foreign allies. Yet, the countrywide revengeful vandalism and violence, shunning the path of lawful reaction, cannot be acceptable at all."

He added, "Although there was pre-announcement of a violent programme, law enforcement agencies, along with the army as a supportive force, or the government have shown alarming nonchalance in controlling the situation or taking preventive measures. Trying to avoid responsibility later by issuing a statement describing the incident as 'unexpected and unintended' is also noticeable."

TIB said holding authoritarian figures, including Hasina, accountable is crucial for building a "New Bangladesh", but it must be done through legal means. It also urged the authorities to protect democratic rights and stop using legal cases to harass dissenters.

Meanwhile, the BLAST statement read, "It is important to note that the killings of July-August 2024 are currently under trial, while those injured are still awaiting necessary treatment and rehabilitation. Meanwhile, former prime minister Sheikh Hasina has yet to take responsibility for her government's autocratic actions, rights violations, and the mass killings."

BLAST called for a prompt investigation and trial of the July-August killings, as well as adequate treatment and rehabilitation for the injured.

On the incidents of vandalism and arson, it said, "The failure to maintain law and order has led to widespread chaos and violence across the country. The police have failed to take timely preventive measures, and these organised attacks are deeply concerning.

Vandalising establishments and property in this manner is a criminal offence under the country's laws. Immediate action is essential to prevent further violence, restore peace and stability, and uphold the rule of law," it said.

BLAST urged the interim government to direct law enforcement agencies to take effective measures to prevent such destructive activities, violence, and chaos, the statement added.

A fun-filled day

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as her children browsed through the books. "It's wonderful to see them so interested in reading. In this digital age, it's a relief to know that the charm of books isn't lost on them," she said, holding a bag already filled with purchases.

"I promised them one book each, but how can I say no when they're so excited about reading?" said Afruza, a resident of Kalabagan.

For many parents, the fair was not just about buying books but also about reliving their own childhood memories.

Shahriar Kabir, a father accompanying his six-year-old daughter, reminisced about his own visits to the Boi Mela as a child. "I remember coming here with my father and brother, and now I'm bringing my daughter. It's a beautiful tradition, and I hope she will continue it with her own children someday," he said, watching as his daughter clutched "Thakurmar Jhuli".

Children, too, were thrilled to be surrounded by so many stories waiting to be discovered.

Six-year-old Ayaan was overjoyed with his new finds. "I got a comics book! I'm going to read it all by myself," he said excitedly, holding up the book for all to see.

However, there were some drawbacks too. There were no arrangements for Sisimpur at the book fair yesterday, which dampened the spirit of the young attendees who looked forward to the beloved children's programme. Parents and children alike expressed disappointment, as Sisimpur had always been a highlight, offering interactive activities and engaging storytelling sessions.

As the sun began to set, families left with arms full of books and hearts full of happiness.

People suffer

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responsible for the project had abandoned it and fled.

"We have to endure the stench from the polluted river water while being stuck in traffic for hours at either end of the bridge. An immediate solution is needed," he said.

A senior RHD official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said complications had arisen regarding the bridge's steel structure.

"The required materials need to be imported, which has led to delays. The deadline has already been extended once," he said.

So far, only 27.70 per cent of the work has been completed, with just four months remaining before the deadline expires.

Dewan Md Abdul Kader, executive engineer of RHD in Khulna, said once the steel components arrive and are installed, the remaining construction would not take long.

Five years on, probe still

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"To arrest a government official in such cases, police need approval from the home ministry, which often takes time due to legal complexities. However, the ACC has the authority to arrest any government official if evidence of abuse of power is found," he added.

The probe found that some employees of the EC's Chattogram office, including data entry operators and office assistants, ran the syndicate in exchange for large sums of money from Rohingyas. They even appointed brokers in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban to locate wealthy Rohingyas, said police.

The CT division identified the racket and arrested several data entry operators and technical experts from Dhaka and Chattogram, including Shah Nur, a technical expert at the EC Secretariat who had direct access to all NID servers.

In his statement under Section 164, Shah Nur disclosed the name of a director at the EC Secretariat who was allegedly involved in the racket, said sources.

So far, 15 people, including six EC staffers, have been arrested. Among them, six have given confessional statements.

However, CID has made little progress since, failing to arrest any suspected high officials despite having their names.

Several police officers, wishing anonymity, said Rohingyas are once again attempting to enter Bangladesh by crossing the border.

Meanwhile, as the EC works to register new voters, there is concern that Rohingyas may try to exploit the same syndicate to obtain NID cards.

Notably, some suspects arrested in 2019 have returned to their offices in Chattogram after securing bail.

"We suspect that the racket could become active again. This is a matter of national interest, and the investigation must be concluded soon," said a high-ranking CMP official.

Police use water

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be overturned, and our joining date announced," said Nitu, another protester.

Masud Alam, deputy commissioner of Ramna Division Police, said water cannons were used to disperse the protesters after they broke through three barricades near the chief adviser's residence.

However, he denied that police used batons.

On Thursday, the HC scrapped the government's decision to issue appointment letters to 6,531 candidates selected as assistant teachers in government primary schools.

The court ruled that their recruitment was based on an 84 percent quota system, which the Supreme Court had abolished in July last year.

It directed authorities to appoint candidates following the SC verdict, which mandates that 93 percent of civil service jobs be merit-based, with the remaining 7 percent reserved under the quota system.

It contradicts the spirit

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"The literacy rate in the country has increased now," he added.

Countries such as the US, the UK, India, and Nepal do not require educational qualifications as a prerequisite to run for legislative positions.

However, media reports say that a master's degree or higher is required to run for Iran's Majlis -- officially the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis-e Shoura-ye Eslami).

In 2002, Pakistan introduced a provision requiring a bachelor's degree to contest for lawmaker positions. However, this requirement was repealed several years later.

In Indonesia, candidates for the House of Representatives (DPR) must have at least a high school diploma, while in Nigeria, candidates for both the House of Representatives and the Senate must hold at least a secondary school certificate or its equivalent.

The two reform commissions are likely to submit their full report to the chief adviser today.

PRAYER TIMING
FEBRUARY 8

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-30	12-45	4-15	5-52	7-15
JAMAAT	6-05	1-15	4-30	5-56	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

World Health Organization
Bangladesh

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following service:

1. **RFP/BAN/2025/003:** Evaluation of WHO support on introducing risk management approach to drinking water safety and scaling up the climate resilient water safety plan in two municipalities in Bangladesh.

Deadline for the submission of RFP: **14:00hrs, 23 February 2025 (Dhaka time).**

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: **https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice.**

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Bangladesh, House-SW(I)1/A, Road-8, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

World Health Organization
Bangladesh

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০৪	প্রভাষক, পদার্থবিজ্ঞান (বাংলা মাধ্যম)	০১	
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