

Asiruddin Ahmed's death anniv

CITY DESK

The 26th death anniversary of Asiruddin Ahmed, retired co-operative inspector of Rangpur, will be observed today, said a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani, and a doa and iftar mahfil will be held after the Asr prayers at the deceased's residence at 'Ahmed House', House-3, Road-228, Mulatole, Rangpur. His relatives, friends, colleagues, and well-wishers have been requested to attend the programmes and pray for salvation of the departed soul.



These make-shift shops have been set up by occupying a part of the footpath and the road, leaving little space for pedestrians or vehicles to pass. As a result, traffic congestion is commonplace in the area. The photo was taken from the New Market area in Chattogram city recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

ACC sues

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of acquiring illegal wealth worth Tk 3.69 crore. Additionally, she allegedly conducted suspicious transactions worth Tk 6.12 crore through three bank accounts under her name.

Meanwhile, ACC has filed a case against Tamal Mansur, son of former health minister Mohammed Nasim, said ACC Director General Md Akhter Hossain yesterday.

The anti-graft body found that Tamal owns 14 apartments in New York.

Additionally, the ACC has discovered that Tamal acquired illegal assets worth Tk 3,399.97 crore and has conducted suspicious illegal transactions amounting to Tk 3.37 crore across three bank accounts.

Australia opens

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by sea after a meeting between Australian Home Minister Tony Burke and Bangladesh Home Affairs Adviser Jahangir Chowdhury.

"This reflects our shared commitment to promoting safe and regular migration opportunities and combatting irregular migration and people smuggling," said Burke.

The office will support prospective Bangladesh migrants by increasing access to comprehensive visa information services for people who are considering lawful and regular migration to Australia.

TWO BRIDGES OVER ARIAL KHAN RIVER

Locals struggle amid construction delay

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

The prolonged construction of two crucial bridges over the Arial Khan river in Barishal has left thousands struggling.

Construction work on these bridges has been stalled for over a year, causing frustration among locals.

The construction of the Nehalganj Bridge in Bakerganj upazila remains stuck due to complications regarding a span and land acquisition for connecting roads.

Meanwhile, the Goma Bridge in the same upazila is incomplete, with two spans yet to be installed. The estimated construction cost of the two 800-meter-long bridges stands at Tk 100 crore each.

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Barishal said the construction deadline has been extended four times, with the latest deadline set for June 2025.

However, officials admitted that finishing the construction by then seems unlikely.

According to RHD officials, the delay stems from concerns raised by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority in Barishal over potential disruptions to river navigation. As a result, the bridge designs had to be modified.

The two bridges, intended to improve connectivity between Barishal, Bauphal, Bhola, Lakshimpasha, and Dumki, were initially approved in 2017.

The original estimated cost

was Tk 57.62 crore, which later increased to Tk 92.53 crore.

However, legal complications over bridge height requirements caused a nine-month halt in construction. Work resumed in 2023, but neither bridge has been completed yet, despite the project's scheduled handover last June.



Jahangir Hossain, a local trader, said, "For the past one and a half years, these bridges have remained incomplete. Once finished, they would cut travel time between Dumki and Bauphal by an hour, significantly boosting trade and commerce in the region."

The contractor for both bridges, Mahfuz Khan, acknowledged the delays, citing complications due to design changes and span modifications.

"The span issues have prevented us from completing the work on

time, causing significant losses," he said.

RHD sources confirmed that new tenders were issued to construct only spans of different heights – Tk 18 crore for Goma Bridge and Tk 21 crore for Nehalganj Bridge. The contract was awarded to Messrs Concrete Steel & Technology.

However, delays in importing steel spans from China have further stalled the Nehalganj Bridge's progress.

Mohammad Nazmul Alam, a senior RHD official, said the project deadline may be extended again.

"The fourth round of tendering for Goma Bridge is complete, and we expect it to be finished within a few months. However, the land acquisition issue for Nehalganj Bridge remains unresolved. It is difficult to predict when the bridge will be completed," he said.

Controversies mar celebrations

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CCC's Lalmonirhat unit president, freedom fighter Captain (ret'd) Azizul Islam Birpratik, condemned the move, saying, "Covering our history and monuments means denying the spirit of the Liberation War."

Defending the action, Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner HM Raqib Hayder claimed it was done in response to objections from activists of the mass July uprising, who felt the mural did not align with their movement's spirit.

Meanwhile, in Jhenaidah's Kaliganj upazila, an attack was reported at the Muktijoddha Sangsad Bhaban after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic March 7 speech was played on the morning of March 26. The attack left the building's caretaker, Sagar Hossain, injured.

Witnesses said tensions flared after a microphone was set up at the Bhaban to play the speech.

When locals objected and Sagar refused to stop the playback, violence erupted, resulting in the

vandalism of the Bhaban and damage to the microphone.

Yakub Ali, owner of Desh Mic Service, confirmed that freedom fighter Liaquat Ali had rented the microphone.

"I heard the caretaker was playing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib's speech. When he didn't stop despite objections, people broke the microphone," he said.

However, Helal Uddin, former commander of Kaliganj Upazila Muktijoddha Sangsad, dismissed reports of an attack, suggesting that the incident may have been orchestrated to tarnish the image of freedom fighters.

Kaliganj Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Shahidul Islam Howlader, said he had no prior knowledge of the attack but assured an investigation would be conducted.

In Pabna, a reception for freedom fighters at the Shilpakala Academy Auditorium ended in chaos after BNP leader Masud Khandaker allegedly distorted historical facts in

his speech.

The event, organised by the district administration, began with floral tributes but descended into disorder when Masud reportedly claimed that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had fled the country during the Liberation War.

His remarks sparked outrage among freedom fighters present, leading to a heated protest.

"Freedom fighters started shouting in protest, and the chaos continued for about three minutes," said attendee Abdul Mannan Sardar.

Masud later stepped down from the stage, and the programme was cut short.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Masud denied making the remark, alleging that pro-Awami League freedom fighters had deliberately disrupted the event.

Pabna Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Mofizul Islam did not confirm whether Masud had made the comment but acknowledged that "chaos was created following the speech of a speaker".

Dug up

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"We now have both the administrator and CEO and are taking all necessary steps to renovate the roads. All required tenders have been completed, and we aim to repair all dug-up roads by April 14," he told The Daily Star.

When asked why some roads had been left unrepaired for months, he said in cases of large-scale work, roads are sometimes left for testing, which can cause delays.

Asked about violations of road digging guidelines, DSCC Chief Executive Officer Zillur Rahman said they are imposing fines whenever breaches occur during excavation work.

Compromisers

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"With India's support, Sheikh Hasina prolonged her fascist rule. Awami fascism was merely an extension of Indian expansionism," he said.

Nahid claimed that Sheikh Hasina's administration prioritised appeasing India, resulting in the erosion of Bangladesh's national dignity, sovereignty, and justice. He expressed hope that the July uprising would pave the way for an independent foreign policy prioritising national and public interests.

He reiterated that Bangladesh seeks a relationship with India based on equality, fairness,

and dignity.

He also criticised India for allegedly sheltering Awami League leaders accused of committing massacre, urging diplomatic efforts for their repatriation.

"If India genuinely wishes to maintain friendly relations, it must cooperate in this matter," he said.

Be clear about

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market syndicates, Rizvi noted that essential commodities like rice, eggs, and chicken remain expensive. He urged the chief adviser to ensure his actions align with his commitments.

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Corrigendum of e-Tender Notice

Invitation for National e-GP System Tender ID No. 1072596, Tender Ref. No. 46.04.0000.000.102.07.0005.25.9 has been published **11.00am instead of 9.00am dated 27.03.2025**. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Invitation Reference, Tender ID No, and Date	Ref. No. Pro-(Log.) 90/2025, Tender ID: 21/2025, 27/03/2025
2. Procuring Entity Name	Secretary General, BDRCS
3. Name of Requisition Department	Disaster and Climate Risk Management (DCRM) Department, BDRCS, NHQ, Dhaka. Telephone numbers: Tel. +88-02-8333430 (222/258).
4. Implementation by	Estate and Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
5. Budget and Source of Funds	Nature Pulse (NP) Project Fund, British Red Cross (BRC)
6. Invitation for	"Renovation work at Barguna R.C Unit, DCRM Department".
7. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method, OTM (Two Envelope)
8. Lot Details	Lot-A: Renovation +Construction of Men & Women WASH Block & Drain at Barguna R C Unit and Lot: B Supply Office Furniture at Barguna R C Unit Office.
9. Purchase of Tender document	Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdracs.org . Tender Schedule Download Link: https://bdracs.org/tender/ Important Details: • Interested bidders are requested to collect the tender documents within the stipulated timeframe from the mentioned link/BDRCS website. • A Tender Schedule purchase fee of (LOT-A @ BDT 1020.00 & LOT-B @ 1020) is applicable. This fee is non-refundable. • The purchase fee should be paid through bKash number 01894806393 (BDRCS Merchant Account). • Please mention the bKash transaction reference number on top of the tender schedule. • Failure to include the bKash transaction reference number may result in the disqualification of your bid.
10. Tender Schedule available from website/link	28-03-2025
11. Tender Closing Date and Time	16-04-2025 at 3:00 PM
12. Tender Opening Date and Time	16-04-2025 at 3:15 PM
13. Pre-bid Meeting Schedule	07-04-2025 at 11.00 am at Logistics Dept. Meeting Room, NHQ, BDRCS
14. Price of Tender Document	BDT 2040.00 nonrefundable through bKash number 01894-806393.
15. Tender Security Money	2.5 % of the Total quoted value.
16. Eligibility of Tenderer	As per tender documents.
17. Address of Tender Submission & Opening	Logistics Department Room, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
18. Completion Time in months	As per tender documents.

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Dr. Kabir M. Ashraf Alam, ndc
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 519 of 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An Application under Sections 81(2) & 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND
IN THE MATTER OF: AFS Seair Freight Ltd. represented by its Managing Director, Hasan Ahmed Kamal

—VERSUS—
Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA) and another
Mr. ABM Hamidul Mishbah, Advocate

Present: The 19th March, 2025
Justice Ahmed Sohel

This is an application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

Heard the learned Advocate for the petitioner and perused the application as well as annexures. It appears that the petitioner has made a prima-facie case for admission. Let the application be admitted. Issue usual notices upon the respondents to be served by the office through registered post at the costs of the petitioner.

Let the notices of the presentation of this application to this Court be published in the "The Daily Star" and in the "The Daily Kalerkantho" within 03(three) weeks from date.

The petitioner is directed to file an affidavit-in-compliance on or before 27th April, 2025. The petitioner is further directed to put in requisites forthwith.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
পানি সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

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