

Justice Ansar Ali's death anniv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 30th death anniversary of Justice Muhammad Ansar Ali.

On July 5, 1995, Justice Muhammad Ansar Ali, a renowned lawyer and experienced judge of Bangladesh Supreme Court, passed away while on duty.

On his 30th death anniversary, Qurankhwani and a doa mahfil will be held at his village home in Naogaon district and also at Banani graveyard in Dhaka.

All are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

PRAYER TIMING

JULY 5

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17

JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45

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Water hyacinths and garbage choke a section of the Gulshan-Banani Lake, tarnishing the natural beauty of the waterbody and highlighting the urgent need for better conservation efforts. The photo was taken yesterday.

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BHOLA MUNICIPALITY

Key roads lie dilapidated

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

A significant number of roads within Bhola municipality, including several vital ones, are in a dilapidated state, causing immense suffering to locals.

A visit to different areas across the municipality, including the Bhola District Court area, in front of the DC and SP offices, Musilimpara, Westernpara, and in front of the municipality office, revealed that many roads are now largely impassable. Potholes and persistent waterlogging have made daily commutes extremely difficult, especially during monsoon.

Residents have demanded urgent repairs to the roads to alleviate their suffering. Municipality authorities, however, claimed that some repair works have already been initiated while the tendering process is ongoing for others.

Locals said although certain repair works have recently started, the overall condition of the roads has yet to improve.

"The roads are in such dire condition that I have to spend more on repairing my rickshaw every month than what I earn, due to the damages caused to the vehicle," said Sohel, a rickshaw puller. Several other rickshaw and auto-rickshaw drivers echoed him.

According to municipal data, Bhola has a total of 261 kilometres of road network, including 170 kilometres of paved roads, 16 kilometres of semi-paved roads, and 76 kilometres of brick-paved roads. At present, around 65 kilometres of roads are in poor condition due to prolonged lack of repairs.

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SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Initiated in 2017, the 8.5-kilometre road and embankment project between Kalurghat Bridge and Chakta Canal in Chattogram remains incomplete after eight years.

The project has undergone two revisions, several deadline extensions, and a significant increase in cost. Its last deadline expired in June this year, and the implementing agency, Chattogram Development Authority (CDA), has requested another one year extension.

The project aims to improve connectivity by building a four-lane alternative road and reduce waterlogging in the area through the embankment. However, as it remains unfinished, traffic congestion and drainage problems continue, causing hardship to residents.

The project includes laying 193,000 square metres of road pavement and 1,470 square metres of rigid pavement, constructing six bus bays, three pedestrian overpasses, 353 metres of connecting roads, 9,165 metres of New Jersey barriers, and 15,057 square metres of walkways.

Additional facilities include seven pump houses, seven electrical sub-stations, 1,084 LED streetlights, and 12 water pumps to support infrastructure and drainage systems.

A recent visit to the site behind Kolpolok Residential Area revealed that 10 out of 12 regulators have been constructed, but a large

portion of the road from Kolpolok to Kalurghat remains under construction. The road is being built by Spectra Engineers Limited.

According to project documents, work began in July 2017 and was initially scheduled for completion by June 2020 at a cost of Tk 2,275.52 crore.

The project was revised twice, increasing the cost to Tk 2,779.39 crore, with the deadline extended

and have been facing challenges, so delays are inevitable."

Rajib Das, project director, said, "Around 82 percent of the work is complete. We hope to open the road for vehicular movement by June next year."

Urban planning experts argue that the delays stem not only from land acquisition issues but also from CDA's poor planning and project management.



three times to June 2025.

Now, CDA is seeking an extension until June 2026, without any further cost increase.

Officials attributed the delay to land acquisition complications.

Kazi Hasan Bin Shams, chief engineer of CDA, said, "To implement the project, we had to acquire around 170 acres of land

"Lack of proper study before taking on the project has caused delay and raised costs. The government should identify those responsible for starting the project without adequate planning and take action," said Md Dewar Hossain Mazumdar, urban planner and executive member of the Forum for Planned Chattogram.

environmentalists and urban planners. "Despite this, they seem unwilling to relinquish control of the site," he added.

According to Adil, around 50 percent of the park's space has already been lost to the metro rail and elevated expressway projects.

"But the remaining area must be made available to the public as a park," he said.

He said while the city has many areas for commercial activity, what it lacks are parks, open spaces, and playgrounds.

A park or playground beside a metro rail station is ideal, offering a breathing space in a congested area like Farmgate. The design should reflect this need," he said.

Adil Mohammad Khan, current president of the Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said DMTCL initially planned to build a station plaza on the site but backed off following protests from

Fayzul finds success in mushroom farming



MASUK HRIDOV, Brahmanbaria

With a quiet determination and a vision rooted in both necessity and inspiration, Fayzul Gani, a young law student from Karuatali village in Brahmanbaria's Akhaura upazila, has carved out an unlikely path to success – through mushrooms.

Burdened by unemployment and the weight of providing for his family, Fayzul sought help from the Akhaura Upazila Agriculture Office in December 2024. He expressed his interest in mushroom farming, a field that few around him knew much about. His sincerity did not go unnoticed. The officials, recognising his potential, facilitated his enrolment at the Mushroom Development Institute in Savar.

There, Fayzul underwent hands-on training, learning how to prepare PDA media – Potato Dextrose Agar – a common microbiological growth medium crucial to mushroom cultivation. He was also trained in producing pure and mother cultures, and commercial spawn production.

Returning home, he established a farm – Bari Mushroom Corner. Backed by the agriculture department, which provided essential infrastructure such as a cultivation shed, spawn production room, inoculation chamber, 12 racks, a van, and other tools, Fayzul was ready to begin.

When this correspondent visited the farm recently, a peaceful scene unfolded. Papaya trees swayed gently in the courtyard, ducks paddled in a nearby pond, and inside the mushroom shed, neat rows of white brown mushrooms sat in packages on racks, a testament to precision and care.

"I heard about the health benefits of mushroom from some relatives who live abroad, and it inspired me to chase this initiative. Now it has blossomed into a thriving business," said Fayzul.

"At first, some people mocked me, but now those very individuals come to witness and inquire about my success," he smiled.

Today, his farm houses nearly 1,000 spawn bags and produces three to four kilogrammes of mushrooms daily. He sells them wholesale at Tk 300 per kg. The enterprise has also created jobs – six to seven local men and women now work with him.

"It gives me immense satisfaction to know that my initiative is being able to help others around me," he added.

Looking ahead, Fayzul plans to scale up. "I expect to increase the farm's mushroom production to 10 to 12 kg per day in the coming winter, as cooler temperatures are ideal for mushroom cultivation," he said.

His journey has already begun to inspire others. Arafat Hossain, a local youth, said he too plans to learn mushroom farming and follow in Fayzul's footsteps.

Parul Begum, acting chairman of the local union parishad, commended Fayzul's efforts. "Through young entrepreneurs like Fayzul Gani, sustainable mushroom farming is becoming popular," she said.

Mosammat Tania Tabassum, upazila agriculture officer in Akhaura, said, "The government's mushroom expansion project is ready to support promising and dedicated young agro-entrepreneurs like Fayzul Gani. His success should inspire other unemployed youth to pursue similar productive ventures," she said.

DMTCL to hand over Women fatality high despite

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playground and park in the DNCC area. One design is already prepared, and we are waiting for another before finalising."

A large portion of Anowara Park has been used to store construction materials and for operational purposes related to DMTCL's metro rail project since construction began at the Farmgate end in late 2018.

The Agargaon-Motijheel section of the country's first metro rail (MRT-6) was opened to the public on November 4, 2023.

Urban planners have urged that the site be preserved as a park, given the city's acute shortage of open spaces, especially in the congested Farmgate area.

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that the risk of infection

depends on a person's

movement. Males are more

mobile due to work, so

they are more exposed

and become the main victims

of dengue, he said.

Infections can occur anywhere a

person travels.

He added that travel

during the recent long

vacation may have

contributed to the rise in

cases. The risk of death

depends on a person's

immunity and whether it

is a first-time infection.

First-time cases are usually

less severe, but second or

third-time infections carry

a higher risk of fatality.

Rahman stressed the

need for a detailed study

to identify the main causes

behind the surge. He said

each patient's infection

history and occupation

should be examined to

determine the likely source

of exposure. If a housewife

is infected, it suggests the

vector is present at home.

But if a working woman

is infected, she may have

been exposed in many places, which requires deeper investigation.

Entomologist Kabirul

Basar raised similar

concerns. In previous years, males had more infections but fewer deaths.

This year, males dominate both infection and death statistics, he said.

The slight drop in female fatalities can be attributed to better hospital management and timely treatment, he added. Last year's awareness campaigns, which focused on the risks faced by women, may also have helped reduce female deaths.

Severe symptoms include abdominal pain, breathing difficulties, vomiting, and bleeding from the gums or nose. If these symptoms are not addressed within 24 hours, the risk of developing dengue shock syndrome increases significantly, Dr Ahsan warned.

He also pointed out that gender-based health neglect plays a major role. Patriarchal norms often delay women's access to medical care. In many cases, families take women to the hospital only when it is already too late, he added.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1099 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF: Grand Heritage Limited, represented by its
Managing Director, Mr. Md. Saiful Islam Petitioner
-VERSUS-

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