

MA Samad's death anniv today

CITY DESK

Today is the 20th death anniversary of MA Samad, founder of Bangladesh General Insurance Company PLC (BGIC), said a press release.

After his retirement as managing director of Jiban Bima Corporation, he established BGIC.

Moreover, he was the founder director of Bangladesh Insurance Academy and former chairman of Bangladesh Insurance Association.

MA Samad wrote two books in Bengali – on life insurance and another on general insurance. He also wrote two text books in English on life insurance.

He was an enlisted international expert in the Technical Assistance Program on Trade and Development of the United Nations. MA Samad was born at Kulaura in Moulvibazar on January 1, 1923.

PRAYER TIMING		OCTOBER 17	
Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-50	12-30	4-00	5-38 7-15
JAMAA 5-25	1-15	4-15	5-41 7-45
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Demanding immediate implementation of the Teesta masterplan, people living along the river brought out a torch procession in Lalmonirhat yesterday.

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Implement Teesta masterplan now

Demand people living along the river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

People living along the Teesta River have demanded that the government begin implementing the Teesta Master Plan with its own funding before the announcement of the national election schedule.

To press home the demand, residents of the northern districts organised a torchlight procession along both banks of the Teesta River at 6:00pm yesterday.

Hundreds of people from five northern districts – Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Rangpur, and Gaibandha – joined the programme under the banner of “Teesta Nodi Rakkha Andolon” (Save the Teesta River Movement).

Teesta shoal dwellers said people in the basin have long been suffering from frequent flooding during the monsoon, devastating river erosion afterwards, and acute water shortages in the dry season

that hinder crop cultivation. Nearly two crore people in the five northern districts depend directly or indirectly on the Teesta River for their livelihoods.

Chief coordinator of Teesta Nodi Rakkha Andolon Asadul Habib Dulu, said, “If the government does not start the Teesta Master Plan with its own funding before the election schedule is announced, the people of Teesta’s riverbanks will wage a greater movement.”

1 more dies of dengue, 755 get hospitalised

STAR REPORT

At least one dengue patient died while 755 others were hospitalised in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), the death was reported from Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) areas.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of deaths rose to 243, while total cases rose to 57,770 this year.

Among the total cases, a total of 54,834 dengue patients have been released so far after treatment. Currently, 2,693 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country, 1,736 of whom are from outside Dhaka.



No compromise on February polls Says Fakhrul

UNB, Thakurgaon

Accusing a quarter of trying to create unrest by raising unnecessary issues like the proportional representation (PR) system, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said there will be no compromise on holding the next national election in February, 2026.

The BNP leader made the remarks while addressing a views exchange meeting with local people at Dhanarhat Eidgah ground in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila. He alleged that a certain quarter is keeping Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus occupied with various demands in an attempt to block the national election.

“A party is holding rallies and meetings about PR. If even I don’t understand what PR really means, how will people understand it? That’s why I say, let’s stop arguing and focus on ensuring a fair and beautiful election in February,” Fakhrul said.

He also said the people of the country no longer want to see politics of conflict and violence as they prepare to cast their votes and make their decision in February.

The BNP leader said the next parliament, to be formed through people’s direct votes, will discuss and debate the various demands of different parties and resolve them.

Fakhrul urged all political parties to avoid making non-election-related demands and to cooperate with the interim government so that the election can be held smoothly. “Let’s not create further division.”



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police opened fire on protesters, though he was around 200 metres away.

The defence suggested that it was not possible to see the shooting from that distance and accused Asif of giving false testimony, which the tribunal recorded.

Meanwhile, tribunal Chairman Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder cautioned state-appointed defence counsel Qutub Uddin Ahmed – representing four absconding accused, including former DMP commissioner Habibur Rahman and ex-DMP

joint commissioner Sudip Kumar Chakraborty – for lack of preparation.

The chair warned that his appointment could be cancelled if he failed to perform his duties properly.

Qutub later cross-examined in favour of his clients, claiming that they had no involvement in the killing of six protesters at Chankharpul.

Two defence counsels for three arrested accused also cross-examined the witness, while the defence lawyer for another accused in custody declined to cross-examine.

Amid jubilation

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village under Palong Police Station in Shariatpur.

Among his three children, Junaed was the eldest. Junaed’s sister is in fifth grade, and his younger brother is in third.

Notre Dame College Principal Father Hemanto Pius Rozario expressed his condolences over the student’s death. “We were already informed of his passing and have been in contact with the family,” he said.

“He was polite, talented, and responsible. He was actively involved in various college clubs and social activities. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family,” he added.

Four JnU buildings

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buildings. Renovation of the science faculty building has been completed.”

“Some repair work has also been carried out on other buildings, and further renovations will take place in the next fiscal year,” he added.

Asked about Rajuk’s evacuation order, he said, “That was a long time ago. I’m not entirely sure about the specifics. We’ll consult our engineers and consider alternative measures.”

Urban safety experts warned that continuing academic activities in unsafe buildings endangers

lives and undermines the university’s credibility.

“These buildings may collapse even without an earthquake, causing a huge tragedy. Who will take responsibility if disaster strikes?” said Adil Mohammed Khan, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Planners.

He stressed the need for updated assessments and clear action plans. “Follow-up from both the university and Rajuk is essential. Rajuk must enforce building codes and act under the Town Improvement Act,” he added.

SM Ali’s 32nd

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known family in Sylhet, in 1928. He was the eldest son of the late Syed Mustafa Ali, an official of the Assam Civil Service, and nephew of famous litterateur Syed Mujtaba Ali.

Ali started off as a

reporter with the Pakistan Observer while he was a student at Dhaka University. He went on to hold important positions in various publications in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore. He was the managing director of The Hong Kong Standard and The Bangkok Post.

He joined the Press Foundation of Asia as its executive director in the 1970s. In the mid 1980s, he became Unesco’s regional communications adviser for Asia and the Pacific based in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

Ali returned home in 1989 and had a brief stint with the Bangladesh Observer as editor.

He launched The Daily Star in 1991 and worked tirelessly to establish it as a leading national daily. He injected a new life in the English language journalism of the period. He died in 1993 at a Bangkok hospital at the age of 65.

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