

Shafiul Alam Khan's death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 16th death anniversary of Md Shafiul Alam Khan, a retired employee of Karnafuli Paper Mills Limited.

He died on this day in 2009 at a hospital in Dhaka.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and Qurankhwani will take place at his elder son senior advocate Md Khurshid Alam Khan's law firm, "Khurshid & Associates", at 204 Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka, after Maghrib prayers today.

Relatives, friends, and well-wishers are invited to attend the prayers.

Six more die of dengue

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At least six dengue patients died while 788 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), among the deaths, three were reported from Rajshahi division (out of city corporation), two from Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), and one from Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC).

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of dengue-related deaths this year rose to 349, while the total number of cases rose to 87,712.

PRAYER TIMING					
NOVEMBER 20					
Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN 5-05	12-45	3-45	5-21	7-00	
JAMAAT 5-40	1-15	4-00	5-24	7-30	
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

NALITABARI OF SHERPUR

Century-old football field now a cattle market

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The century-old Kakarkandi Football Field in Sherpur's Nalitabari upazila has long been used as a weekly cattle market.

Although the market operates only once a week, animal wastes left behind and holes made for bamboo posts driven into the ground leave the field largely unfit for sports activities.

As such, football practice and tournaments in this field have remained suspended for years.

Local youths and former players recently submitted a written application to the Nalitabari upazila nirbahi officer demanding restoration of the field for sports activities.

According to locals, Sangreen Sangma, a priest, took the initiative to make football more popular among the Garo community in 1925.

Supporting his initiative, generous local sports enthusiast Porod Chandra Deo donated 2.70 acres of land for public use, where the football field was established. Centring the field, the first local football organisation, "Kocchop Club," was formed by Garo players that later drew attention of youths from other communities.



After independence, another club was also established beside the field in memory of the martyred freedom fighters.

However, since 2003, a weekly cattle market has sat on the field after the upazila



PHOTO: STAR

administration leased it out.

Visiting the field recently, it was seen that the field was in a shabby, dirty state, with cow dung and other garbage spread all over it. Numerous holes riddle the ground, making it unsuitable for sports.

"The local youths have long been detached from sports due to the field's present condition," said Mannan Sohel, a local journalist.

"For many years, vibrant football tournaments used to be held regularly involving teams from different districts, alongside other cultural events and national day celebrations," said Abdur Rahman, a resident.

"Local players used to practice on the field regularly, and many prominent football talents were produced over the years. It is painful to see the field lie in such neglect," he added.

Ashim Dutta, a former prominent football player from the Mymensingh region, said "a mindless act" has been done to the field by leasing it out for the cattle market. "The field

should be recovered and restored for better interest of the young generations," he added.

Piyush Chandra Deo's son, Porod Chandra Deo, said, "My father donated the land for public welfare through use as a playing field, not for a cattle market. It is not just a playground; it is part of our local history and heritage."

They all urged the local administration to take necessary steps in this regard.

Md Ibrahim Khalil, the present lease holder, said that if the administration wants, the cattle market can be moved elsewhere.

UNO Farjana Akter Bobi said they have received an application regarding the removal of the cattle market from the field to restore its sporting environment.

"A portion of government land has been allocated for a cattle market, but instead of relocating there, the traders have continued to use the playground. I have already asked Kakarkandi union parishad chairman Niamul Kawser for steps to shift the market to its actual location," she added.

Halt fossil gas expansion

Urge activists

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Speakers at a global action event on the Pashur river warned that the pace of fossil gas extraction is obstructing global climate ambitions, particularly as energy demand continues to rise across the Global South.

At 10:00am yesterday, environmental organisations Dhaitree Rokkhai Amra (Dhora), Waterkeepers Bangladesh, and Pashur River Waterkeeper launched a boat rally on the Pashur river in Mongla.

Presiding over the rally's inauguration programme, environmental activist and Pashur River Waterkeeper Md Noor Alam Sk said, "Fossil gas expansion must be stopped immediately."

"As a just energy transition, fossil gas can never be an alternative to coal or oil. The world's



PHOTO: PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY

largest natural gas producers are the US, followed by China, Russia, Iran, Canada and Qatar. To these countries, I say, 'Stop gas and LNG, we need renewable energy'."

Speakers urged G20 leaders and COP30 negotiators to ensure policy shifts towards renewable energy.

Youth leader Mehedi Hasan said industrialising countries outside the Global North are projected to see "an 85 percent rise in energy demand", adding, "To meet this demand, the Global North is promoting fossil gas as an alternative. We want to give a clear message to the Global North: 'Don't gas the South'."

Environmental and development worker Fatema Jannat highlighted the scale of fossil gas expansion worldwide, noting that 768 gas fired power plants are in the pre-construction stage across Africa, Latin America, and Asia.



A fisherman shows off his fresh catch from the Kalabador river before heading to Bheduria Bazar in Barishal Sadar upazila, where it will be sold at wholesale rates. The photo was taken recently.

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Three magistrates

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probationers have been removed from government service. The notification added that any outstanding financial dues during their service will be recovered.

The notice did not mention the reason for their dismissal. Two of the officers told The Daily Star they were not informed of any cause.

Officials at the ministry said the officers completed their basic training yesterday -- meaning they were dismissed on the same day their training ended.

Rule 6(2)(a) states that if a probationer is deemed unfit during the probationary period, the government may terminate the appointment without consulting the Public Service Commission.

Sources said during recruitment for this batch, at least 67 candidates were dropped. Later, another 13 officers from different cadres were terminated after joining service.

One of the newly dismissed executive magistrates said, "During student life in the dormitory, I had to join political rallies and meetings. If these are counted as disqualifications, what can I say?"

He added, "My wife is pregnant, my father recently had a heart ring implant -- you can understand my situation."

Public administration expert and writer Firoz Mia told The Daily Star that although the dismissals were made under the recruitment rules, similar orders have not held up in court in the past. He said there is no barrier to dismissal if there is a specific reason, but doing so without stating any cause goes against principles of justice.

"Those who have been dismissed can seek remedy in court under the Constitution. I hope they will get justice," he said.

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