



INTERNSHIP REPORT ON

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THE OUTSPOKEN DAILY

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Sir,

It's my pleasure and honor to present my internship report to you. I have tried my level best to satisfy the necessities of the report. I see myself as exceptionally lucky to set up this report under your direction. This has been an awesome open door for me. It has given me an incredible breadth of applying the accumulated classroom information down to real field.

Therefore, I anticipate that you will excuse my unintentional mistakes in preparing this report. I will be grateful to answer any sort of query you think necessary as now and when needed. I am always free to share the pleasure of discussions.

Thanking You

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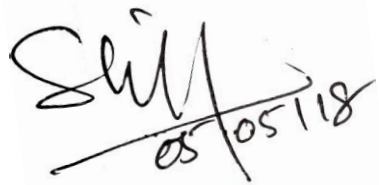
Certificate of Approval

I am pleased to certify that the Internship report on “Desk reporting for print Media:

Professional Experience in "New Age" Prepared by Tanvir Ahmed, bearing ID No: 142-24-400 of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication has been approved for presentation and defense. Tanvir Ahmed has worked New Age with as an intern under my supervision. He has completed the work during the Spring-2018 semester.

I am pleased to certify that the data, the findings presented in the report are the authentic work of Tanvir Ahmed.

As a human being, he bears a good moral character and a very pleasing personality. I wish her all success in life.



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Md. Shariful Islam

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May 5, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Tanvir Ahmed (student ID No- 142-24-400) has completed his internship at English language daily New Age successfully. He worked here from February 1 to April 30, 2018 with the reporting team. He covered various events in the city and prepared reports for the paper during the time. He was punctual and sincere in the discharge of his responsibilities.

I wish him every success in future.



(Mustafizur Rahman)

Chief of Correspondents in-charge

STATUS REPORTS(Intern)

Months: Three months

Name of Intern: Tanvir Ahmed

Name of Host Organization: The New Age

Name of Mentor: Mustafizur Rahman

TASK FOR THE MONTHS

Desk reporting and Editing

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

I have highly taken in a ton and have increased significant experience and learning while at the same time gathering data for the news. It was surely extraordinary open door for me to take a shot at this genuine venture to realize my hypothetical learning of this course in the useful field and some more which is out of this revile. It is a respect for me to join as an intern desk reporter in New Age Newspaper. It is a stage for me to gain some new useful knowledge and building up my correspondence affirmation.

Number of Hours Worked : six hours(average)daily

Intern's signature

Mentor's signature

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I might want to accept the open door to say thanks to Mr. MustafizurRahman, Special Correspondent of New Age, for being boss and giving personal time for this report. Report.

I likewise say thanks to MithunZakir senior sub - manager at desk, for making an amicable situation and help me with the data of my report.

At last, I will demonstrate my appreciation to all Management and Non-Management Staffs who have helped me amid the internship time frame and the whole people who some way or another have to effect on me in finishing my entire report.

Dedication

Thanks to my parents from the core of my heart who encouraged me at every second of my life and kept me in their prayers. I never down their efforts they put forward for my bright and prosperous future. May Allah Almighty gave his compassion and love to them in this life and life after death. I am also grateful to Mr. Mustafizur Rahman,(special correspondent and Chief editor of Daily New Age) for his selfless love and help. He teaches me how to handle a tuff situation with a skillful hand. Day by day his handful concentration over me constantly helped me to learn practical experiences.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 What is Internship?

Internship refers to learning experience that deliver meaningful, applied work related to a student's field of study or job interest. Internship takes a student the opportunity for new exploration and prosperity, and to become acquainted with new skills. Student gets the opportunity to experience with new ideas and thoughts in the field. Developing skill and potentially build a connection for future full-time employees.

- Internship offers a part-time and full-time work for administrative duties.
- Set-up a clear project description for the tusk experience.
- Introducing the students to the organization
- Helps the employee develop and achieve learning goals.

1.2 Internship aptness

- An internship provides a real experience and makes an opportunity to become skillful employee.
- To explore something new and developing communication skill.
- Internship can be the door of new job.
- Real field experiences provide a huge confidence.
- Internship experiences are developing analytical ability for job market.

Internship provides a significant experience and mastery that can enable you to secure your fantasy work in the business. Regardless of whether an Internships program is paid or unpaid, it doesn't change its esteem. It is interests in your future.

Regularly, understudies are hesitant to seek after Internships since they stress they'll be stuck doing modest assignments like getting ready media and autoclaving dish sets in the lab and let be honest nobody needs to work for nothing. In all actuality, in spite of the fact that not all Internships programs pay in real money, they do pay in different ways.

Chapter 2: Internship project in brief

2.1 Organization: New Age| The Out Spoken Daily

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INSIDE TODAY
Arrears behind highest number of labour unrest in 2017: survey

Need to work hampers boys' education
Mohiuddin Alamgir

THE unfair practice of child labour took a heavy toll on education in backward districts reducing the number of boys going to high schools. Parents prefer to send boys to work to augment family earnings, district education officers told New Age. They said that parents felt encouraged to send girls to education because 30 per cent of the girls get stipends from the government compared to only 10 per cent of the boys. There is also no social campaign to educate boys, they said. Bangladesh's 46 per cent of the high school students are boys but in the districts of Sylhet, Sunamganj, Moulvibazar, Panchagar, Rangpur, Thakurgaon and Habiganj, the ratio of boys in high schools stands at below 43 per cent, according to Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics, in short BANBEIS. Asked why the number of boys in the high schools was decreasing compared to the girls, professor Mahabur Rahman director general of Secondary and Higher Education said that a thorough research alone could provide the correct answer to this pertinent question. Continued on page 2 Col. 5

ROHINGYA CRISIS
PM urges role of Russia, China, India, Japan
Process in resolving Rohingya crisis slow: UNSC

UN Security Council at her official residence Ganabhaban, according to her press secretary Ilasmiti Karim. "We expect the countries like Russia, China, India and Japan to play a major role in resolving the Rohingya crisis," UNSC president for April Gustavo Meza-Cuadra Velasquez of Peru led the team in the meeting with the prime minister, according to Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha. Sheikh Hasina reiterated her call to the international community to mount pressure on Myanmar to implement the process in resolving the Rohingya crisis was slow but assured that they would extend support

PRIME minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday said the repatriation of the Rohingyas would have to be ensured under the supervision of the United Nations and sought strong roles of countries like Russia, China, India and Japan in peacefully resolving the protracted crisis. The UN Security Council delegation on Monday admitted that the process in resolving the Rohingya crisis was slow but assured that they would extend support

A child without any safety gear works at a dockyard in Keraniganj of Dhaka, risking life in fatal accidents. — Sony Ramany

2.2 Introduction to the Organization

New Age is countries most outspoken daily and its stand for anti-establishment phenomena. To maintain objectivity and journalistic ethics the daily has its root foundation. Now a days when houses are stragglng for survive when New Age able to maintain his high scale of traditional professionalism.

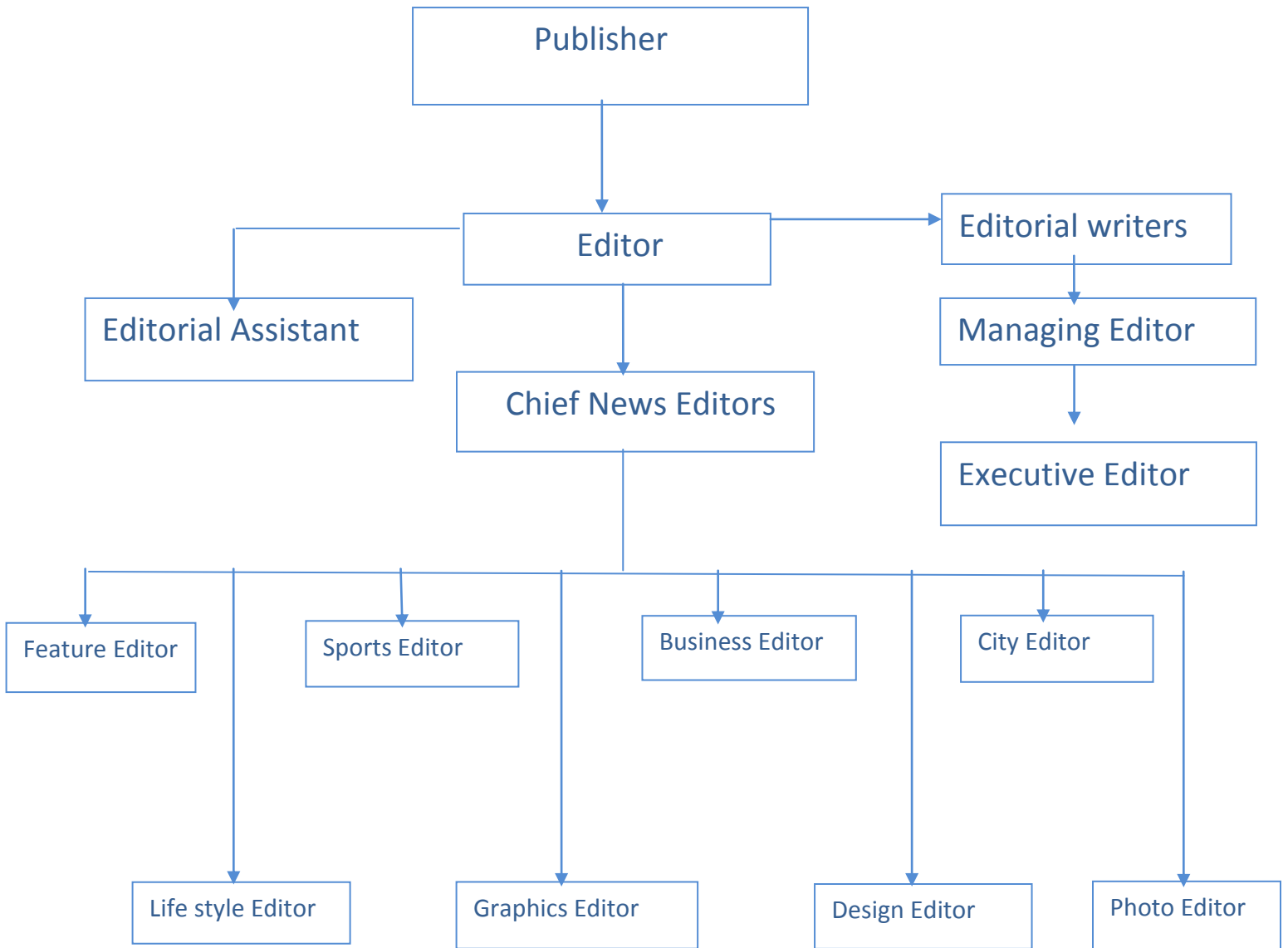
Managing Director :ShahidullahBadal

Editor :NurulKabir
Formet: Broadsheet

Structure of Organization:

New Age follow the traditional Print media organizational structure. Started with the publisher at top and editor, Editor-In-Chief. Editorial stuff divided by two sections. One is "west Zone" and another " east zone"

❖ Structure In flowchart



Chapter 3: Activities during Internship

3:1 Daily Activities in the house

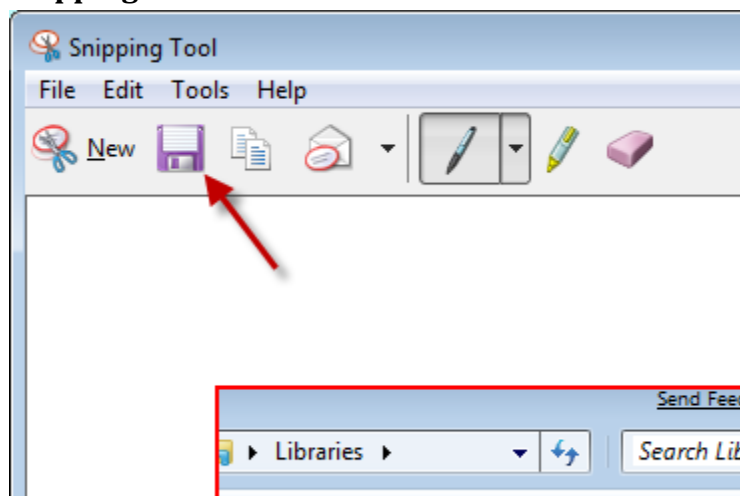
My daily activities in house to read the news content for increasing news sense. Sometimes over lapping the content to make it more readable and make it in a good shape.

Editing: press release, local report, following political rally , and marginally helping other to correct the grammatical error.

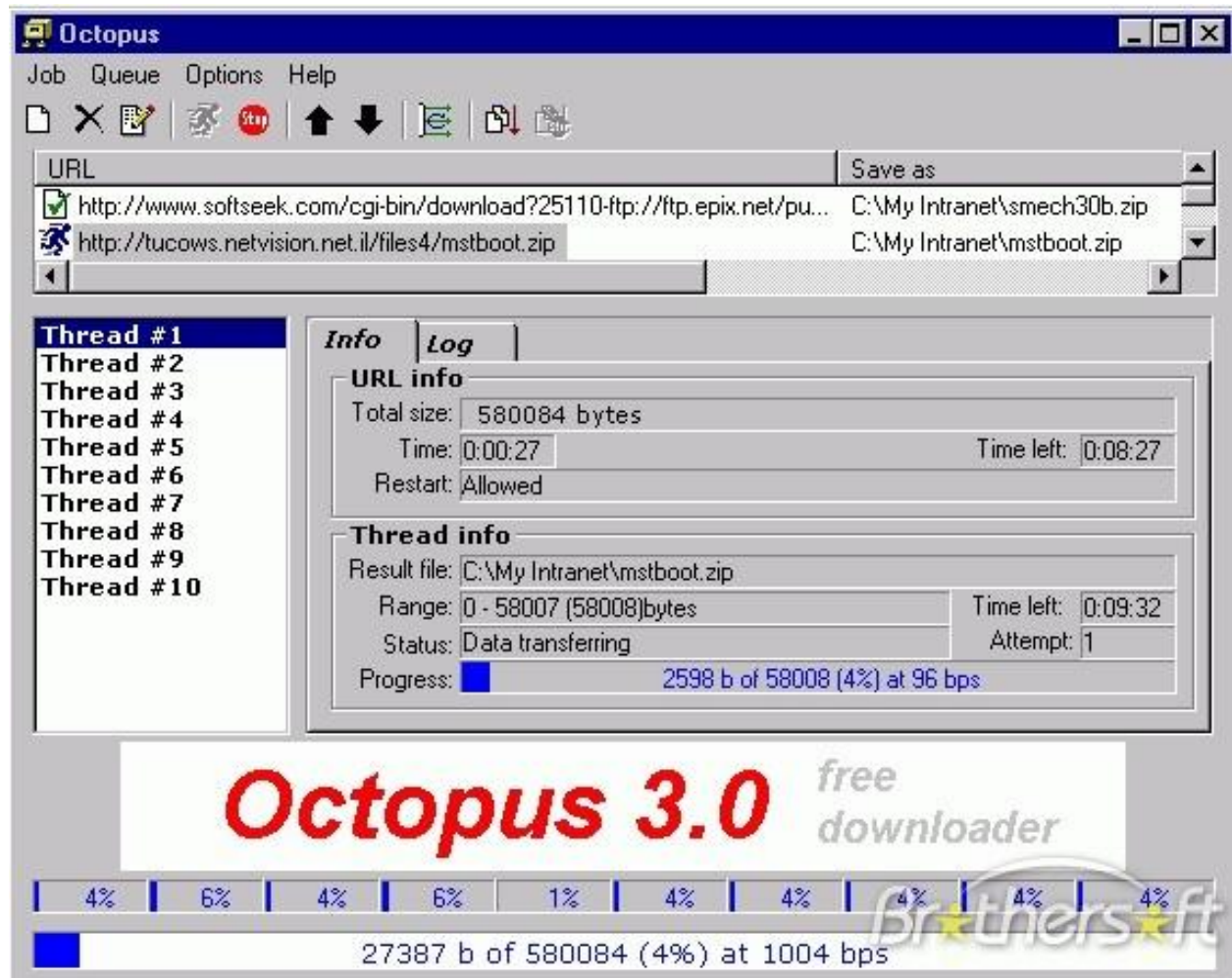
3:2 Tools and technics

- MS Word
- Snipping tools
- Octopus Software
- OCR

Snipping tools



Octopus software



All the examples attach to the Annex file.

3.3 Places visited for information gathering

There is limited option for desk reporter and assistant editor to visit the place and gathering news though I insist my supervisor to take an assignment for this report. The assignment was BAPA and its Member organization rally called “Noise Free Environment for Children”



3.4 Other activities

Besides my work I have tried to make communication with senior journalist to be a part of their collaborating daily work. Do my extra effort to learn something new and some thing helpful for me.

- Tried to learn new softer like CS 10
- Good relation with senior journalist
- Despite of difficulties always tried to be positive and good learner

At my desk

Chapter 4: Evaluation of learning

4.1 Academic learning and practical work

After almost four years of academic learning when I put my first step on practical word as a journalist in intern, it was totally new strange world for me . New challenge, new environment, with the people I didn't meet ever in my life but I I have to cop up with it.

So there is huge difference between academic life and practical field. In academic life there is a plenty of familiar faces looking for me for any kind help but practical field you are all alone. But this tuff situation makes me more strong professional person then before. So it was necessary for every student to take steps ahead in real world.

4.2 Impotence of learning from Internship

Internship playing a key role to make professional person. Practical world refers to experience campaigner with valuable employee who is really useful for the House. so fare academic learning raise a student by theoretical bases but internship project is all about practical learning. Without practical knowledge and attach with professional houses student would fall into a strange ocean.

In internship project we are able to take real word experiences. To connect with professional person and environment accelerate our communication skill. Now a days networking is so important in professional life, internship also helps a student to make good network.

❖ Key point

- Real world experience
- Network building
- Professional communication
- Job opportunity
- Career foundation

4.3 Work opportunity in the house and limitation

Media house are always busy with huge amount of work. Journalist in the house always has to bear enormous amount pressure. As an intern I saw some restriction in the house to take advantages with other people. They are always tried to help me but sometimes they won't because of hectic pace working around in the media house.

Time limitation is another problem because three month isn't enough to cop up with situation. Four months would be better for students in terms of further accommodation with house.

Skill must be needed in future

- Video editing
- Photo shop
- Data journalism
- Situation measurement by data analysis

4.3 Conclusion

This my first experience as an intern journalist with any professional house. I am really grateful to “New Age” family for giving me such a wonderful opportunity. Being a part of “New Age” family I am able to take my professional steps in to the real world.

To make this report I have tried my label best to maintain objectivity. All sort of information and content has-been produce here are authentic and unbiased.this is what I have done from past three month.

My supervisor and colleagues at the “New Age” are amazing people. They were well behaved and always welcoming to help me.

This is my honor and great opportunity to take my Graduation from Daffodil International University. From the core of my heart I want to give thanks to my teachers and University authorities, without their help, Its quit impossible for me to complete my graduation.

4.4 Reference's

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ANNEX

Campaigners call for noise-free society

Staff Correspondent

GREEN activists observed the International Noise Awareness Day in Dhaka on Wednesday with a call for a noise-free society.

They also urged to build awareness and to implement the environment law strictly to combat the sound pollution that threatens public health, especially that of the children.

Observing the day in a rally in front of Dhanmandi Abahani Sports playground in the capital, the activists voiced serious concern as recent sound measurement by the environment department and other non-government organi-

sations caught terrible noise in the major cities and towns.

They blamed lax enforcement of the Sound Pollution Control Act 2006 as well as lack of public awareness amplified noise pollution in the cities threatening people of health hazards including deafness, anxiety, cardiac disorder, high blood pressure, depression, insomnia and others.

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolan, Stamford University Bangladesh, Green Voice, Nagorik Odhikar Sangrakshan Forum, Bangladesh Centre for Human Rights and Development, Mastul Foundation, Rayerbazar High School, Dhanmandhi Kachikantha

High School, Dhaka Ideal Cadet School and Work for a Better Bangladesh Trust jointly organised the rally.

Chair of the rally and BAPA joint secretary Iqbal Habib placed 12-point recommendations included ban of importing hydraulic horns, setting up cautionary signs by the streets at residential, commercial and industrial areas to build public awareness of sound pollution.

According to World Health Organisation, in 2013 20 per cent of the country's population suffered from hearing impairment. Around 26 per cent of them were children.

Bangladesh Ghuri Federation general secretary Shahjahan Mridha Benu complained that deafening noise hampered children's normal life troubling their mental growth.

WBB Trust coordinator Gaus Piyari urged people to follow the anti-noise rules and regulations prohibiting high volume sound near at residential areas, hospital and educational institutions.

Ziaur Rahman, professor Ahmed Kamruzzaman, MA Mannan Monir, Tahazzad Hossain, and schoolchildren Morshedul Islam, Madhabi Debnath, among others, addressed the rally.

Genocide Day observed

Staff Correspondent

MANY parts of Bangladesh went dark for a minute on Sunday night, as part of Genocide Day observance, recalling the beginning of the genocide that the Pakistan army committed against the Bengalis on the night of March 25, 1971 and afterwards during the nine-month Liberation War.

The nation observed the Genocide Day with heavy heart recalling the horror of one of the worst genocides in the modern history committed by the Pakistan occupation military, by turning lights off for a minute from 9:00pm to pay tribute to martyrs of 1971 War for Independence.

People also hold torchlight processions, candlelight vigils, discussions and exhibitions marking the day and called for government's strong diplomatic efforts to earn the international recognition of the day as well as genocide.

On the night of March 25, 1971, the Pakistani military launched 'Operation Searchlight.' Tanks rolled out in Dhaka, attacking the halls at Dhaka University, the then East Pakistan Rifles headquarters and Rajarbagh Police Lines, older part of Dhaka and killing several thousand unarmed Bengalis.

Three million people were savagely and systematically killed with help of local collaborators, over two lakh women were violated and one crore people were made refugee in the subsequent nine-month Liberation War.



Participants of a programme organised by Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka on Sunday observe a moment of silence in honour of the victims of mass killing by Pakistani army in 1971. — New Age photo

tion War.

The government on March 21, 2017 declared March 25 as the Genocide Day following a parliamentary resolution adopted on March 11, 2017.

Freedom fighters Kazi Sazzad Ali Zahir, also researcher, and Khandaker Bazlul Haque, also former Dhaka University Teachers Association president, urged the government to take immediate step to earn international and UN recognition of the day and genocide.

At a discussion on Genocide Day organised by the liberation war affairs min-

istry at Suhrawardy Uddyan on Sunday, they also urged the government to take necessary steps to preserve Suhrawardy Uddyan that had much monumental relations with the country's independence and its history.

Liberation war affairs minister AKM Mozammel Huq and secretary Aparup Chowdhury at the discussion assured that the government was taking different steps to earn the international recognition.

The ministry also organised a photography exhibition at the same place.

Dhaka University Alumni

Association in statement on Sunday said that they honoured seven martyred teachers of the university recalling their supreme sacrifice.

They handed over a citation and gold medal to each of the families of seven teachers — Govinda Chandra Dev, widely known as Dr GC Dev, Jyotirmoy Guhathakurta, Abu Naser M Muniruzzaman, Munier Chowdhury, Mofazzal Haider Chowdhury, Anwar Pasha and SM Rashidul Hasan.

The ruling Awami League held a discussion programme at Bangabandhu International Conference

Centre while the Communist Party of Bangladesh and the Socialist Party of Bangladesh jointly brought out a torchlight procession in the evening.

Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee also brought out a torchlight procession from Central Shaheed Minar in the evening and held a discussion.

Dhaka University held different programmes, including documentary exhibition and discussion, marking the day.

Bangladesh missions abroad also observed the Genocide Day.

Mother with baby boy commmits suicide

Our Correspondent ·
Mymensingh

A MOTHER, along with her three-year-old boy, jumped in front of a train and killed herself and her son on Tuesday in Mymensingh.

The deceased is Liza Akhtar, 25, wife of Rajib Dhali of Dhamail under Gafargaon upazila of Mymensingh and their son Yasin, said Gafargaon police station officer in-charge Abdul Ahad.

Quoting locals, M Abdul Mannan Farazi, officer-in-charge of Mymensingh Railway police station, said Liza jumped in front of the Dhaka-bound 'Jamuna Express' train from Mymensingh in

early morning.

He also said that the baby boy was hurt in his head and was taken to hospital, but later he died there.

A case was underway to file with police station by police and the bodies were recovered and sent to Mymensingh Medical College morgue for postmortem, said Mannan.

The OC said Liza might have committed suicide following a family feud.

Quoting Liza's father Shahjahan, Gafargaon police station officer in-charge Abdul Ahad said Liza was in a good relation with her in-laws, but recently they had an argument over an injury at Yasin's hand.

176 children raped in three months: report

Staff Correspondent

AT LEAST 176 children were raped across the country in last three months since January, said a report.

Twenty children of them were gang-raped in different incidents and 25 were killed and three victims committed suicide after they were raped, according to the report of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, a network of 269 non-government organisations.

Of the victims, at least eight children were physically challenged.

Twenty-one children, however, experienced at-

tempted rape during the time.

The quarterly report of the based on 15 daily newspapers showed that the sexual violence on children was on the rise at 18 per cent in compared with the last year.

At least 145 children were raped in first three months of 2017.

At least 55 children were raped in each January and February and 66 were raped in March. 15 of them were bellow six-year-old and 37 children in between 7 to 12, said the report.

Increase in rape incidents from 2016 to 2017 is about 33 per cent, as last year at least

593 incidents of child rapes were reported in 2017, while these were 446 in 2016.

Child rights activists blamed the culture of impunity, lack of proper moral and sex-education for the increase in the number of sexual violence in the country.

Bangladesh Shishu Odhikar Forum director Abdus Shahid Mahmood said the rape incidents were not only increased in terms of number, but also in types and severity.

Previously, most of the rapists were adult male, not they ranges from teenaged to old, he added.

He also said adopting anti-rape laws was not enough

to curb such offences, but setting example by ensuring justice for the victims could significantly cut the number of rapes in Bangladesh.

Dhaka University criminology professor Zia Rahman said that not only rape and killing incidents but also other crimes with children increased for the lack of formal and informal checkers of the society.

Professor Zia said in this stage of social transaction neighborhood might check many crimes while technology gave the people an unchecked entrance to pornography which should bring under a regulation.



Mohammad Nurul Huq

Poet Nurul Haq's 31st death anniv tomorrow

Stuff correspondent

THE 31st death anniversary of educationist, social worker and poet Mohammad Nurul Huq will be observed on Wednesday.

Nurul Huq, who was also a civil servant, founded Payalgacha Comprehensive High School and Payalgacha Post-Graduate Collage in Comilla, said a press release.

Of his many books, *Dukhu Miar Dukhker Jiban*, a biography of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, is much acclaimed.

A milad mahfil, distribution of foods at orphanages and a remembrance programme will be held marking the anniversary, the release said.

His family has requested all his relatives, admirers and well-wishers to pray for the peace of his departed soul.

Sub-registrar suspended

Bribe-taking video goes viral

Our Correspondent ·
Narayanganj

SUB-REGISTRAR Eshaq Ali Mandal who appeared in a video showing him taking bribes in his office at Arai-hazar in Narayanganj was suspended on Sunday.

An order issued from the office of inspector general of registration read that the sub-registrar has been suspended for misconduct.

The order, signed by Khan Md Abdul Mannan, inspector general of the directorate of registration, also asked Eshaq to explain in a week as to why he should not be dismissed from service following a departmental investigation into his alleged misconduct.

Referring to the video that went viral on social networking platforms, the order said,

'You were seen taking money as you signed files stacked on your desk and later shoved the money into your trouser pocket.'

The video makes it clear that 'you take bribe for registering documents which is against the law,' the order mentioned.

Narayanganj district registrar Sabiqunnahar said that Eshaq had been replaced with Rezaul Karim Bakshi, sub-registrar at Rugganj.

She added that IGR Mannan visited Arai-hazar registration office on Sunday and found evidence to Eshaq's involvement in the matter.

Deed writer Sajjad Parvez said that Eshaq was known for taking bribes for signing documents. If not bribed, Eshaq not only refused to sign but also misbehaved with the service seekers, he added.

3 'robbers' killed in 'gunfights'

Staff Correspondent

THREE suspected robbers were killed in two separate reported gunfights between the suspected robbers and law enforcers in Barguna and Brahmanbaria on Monday.

The deceased in Barguna were identified as Ataur Sardar, 37, and Rabiul Mali, 30, both members of a sea robber gang 'Hasan Bahini' but their detailed identities could not be known until Monday evening, said Rapid Action Battalion.

The deceased in Brahmanbaria was identified as Javed Miah, 45, of Kaitola village and an accused in nine cases, including robbery and murder.

The Barguna 'gunfight' occurred between robbers and members of Rapid Action Battalion at Majher Char under Patharghata upazila Monday morning and the Brahmanbaria incident oc-

curred at Kaitola village under Nabinagar upazila in the early hours of the day.

With the death of the three, media reported deaths of at least 28 people in incidents of 'gunfights' with law enforcing agencies or extrajudicial killings until March 5 in the ongoing year.

There were 162 deaths in shootout or encounter or crossfire and physical torture by law enforcing agencies in 2017, according to rights organisation Ain o Salish Kendra.

RAB-8 Crimes Prevention Company-1 commander Md Surat Ali said that they, on secret information, launched a raid at Majherchar to arrest the robbers. As the RAB team reached Majherchar area, the robbers opened fire sensing presence of them around 6:30am and the RAB men also fired back.

As the gunfight ended at about 7:00am, he said, RAB

searched the area and found the duo with six firearms and some sharp weapons from the spot.

He said that they took the body to Patharghata Upazila Health Complex, where they were declared dead.

United News of Bangladesh, quoting Nabinagar police station officer-in-charge Md Aslam Shikder, reports that police along with Javed, arrested on Sunday around 8:00pm, conducted a drive at Dakkhin Kaitola Haor bridge to recover arms.

Sensing the presence of police, his associates opened fire on police, prompting them to retaliate that triggered a gunfight, leaving Javed bullet injured, he said.

Later, the injured was taken to Nabinagar Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared him dead.

Police also recovered a pipe gun, ten cartridges and three machetes from the spot.

MARCH 7TH RALLY

Transport crisis feared as transport activists will join rally

Staff Correspondent

ABOUT 15,000 to 16,000 Dhaka city transport workers and owners are scheduled to join the Awami League's grand rally at the Suhrawardy Udyan on Wednesday, said leaders.

The decision has irked the city commuters as they fear that on the day they will suffer through scarcity of transports and traffic gridlock at several points.

At a meeting held on

Sunday at the Dhaka Road Transport Owners' Association office, the decision was taken in the presence of Dhaka South City Corporation mayor Sayeed Khokon.

The ruling party will organise the rally to mark the historic March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman which was recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation in November 2017.

However on January 7, this year, Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader said rallies or gatherings were prohibited on working days except holidays to avoid congestions.

He, also the road transport and bridges minister, said that no rallies or gathering of any political, social and cultural organisations would be allowed on roads blocking spaces in the capital.

DRTOA secretary gener-

al, Khandaker Enayet Ullah, told New Age on Monday that at present under the association there were about 30,000 to 35,000 transport owners and leaders.

He said that the transport workers worked on shift basis, with most of them working every alternate days of the week.

'So there will be no problem to run our usual service on Wednesday,' he further claimed.

The association organ-

ising secretary Mahbubur Rahman said the owners and workers would spontaneously join the rally to be part of the historic event.

They were scheduled to gather in front of the DSCC Nagar Bhaban at 2:00pm on Wednesday from capital's Mohakhali, Saidabad, Gulistan and Phulbaria terminals and then start for the rally to be held at the udyan where prime minister Sheikh Hasina would speak, said Khandaker.

Crop rotation stressed to preserve soil integrity

Staff Correspondent

SPEAKERS at a workshop on Sunday emphasised rotation of crops to protect soil integrity.

Single crop cultivation, they said, damages soil quality and the race to produce more rice in the country has compromised the soil quality too.

'Crop rotation will also allow crop diversification, reducing our dependence on import,' said department of agricultural extension director general Mohammad Mohsin.

He was speaking at the DAE workshop on production, storage and distribution of quality seeds of pulses, oils, spices at farmer level, held at AKM Gias Uddin Milky Auditorium in Dhaka in the morning.

Agriculture ministry senior secretary Mohammad Moynuddin urged the workshop participants, government officers working in the field, to work for reducing rice acreage and intensifying cultivation of high value crops.

Agriculture ministry additional secretary Mosharaf Hossain and DAE field services wing director Abdul Hannan were also present at the workshop.

According to DAE, pulses, oils and spices produced in the country could only meet a quarter of the demand and a large part of the crops are grown from imported seeds.

Crop production could be increased by 20 per cent by providing farmers with quality seeds, a DAE estimate shows.

6 killed in road accidents

Staff Correspondent

AT LEAST six people were killed and five injured in road accidents in Chittagong, Nilphamari and Khulna on Sunday.

New Age correspondent in Chittagong reported that school boy Md Enam, 12, from Shekherkhil union was killed when a CNG run auto rickshaw ran over him at Shekherkhil area of Banshkhali upazila at around 2:00pm.

Md Salauddin Hira, officer in-charge of Banshkhali Police station, said Enam

was a student of class V of Shekherkill Sarkar Bazar Government Primary school.

United News Bangladesh reported that three unidentified people were killed and five more injured in a head-on collision between a truck and an auto-rickshaw on Saidpur-Rangpur road in Dholagaccha area of Saidpur upazila in Nilphamari at around 6:00pm.

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha reported that two men were killed when a Khulna-bound bus collided head-on with a motorcycle near Noapara Petrol Pump

area on Chuknagar Satkhira Highway under Tala upazila in Khulna at around 1:00pm.

The deceased were identified as Mirazul Islam Bappy, 40, and resident of Sonadanga thana area in Khulna city and Ataul Haque, 40, resident of village Kalabogi in Dacope upazila of Khulna.

BM Emdadul Haque, in-charge of Chuknagar Highway police outpost, said the accident took place when the bus overtook a truck and following collision, left the biker and the co-rider dead on the spot.

TRAWLER CAPSIZE IN KIRTANKHOLA

Six bodies recovered after two days

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LOCAL people recovered six bodies from near Charmonai Launch Ghat of River Kirtankhola on Friday, two days after a passenger trawler capsized there.

Locals saw the bodies floating in the river between Friday noon and evening and brought them to Charmonai Mahfil premises.

The trawler capsized on Wednesday adjacent to the

area when it was on its way to Charmonai from Charbaria under Barisal Sadar, locals and police said.

Barisal River Port thana officer-in-charge Belal Hosain said that the bodies of Shah Ali, 28, and Zakir Hosain Dildar, 30, of Gazipur, and Badsha Dhali, 65, of Munshiganj, were recovered while identities of three other deceased could not be known till evening.

The police said that the

capsized trawler anchored behind a launch to take passengers.

Suddenly the vessel leant to one side and capsized when another trawler hit it from the back.

Several people went missing after the accident but the number could not be ascertained, locals and police said.

Following capsized, Barisal fire service and civil defence members in vain conducted a rescue operation.