



As the intense cold sweeping the country, an elderly woman tries to keep herself warm by wrapping herself with a cloth at Tejgaon Rail Station in the city. The picture was taken at midnight on Friday.

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### 'Uphold image of National University'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh College Teachers' Association (BCTA) yesterday called upon the guardians and educationists to come forward to uphold the image of National University (NU), a problem-ridden institution.

BCTA President Kazi Faruque Ahmed, in a statement, said the NU has been turned into a place of rehabilitation for ruling party activists.

Despite its enormous potentiality the university ceases to become a viable institution due to corruption, mismanagement and politicisation, he said.

Kazi Faruque alleged that the examinees as well as teachers had to face a lot of inconvenience as the question papers were full of mistakes in the last degree pass course examinations.

Besides, in the name of inspection of examination centres, several lakhs of taka were misappropriated, he claimed.

### Warm clothes for cold-hit demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday demanded of the government to distribute warm clothes to cold-affected people in northern region of the country.

In a joint statement, CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and acting general secretary Md Shah Alam said the sufferings of the hungry people of northern region have been multiplied manifold due to ongoing cold wave.

### DU classes resume today

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The classes of Dhaka University will resume today after a 23-day vacation on the occasions of winter, Christmas and Eid-ul-Azha.

The residential halls and campus are now vacant as most of the students, teachers and officials are yet to return to the university after the vacations.

Under the present situation, the government should extend all-out assistance including distribution of warm clothes to the distressed people, they said.

But so far the government did not take any effective measures in this regard, the leaders alleged.

They called upon the affluent people of the society to join the on going warm clothes distribution programme of CPB by depositing old clothes and cash to its central office to help mitigate the sufferings of the cold-hit people.

### Hasina returns home today

UNB, Dhaka

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina returns home today from Saudi Arabia after performing Hajj in Makkah.

She left Dhaka for Saudi Arabia on January 4. She will arrive here today at 12:30pm by a Saudi Airlines, a press release of Awami League said.

### Momtaz Jasimuddin passes away

UNB, Faridpur

Begum Momtaz Jasimuddin, wife of poet Jasimuddin, died of a cardiac arrest at a private hospital in the capital yesterday at the age of 84.

She left behind three sons, Dr Jamal Anwar, Firoz Anwar and Khurshid Anwar, two daughters, Hasna Moudud and Asma Elahi, and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

Family sources said the body of Begum Momtaz Jasimuddin will be brought to Faridpur today and she will be buried beside the grave of her husband at the family graveyard in Govindapur village under Sadar upazila.

A pall of gloom descended on the district when the people heard the news of death of poet Jasimuddin. Hundreds of people thronged the poet's village home.

The body of Momtaz Jasimuddin was taken from the hospital to the house of her son-in-law, Law Minister Moudud Ahmed.

BNP Standing Committee member KM Obaidur Rahman MP, general secretary of Jasim Foundation of Faridpur Mafiz Imam Milon and former Upazila chairman Imran Hossain Chowdhury have expressed deep shock at the death of Begum Momtaz Jasimuddin and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

### Ifte Khairul Bashar

Brigadier Ifte Khairul Bashar, former joint secretary to the ministry of defence, passed away on Friday evening at the Combined Military Hospital in the city, says a press release.

He was younger brother of Air Vice Marshal MK Bashar.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at DOHS Mosque after Asr prayers tomorrow.

### Jisan Ahmed

Jisan Ahmed (Zubayer), son of Dr Md Mobarak Hossain Bhuiyan, passed away on January 5, says a press release.

He was a BBA student at the East West University.

He was selected as a cadet of army commission rank by Inter Selection Services Board (ISSB). He lost his consciousness during the operation of Deviated Nasal Septum (DNS) and died. Dr Lieutenant Colonel Shafiqul Alam, Department of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) of Combined Military Hospital (CMH) conducted the operation.

His family, friends, former students of Commerce College and students of East West University expressed condolence at his death and prayed for peace and salvation of his departed soul.

### Nurul Islam

Md Nurul Islam, an employee of BATA Shoe Company, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the National

### SAVAR ROAD ACCIDENT

## Six bodies still lying at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bodies of six people who died in a road accident at Savar on Friday noon are still lying at the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) morgue as none claimed them.

Savar police said rest of the bodies have been handed over to their relatives.

The driver and owner of the bus could not be arrested as they have

been absconding since the accident, police added.

Twenty people including five of a family were killed and 25 others injured as a passenger bus fell into a roadside ditch at Boliarpur in Savar on Friday.

Meanwhile, another person known as Md Nidan, 55, was run over by a speeding bus while he was trying to cross the road near Fulbaria Bus Stand, close to the spot where Friday's tragic accident took place.

### One shot dead at Mohakhali

UNB, Dhaka

Unidentified assailants killed a man in the city's Mohakhali area yesterday evening.

Police said a gang of four entered a VCD shop in Mohakhali TB gate area under Gulshan Police Station at about 7:45pm, sprayed bullets on Jahangir, 34, and fled the scene.

Critically injured Jahangir was rushed to Shikder Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival at about 8:15pm.

### Manik Saha's anniversary of death today

Mastermind of killing still at large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Union of Journalists (KUJ) and Manik Saha Smriti Parishad will observe the second death anniversary of journalist Manik Saha today.

KUJ will bring out a mourning procession from the Khulna Press Club at 11:00am followed by a rally.

Khulna Press Club will also hold a discussion at its VIP auditorium.

Manik Saha Smriti Parishad will take out a mourning procession at 3:00pm today from the press club and lay wreaths on the place where he was killed on January 14 in 2004 at Choto Mirzapur Road.

Smriti Parishad will also hold a discussion at 4:00pm at the press club auditorium.

Meanwhile, journalists of Khulna strongly condemned the delay in fair investigation of the murder case leaving godfather out of the charge sheet.

### Samad Azad's anniversary of birth today

DNEWS, dhaka

The 80th birth anniversary of former foreign minister and Awami League leader Abdus Samad Azad will be observed today, family sources said.

This will be his first birth anniversary observance after his death on April 27 last year.

To mark the day, a milad mahfil will be held at his son Azizus Samad Dawn's Dhanmondi residence (H-61, Rd-12/A) after Asr prayers.

Sylhet unit of Awami Jubo League has arranged a similar milad mahfil at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (R) after Asr prayers.

Samad Azad had undergone medical treatment in India but became ill again after returning home and remained in hospital from February 2005 until his death.

Azad was born in Bhurakhali village, Sunamganj district. He was a senior presidium member of Awami League till his death.



City dwellers who went to their village homes to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with their near and dear ones started to return to the capital. The picture was taken from Kamalapur Railway Station in the city yesterday.

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Roadside trees along the stretch of a road from Bijoy Sarani to Banani in the city have been felled as part of a road expansion and development project.

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