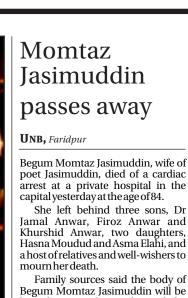
METROPOLITAN



Govindapur village under Sadar A pall of gloom descended on the district when the people heard the news of death of the wife of poet Jasimuddin. Hundreds of people

brought to Faridpur today and she

will be buried beside the grave of her

husband at the family graveyard in

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 MinisterMoududAhmed.

BNP Standing Committee mem-ber 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

He was younger brother of Air Vice Martial MKBashar.

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

Jisan Ahmed

Mobarak Hossain Bhuiyan, passed away on January 5, says a press release.

West University.

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 Shafiul Alam, Department of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) of Combined Military Hospital (CMH) conducted the operation.

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

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

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

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.

'Save land, wetland from encroachers'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Coalition of Local NGOs, Bangladesh (CLNB) yesterday demanded an immediate drive by joint forces to protect land and wetland from the encroachers.

At a human chain formed by CLNB at Muktangan in the city, the speakers urged the government to launch a joint drive of BDR, Rab, Police and Ansar-VDP led by the Army to resist the grabbers.

They said if natural resources are conserved properly, around Tk 8.5 crore could be earned yearly and employment of lakhs of unemployed persons could be ensured. The speakers said the country's

forest resources are shrinking at an alarming rate due to forest grabbers and dishonest employees of the forest department.

On the other hand, illegal occupation of land, canals and rivers by vested quarters are leading to natural disasters, they added.

Presided over by Harunur Rashid, the human chain was also addressed by CLNB General Secretary Mozammel Huq Chowdhury, Convenor of Nadi Sangskar and Pani Byabohar Sangram Parishad SM Shahadat Hossain, leader of landless people Shah Alam, farmers' representative Renu Mia and human rights activist Advocate Abul Kashem.

One shot dead at Mohakhali

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

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 wil observe the second death anniversary of journalist Manik Shah 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

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

he was killed on January 14 in 2004

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



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

'Uphold image of National University'

picture was taken at midnight on Friday.

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

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

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

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

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

eople, 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 going waim crothes 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

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

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

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 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

home and remained in hospital from February 2005 until his Azad was born in Bhurakhali village, Sunamganj district. He was a senior presidium member

of Awami League till his death.

became ill again after returning

Jisan Ahmed (Zubayer), son of Dr Md

He was a BBA student at the East

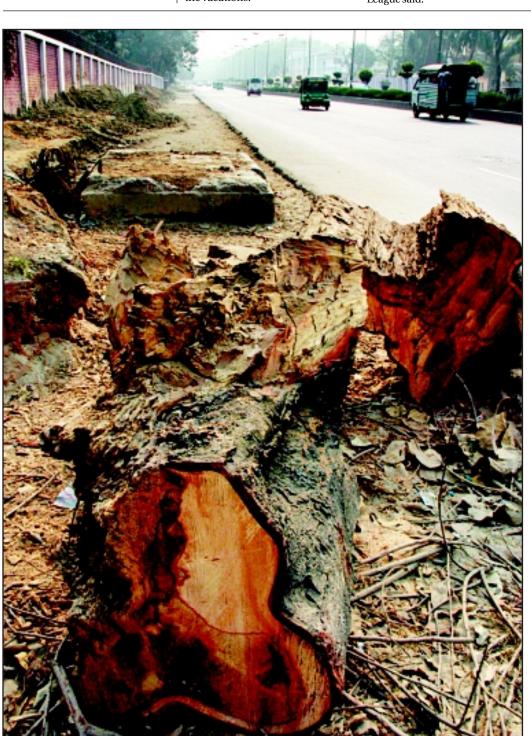
He was selected as a cadet of army

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.

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



PHOTO: STAR 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.



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.