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METROPOLITAN/NEWS

The Baily Star

Noted scientist and former director

of the Institute of Food Science and Technology Dr Kazi AKM Nurul Haq died of kidney ailments at his Mirpur residence on August 8 at the age of

He is survived by his wife, four

Dr Nurul Haq was buried at his

family graveyard at Rahmatpur

village in Muktagachha of

Syeda Aliza Mamtaz, wife of

Chittagong Press Club (CPC)

General Secretary Kalim Sarwar.

passed away due to kidney dis-

eases at a clinic in the port city

daughters and a host of relatives to

Nagar gravevard at Bakalia area. Leaders of the CPC and

Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) in separate statements

expressed profound shock at her

death and prayed for salvation of the

will be held at the CPC auditorium

been requested to attend the mahfil

On the occasion, a milad mahfil

Relatives and admirers have

She left behind her husband, two

She was buried at the Noor

daughters, a host of relatives and

admirers to mourn his death.

Syeda Aliza Mamtaz

CU CORRESPONDENT

yesterday at the age of 35.

mourn her death.

departed soul.

after Asr prayers today.

Mymensingh district.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

No polls without electoral reforms

President Mamtaz Uddin.

wide corruption and misrule.

AL, demanded reconstitution of the

Election Commission (EC) after

ousting the chief election commis-

sioner (CEC) and two other "politi-

cally appointed" commissioners.

process.

14-party leaders tell Bogra road march

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The first day of district level road march programme of Awami League (AL)-led 14-party opposition combine passed off peacefully in the district headquarters vesterday amid unprecedented security measurers.

Opposition workers waving banners, festoons and placards began to gather at Altafunnesa Playground in the town from 3:30pm before the march started towards Matidal at 6:00pm

Several thousand people also walked down spontaneously to join the march while a number of curious people stood on both sides of the road to see the march.

The marchers walked about six kilometres in one and a half hours.

The demonstrators also chanted slogans in favour of a number of nomination aspirants including AL Organising Secretary Mahmudur Rahman Manna, district AL President Mamtaz Uddin and Ansar

Ali Mridha. They virtually sought votes in favour of their leaders for upcoming arliamentary election.

Prior to the march, a rally was held there. A number of senior opposition

leaders including 14-party Coordinator Abdul Jalil, Motia Chowdhury, Mohammad Nasim, Prof Abu Sayeed, Abdul Mannan, Mahmudur Rahman Manna, Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul

Haque Inu, Dilip Barua, Mofidul After the rally, senior leaders led Islam Khan Kamal and Rezaul the march that ended at Matidal Karim Tansen addressed the rally Sources said around 500 law

presided over by district AL enforcers were deployed to main tain law and order. The main thoroughfare of the

Addressing the rally, the opposition leaders alleged that the BNPtown Kabi Nazrul Islam Road was sealed off during the march. Jamaat-led coalition government has been conspiring to foil the

The opposition combine announced the road march upcoming election fearing that they would not be elected due to their programmes at eight districts aiming to involve thousands of people in They said there would be no the street agitation to compel the election in the country without the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance governproposed reforms in electoral ment to accept reforms in the caretaker government and the Election Jalil, also general secretary of Commission.

They will organise road marches Kustia tomorrow, Barisal on August 19, Jessore on August 20, Rajbari on August 24, Rangpur on August 26, Chittagong on August 28 and Sylhet on August 30.

Criminals

demand tolls

minority family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

from N'ganj



PHOTO: PID Sumaira Rahman Shumi, daughter of poet Shamsur Rahman, calls on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office in the city vesterday.

7 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed in separate road accidents the city and Savar vesterdav Three people died in separate

Two people identifying themselves road accidents in the city and in the as members of Rapid Action suburbs vesterday. Battalion (Rab) allegedly ransacked Momtaz Begum ,35, of Easkaton the house of a minority family and at Ramna area was hit by a truck looted Tk 7,500 at Ámlapara in near Tongi Monno truck stand at

Narayanganj on Wednesday night. Tongi at around 10:30pm. Shipra Ghosh, wife of Shibu Ghosh, submitted a written complaint in this regard to Police Super Shahabuddin Khan yesterday.

In the complaint, she said the raiders also threatened to kill her husband and two sons in 'crossfire' if they do not pay Tk 60,000 by August

The family has been being harassed by a gang of criminals for the last few days, who are demanding the money from Shibu Ghosh, saying that his eldest son Sanjay owes the money to them. But Saniav who left the house two and a half years ago does not keep in contact with the family.

The gang raided the house on August 7 and demanded the money. On August 8 midnight, some people identifying themselves as oolicemen also ransacked Shibu's nouse.

On receiving the complaint, Police Super Shahabuddin Khan has asked the detective police to investigate the incident

Officer-in-charge of DB Police Shafiqullah said the investigation is under way and that they are trying to identify the persons responsible.

'Take steps to ensure votes of non-resident

Three people were killed when a speeding bus knocked them down at Hemayetpur in Savar on

over the three pedestrians near Shima Pharmacy at Hemayetpur at around 10:00pm, sources said.

AL plots against polls

the aovernment

About changing power, Shamsul Islam said the election is the only way to change power. "People would decide which party would come to power and which one would remain in the opposition," he further said.

The Manikganj-bound bus ran

He, therefore, said people would resist any conspiracy in this respect. Shamsul Islam also called upon

the leaders and the workers of Jubo Dal to be alert to foil any conspiracy by the AL Jubo Dal President Barkat Ullah

Bulu chaired the function while Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, Salahuddin Ahmed, MP, Jubo Dal general secretary Advocate Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal, MP, Nasir Uddin Ahmed Pintu, MP, and BNP Joint Secretary General Babu Goyeshwar Chandra Roy also spoke at the rally.



She was under treatment at Mumbai

She left behind her husband, son and daughter. Her namaz-e-janaza will be held

at the Segun Bagicha Kacha Bazar Mosque after Juma prayers today.

Death anniversary Today is the 6th

death anniversary of M Wazed Ali Mianzi, an international sports personality, organiser and social worker, says a

press release. To observe the day, his family and some other sports organisations will hold separate reminiscing

meeting and Doa Mahfils at different places in the city today. Jatiya Krira Parishad,

Bangladesh Football Federation, Sonali Otit Club, Dhaka Samiti and



The Nagorik Committee 2006 organises the fourth expert group consultation meeting on 'Vision 2021 for Bangladesh: Goal 4: To have a health-endowed nation' at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. Sitting from right are National Prof Brig Gen Abdul Malik, former finance minister M Syeduzzaman, CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan, Prof Mahmuda Islam and CPD Executive Director Debapriya Bhattacharya.

Auto-rickshaw owners asked to renew route permit

UNB. Dhaka

Owners of CNG-run auto-rickshaws have been asked to renew the route permit of their vehicles up to 2007.

The government decided to distribute route permit sticker inscribed with '2007' in favour of the CNG-run auto rickshaw that plv on hire with legal route permit in the

25 more dengue patients hospitalised

Health Services however spotted 24

dengue patients in different hospi-

tals vesterday. According to a sur-

vey by DCR since June 7, the total

number of dengue patients now

Dengue fever is spread by Aedes

mosquito usually in the rainy season

stands at 1,353

in the country.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With another 25 dengue-infected people admitted in different hospitals and clinics in the capital yesterday, the number of dengue patients reached to 1.125, said the Dhaka

City Corporation (DCC) sources. The Dengue Control Room (DCR) of the Directorate General of



her injuries at around 1.30am. An unidentified man aged about 35 was run over by a vehicle at around 11:00pm while he was crossing the road at Baliapur area near Amin Bazar Madhumati Model

Town in Savar. The identity of the victim could

the city One Rafigul Islam brought him to DMCH where he succumbed to his njuries

> DMC morgue for autopsy. Our JU Correspondent reports

Wednesday night The dead were identified as

Selim, 30, Robiul, 25, and Kalam,

They died on the spot.

Minister says at Jubo Dal rally Momtaz was rushed to Tongi

Hospital from where she was BSS. Dhaka shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) as her condition

Information Minister M Shamsul deteriorated. She succumbed to Islam vesterdav said Awami League

> On the other hand, the information minister said the BNP-led four-party alliance would again come to power as it has implemented many massive development programmes in the

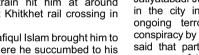
Speaking at a rally organised by Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal at Muktangan in the city in protest against the ongoing terrorism, anarchy and conspiracy by the AL, Shamsul Islam said that party had destroyed the economy of the country during its

He said now the economy reached a vibrant position following

(AL) has been hatching conspiracy against the next general election sensing its defeat.

country during its tenure.

various effective measures taken by



All the bodies have been sent to

not be known immediately. Another unidentified person aged about 20 was critically injured when a train hit him at around 7:45pm at Khitkhet rail crossing in

Dhaka Metropolitan area, said a handout.

The owners who have not renewed the route permit up to 2007 have been asked to renew it in advance. They have been requested to contact the concerned BRTA office in this connection.

Stolen car recovered in Cta

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Chittagong

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered a private car from Pahartali area in the port city yesterday.

On information, a team of Rab-7 raided CDA Market area under Pahartali PS at around 2:30 pm where the car-thieves gathered to sell a stolen car.

Rab members recovered the Toyota Corolla but the thieves managed to flee away.

Rab sources said that the gang was involved in stealing cars and selling them after making a few changes.



Campaign for Good Governance forms a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday protesting arrest warrants against five eminent citizens.

Rain likely UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:35pm today and rises at 5:32am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

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City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.4	25.6	83	70
Chittagong	32.7	25.0	86	86
Rajshahi	31.2	24.5	96	85
Khulna	33.2	25.5	97	76
Barisal	33.2	24.7	92	70
Sylhet	36.4	23.0	66	57
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.3	81	91

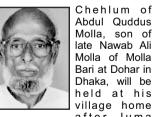
Bangladeshis' STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayor of Tower Hamlets Shafigul Hadue urged the government, opposition parties and Election Commission to take measures so that the non-resident Bangladeshis can cast vote in the next general election.

Exchanging views with journalists yesterday the Bangladesh-born mayor said thousands of Bangladeshis are living abroad and they hold Bangladeshi passports but they do not have the right to cast vote at home which is very regretta-

Editor-in-chief of Bangla Miror M A Aziz and President of Dhaka Reporters' Unity Shafiqul Karim were present during the discussion at DRU auditorium.

Chehlum



after Juma prayers today, says a press release. He died at his village home on

June 13 He left behind his wife, three sons and eight daughters.

Doa mahfil

A doa mahfil for late SM Moazzem Hossain, a renowned journalist, jute exporter and social worker and his wife Farida Banu will be held today after Asr prayers at their residence, says a press release.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the mahfil to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

1,218 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,218 people from across the country on various charges in the last 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday.

During the drive, the law-PHOTO: STAR enforcers also seized six firearms, 12 other weapons and 12 bullets, says a police headquarters press release.



PHOTO: STAR Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting what it said anarchy across the country by the 14-party opposition combine.

Six injured as BCL, Shibir men clash in Lalmonirhat

UNB, Lalmonirhat

At least six were injured during a clash between Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) at Lalmonirhat Govt College here yesterday.

The injured include BCL Lalmonirhat College unit President Sajjad Hossain Saju, General Secretary Mehedi Hasan. activists Ershad and Samrat, and Shibir

workers Firoz and Ruby. Shibir activists Firoj and Ruby were sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Witnesses said the clash began

when Shibir activists allegedly tried to erase the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mojibur Rahman on the college campus at

about 2:00pm. Shibir activists attacked BCL workers when they tried to resist them (Shibir men). Six activists from both the sides were injured when chased each others.

At one stage BCL workers chased the Shibir workers to Jamaat office, 1 km off the campus. Later, BCL brought out a protest

procession on the campus and paraded different roads in the town.



Agamee Prakashani organises a ceremony to pay tribute to Humayun Azad on his 2 nd death anniversary. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 4:30pm.

Art competition

'Somoy....' will organise an art competition for children. Venue: Somoy..., Plaza AR. Time: 3:30pm.

Seminar

Tribute

Transboundary Rivers Group, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Civil Engineering Division of the Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) will jointly organise a seminar titled 'Poor people, poor rivers: Growth paradox in South Asia'. Venue: IEB seminar hall. Time: 10:00am

Film award

The award giving ceremony of Bangladesh Film Producers Distributors Association's annual film award for 1999-2003 will be held. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. Time: 4:30pm

Officers' schooling

Club Officers' Schooling 2006 of Lions Clubs International will be held. Venue: LGED auditorium. Time: 9:00am Romanir, a cultural and literary organisation, will launch Banchito Abdar,

Candlelight vigil Jono Adhikar Andolon Bangladesh will

Hasan Imam. Venue: National Press hold a candlelight vigil in memory of the Club. Time: 3:00pm.

Dhaka Jubo Sangstha are among the organisations that will arrange the programmes.

All the relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join the programmes to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Matiur Rahman

BSS. Dhaka

Today is the 29th death anniversary of Matiur Rahman, former chief reporter of now defunct the Bangladesh Times & the Holiday.

He died of cancer at the age of 37

Before liberation, Matiur Rahman joined the then Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) as public relations chief

Matiur Rahman worked as a stringer of the New York Times. He was also related with Sandhani Prakashani

Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held today after Asr prayers at the residence of his sister at House No-7, Block-F, Section-2, Mirpur on the occasion.

Friends, relatives and wellwishers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Rabeya Hashem

Today is the 6th death anniversary of Rabeya Hashem, wife of Abul Hashem Mia, former chief engineer of Bangladesh Water Development Board,

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at her residence at Flat-1. Ramna Estate Complex, Maghbazar in the city after Asr prayers.

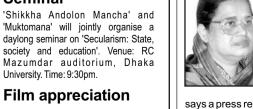
Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the mahfil.

Monir Uddin

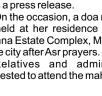
Baraca, a rehabilitation and assistance centre for addicts, will mark its 18th founding anniversary. Venue: Baraca, Book launch

anniversary of Monir Uddin, a freedom fighter, says a press release Relatives

friends and admirers are requested to pray for salvation of his departed soul.



says a press release



Today is the seventh death

University, Time: 9:30pm Film appreciation course A eight day long film appreciation course

Time: 6:00pm

Founding

Savar. Time: 4:00pm

anniversary

Minar premises. Time: 6:30pm. Seminar Cool Exposure will organise a seminar on 'Regulation and performance of

Seminar

Islamic banking'. Venue: Brac Inn

organised by Bishwa Sahitya Kendra will

conclude. Venue: Kendra auditorium.

a collection of poems by expatriate poet

children who died in Israeli invasion on

auditorium. Time: 6:00pm.

Lebanon. Venue: Central Shaheed