

# Hamidul Haq's death condoled

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain yesterday expressed his deep shock at the death of Hamidul Haq Chowdhury, founder of the Bangladesh Observer, reports BSS.

He conveyed his sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) and Chittagong Press Club also expressed profound sorrow at the death of veteran politician.

**Editors Council**  
Our Staff Correspondent adds: Bangladesh Council of Editors in a statement expressed profound shock at the death of Hamidul Haq Chowdhury.

Issued by Sanaullah Noori and AQM Joinal Abedin, President and Secretary General of the Council, the statement said that the death of Chowdhury had caused a big vacuum in the country's fields of politics, legal profession and in the newspaper industry.

The council leaders also prayed for salvation of the departed soul and express sympathy for the members of the bereaved family.

**Golam Azam**  
The Amir of Jammata-Islami Bangladesh Prof Golam Azam on Saturday condoled the death of Hamidul Haq Chowdhury. Recalling his contribution to this country, the Jamaat leader described late Chowdhury as having played the role of guardian in the fields of law and politics. He expressed his sympathy for the family members of the deceased and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

**Hawkers' Union**  
Meanwhile, leaders of two associations of the newspaper hawkers in a joint statement Saturday condoled the death of Hamidul Haq Chowdhury. The leaders said that the nation had lost a meritorious person in the country's newspaper industry. They also expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

The statement was issued by Mohammad Abdul Hye and Mohammad Lal Mia, President and Secretary of the Dhaka Sangbadpatra Hawkera Bahumukhti Samabay Samity Limited, and Mohammad Lutfi Ali and Mohammad Mostafa Kamal, President and Secretary of the Dhaka Sangbadpatra Hawkera Union.



Jatiya Chhatra Samaj brought out a victory procession in the city yesterday to celebrate the release of former First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad. — Star photo

## Ansar, VDP may turn into regular forces

**RAJSHAHI, Jan 18:** State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain said today that the government was contemplating constitution of Ansars and VDP as a regular force to recognise their contributions properly, reports BSS.

The State Minister was addressing the district rally of Ansars, VDP and TDP here.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Hinu, Luthfunnessa Hossain MP, Director of Ansars and VDP M Solaiman and Deputy Director of Ansars and VDP, Rajshahi Division, Munir Iqbal Hamid.

About one thousand mem-

bers of Ansars, VDP and TDP attended the rally.

Mr. Kabir Hossain said, the present democratic government was pledge bound to improve the socio-economic condition of the people. He said the members of Ansars and VDP could play a vital role in implementing the government's development programmes including family planning, EPI, afforestation, mass-education, sanitation and canal digging through motivating people at the grass root level.

The State Minister said, President Ziaur Rahman had formed VDP and the BNP government would give in a due

shape.

He called upon the members of Ansars VDP to engage themselves in nation building activities and to help maintain law and order in rural areas.

The State Minister later distributed 65 prizes including television, radio, bicycle, sewing machine, torchlight, cash money and medals among the members of Ansars and VDP for their performances.

Earlier, Kabir Hossain inspected a colourful parade of Ansars, VDP and TDP and took salute of their march past.

The State Minister also inaugurated a voluntary blood donation programme of Ansars and VDP.

## 'Khaleda's govt believes in work not in slogan'

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof MA Mannan Saturday, said the present government would do everything possible to fulfil the commitments given to people during the last parliamentary election, reports BSS.

He was addressing a public meeting at Gacha union in Gazipur. Local elite and BNP leaders spoke on the occasion.

The State Minister said that the present government have come to power with the mandate of the people and as such would honour the hopes and aspirations of the people through materialising the election manifesto step by step.

He said, the government of Begum Khaleda Zia believed in work and not in slogan. In this context he referred to exemption of land revenue upto 25 bighas of land, exemption of agricultural loan payment upto Taka five thousand with interest, enhancement of age limit for entry into government service from 27 to 30 years, steps for removing session jam in colleges and universities including any other people-oriented programmes.

Prof Mannan said the prestige of Bangladesh has increased manifold abroad with the assumption of power by this elected government. He urged all to guard against the anti-people elements working against democracy, sovereignty and national integrity.

## SAARC environment confce Feb 17

A two-day conference of the SAARC Committee on Environment will begin in Dhaka February 17. Foreign Office sources said yesterday, reports UNB.

The conference is expected to forge a common position of the member-countries for the United Nations conference on environment and development due in Brazil next June.

Environment and development is one of the 12 areas of cooperation the seven-nation forum has so far identified.

Its Colombo summit in December called for a joint global action for protection of environment and tackling natural disasters.

## United efforts a must for fair UP polls

**RAJSHAHI, Jan 18:** Election Commissioner Justice Syed Misbahuddin Hossain today called upon all concerned to put in their united efforts for holding the forthcoming Union Parishad election in a free, fair and peaceful manner to establish democracy on a solid foundation, reports BSS.

He was addressing a meeting of divisional and district level officials, UNO's Returning Officers, officials of law enforcing agencies besides candidates for the post of Chairman and member of Union Parishad of the district at local zila parishad auditorium.

It was addressed by Mayor of Rajshahi city Mizanur Rahman Minu, Additional Divisional Commissioners, a candidate for the office of chairman and a candidate for the post of member.

The Election Commissioner said free and fair election is the only means by which democratic process could be established. Union Parishad is the primary stage of democratic institution, he added.

Justice Misbahuddin said, election commission was determined to perform the vested constitutional responsibility through holding the election in a free and fair manner and necessary arrangements in this regard had already been taken.

He said, 20 members of law enforcing agencies including armed forces would be deployed in the polling centres to maintain law and order. If necessary BDR and Army would be deployed in holding the election smoothly, he added.

The Election Commissioner said, last Parliament election held in a free and fair manner, was acclaimed abroad. He stressed the need for people's allout cooperation for making the UP election impartial and free from violence.

Justice Misbahuddin expressed his satisfaction over the measures taken by the candidates and other concerned to hold the election in a disciplined and violence-free atmosphere.

## Obituary

Abdul Majid, a senior journalist who as an editorial assistant in the Daily Sangbad from 1972 to 1991, died of cancer on Friday at his village home at Morakathi under Ujirpur upazila of Barisal district.

He was 56.

Abdul Majid left behind his wife, six sons, one daughter and a large number of colleagues, friends and admirers to mourn his death.

After nama-j-e-janaza, he was laid to rest at the family graveyard.

Starting his career as a journalist during the fifties, Abdul Majid worked with the Daily Millat, Azad, Poigan and Sangbad.

## What's on today . . .

**Rotary Club of Dhanmondi**  
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhanmondi will be held today (Sunday) at 5.30 pm at the Hotel Sonargaon. Barrister AKM Mozammel Huq Bhuiyan will speak on 'legal aid' at the meeting as guest speaker.

**Swayattashasito Sramik Fed**  
Bangladesh Sarkari Adhasarkari Besarkari Swayattashasito Sramik Karmachari Federation has convened a press conference today (Sunday) at 12 am at the Cockpit Restaurant at Pritom Bhaban of Purana Paltan.

**Ahsania Mission**  
An emergency meeting of the central committee of the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Drug Abuse Resistance and Control Programme will be held today (Sunday) at 4 pm at the central office of the organisation.

**Rapport Bangladesh Ltd**  
Mr M Mohsarrar Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Limited will inaugurate a Three-Week Training Course on 'Office Management' today (Sunday) at 3.00 pm at Rapport Seminar Hall, 98 Malibagh (DIT Road), Dhaka 1217.

Sponsored by Rapport, this training course will be participated by 15 Mid and Junior level executives from sector corporations, banks, oil companies, NGOs, multinational companies and other business organizations in the private and public sectors.

## 25 thatched dwellings gutted in Ctg

**CHITTAGONG, Jan 18:** At least 25 thatched dwellings were completely gutted in a fire which broke out in a slum area of Sawdagar Pool, Miahkhan Nagar at Bakhalia here this afternoon.

Fire service sources told BSS that six unit of Fire Brigade had to work for 20 minute to extinguish the fire. The origin of the fire was yet to be known.

The extent of damage was estimated at about seven lakh Taka, the source said.

## Power supply suspension

Power will remain suspended on Monday from 9am to 4pm at Baitjuri, on Monday and Tuesday at same hours at Luxmibazar, Subhash Bose Avenue, west Kafirul, West Agargaon, Agargaon Bazar, from Monday to Wednesday at same hours at Nababganj Road and Bazar, from Monday to Thursday at same hours at Jinjira Kathpatty, Aganagar, Imambari, Kalganj, Chankutia, on Wednesday and Thursday at same hours at Jagannath University College Feeder, Mirpur Sec. VII and Pfizer Laboratory, says a press release.

## Ritwik Film Society

Ritwik Film Society will celebrate the winning of special academy award by noted film maker Satyajit Roy by organising 'Satyajit Week' from tomorrow (Monday), at the German Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi.

Parvez Reza will present a paper on the life and works of the famous film maker at the inaugural function of the week long programme. Wahidul Huq, Syed Manjurul Islam and Tanvir Mokammel will participate in the discussion.

**Export Promotion Bureau**  
Export Promotion Bureau will organise a five-day workshop on Trade Facility at the conference room of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) tomorrow (Monday) at 10 am.

Vice-Chairman of the bureau Abu Sayed Chowdhury will inaugurate the workshop while Alhaj Akram Hossain, President of the Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) will preside over the function.

**Sangbarta**  
A cultural organisation 'Sangbarta' will organise a solo musical soiree tomorrow (Monday) at 6.30 pm at the auditorium of the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra. Gulrez Nahar will render mild classical songs at the function.

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## Bangabandhu Shilpi Goshthi

Bangabandhu Shilpi Goshthi has appealed all the attendants of the Bishwa Itema to pray for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who allotted the spot for the Bishwa Itema.

Goshthi President Ali Ahmed and General Secretary Sheikh Abdul Kader in a statement Saturday said Bangabandhu also took steps for extension of the Kakrail Mosque, laid foundation stones for the Baitul Mokarram National Mosque, and the Islamic Foundation and introduced law prohibiting anti-Islamic activities like horse-race, gambling, housy and drinking wine at the race course maidan.

## Komolkali

Komolkali, a juvenile organisation, distributed clothes among the slum dwellers at different parts of the city as part of its two-day programme taken up in observance of the 56th birth anniversary of late President Ziaur Rahman.

Director of the organisation Golam Kader inaugurated the day's programme through handing over clothes to the residents of ansar camp slum at Mirpur.

## BDR meet

A discussion meeting of Bangladesh Drugs Resistance Committee (BDR) was held at its office in the city on Friday.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Saiful Huda Jahedi, Shahabuddin Lion, Syed Rashid Alam, Sheikh Shamsuddoha, Mohammad Akhter Hossain, Mahbubul Islam, Rehena Aziz and Abul Kashem Moltuddin.

The meeting decided to increase the number of the BDR branches.

## Drama Festival

On the 20th day of the ongoing month-long drama festival at the Shilpakala Academy in the city, Ananya 79 theatre group staged their drama titled Ek Jon Manusher Galpo written by Kachi Khandkar and directed by Sunil Kumar.

Kachi Khandker, Mamataz Begum, Tinku, Abdur Rahman, Ayub Hossain, Bipul Rahman, Sunil Kumar and Nazrul Islam, performed in the drama.

## Siddheswari School Association

Siddheswari High School Ex-students Association (1967 batch) has arranged its annual picnic, says a press release.

The picnic will be held at Binathan-6, National Park, Gazipur on January 24 (Friday).

Interested members have been requested to contact Nasir, 589/p.c. Khilgaon Choudhurypara (near Al-Madina Hotel), Telephone-402634 (res), 832725 (off) or Hashem, Tai King Restaurant, Maghbazar crossing, tel: 400194.

## UFPO Assoc

The extended monthly meeting of the Ufazila Family Planning Officers' Association (UFPO) was held at the NIPORT in the city Friday.

Chaired by the UFPO president Muhammad Faruk, the meeting condoled the sudden death of BM Khairuzzaman and Parshuram Modak, both upazila family planning officers, Shaikat Ahmed, the deputy director and AKM Yasmin, the training officer.

The UFPO General Secretary Mazbar Rahman presented the latest progress of the activities of the association.

## Sramik Party

Shah Muhammad Abu Zafar and MA Gafur, President and General Secretary of Jatiya Sramik Party respectively, in a statement Saturday strongly condemned the Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman's announcement that workers and employees in the government services would be re-trenched.

The Sramik Party leaders said such step would make

acute the unemployment problem in the country. They also called upon the government to accept the 'just' demands of the workers and employees.

## Jana Parishad

Bangladesh Jana Parishad President Alhaj Muhammad Moimul Islam and its General Secretary Minhazul Islam in a joint statement Saturday strongly condemned the Algerian government for foiling the victory in the general election of the Islamic Salvation Front of that country.

The Parishad leaders also extended their support to the Salvation Front and the pro-democracy people of Algeria.

## Garib Dal

Bangladesh Garib Dal has urged the government and opposition political parties to take effective steps in parliament toward poverty alleviation.

Leaders of the party at a meeting in Dhaka on Friday criticised the parliament members for holding sessions at the cost of huge public money without addressing the problems of the poor people.

The meeting also called for eliminating terrorism from the campuses to restore congenial academic atmosphere.

Party President Joyanal Abedin presided over the meeting also addressed by Munna Morshed, Belayet Hossain Khan, Dr Delwar Hossain Khan, Atiqur Rahman, Moulana Zafarullah, Advocate Mostafa Kamal Chowdhury and Delwar Hossain.

## Freedom Party

A meeting of the Freedom Party Central Advisory Council Saturday called upon the government to take necessary steps to resisting the Myanmar's military attack on Bangladesh. The meeting, chaired by the council Chairman Col (ret'd) Abdur Rashid, also urged the government to raise the issue in different international forums.

The meeting also discussed various regional and international issues.

## Rangpur Samity

The first general conference and election of the Rangpur Zila Samity was held at the ICMA auditorium here on Friday.

Justice Mustafa Kamal attended the programme as chief guest and Principal Nasimuddin as special guest.

A 27-member executive committee was formed for a nine year term with Md Mukhiesur Rahman as President, Md Abdul Latif Mandal as General Secretary and Alhaj Hossain as Treasurer.

Dr Wazed Ali, husband of Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina has been elected to three-member Vice President.

## Urs Sharif

The eighth annual urs sharif of Gausul Azam Hazrat Moulana Shah Suif Syed Ahmed Ullah Maizbhandari will be held at Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif on January 24 (Friday), reports BSS.

The programmes in observance of the urs includes grand Jumma prayer, zikr and chema mahfil, milad sharif, fatcha and a special munajat seeking peace and prosperity of the Muslim ummah.

## Urs mubarak

The two-day urs mubarak of Alhaj Hazrat Shah Mohammad Abdul Latif begins today at Khanka-e-Latifia, Mirsarai, Chittagong.

The two-day programmes include Quran khwani and discussions to be participated by eminent Islamic scholars.

## Isaley Sawab

A two-day Isaley Sawab and Doa Mahfil of Jainpuri Pir Shaheb will begin at Shahpur Khanka Sharif under Matlab upazila of Chandpur on January 22.

Jainpuri Pir Hazrat Maulana Abdus Samad will preside over.

## Tender Notice

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