

# Metropolitan

## Mesbahuddin Ahmed's janaza today

Namaj-e-janaza for Abu Yusuf Mesbahuddin Ahmed Badal, founder and Managing Director of IBCS Primax Software (Bangladesh) Limited will be held at Baitul Mukarram mosque after Zohr prayers today, says a press release.

Mesbahuddin Ahmed died in city on February 5. He was 52. His *quikhwani* will be held today after Asr prayers at House No. 672, Road No 11 (Old 32), Dhanmondi, Residential Area.

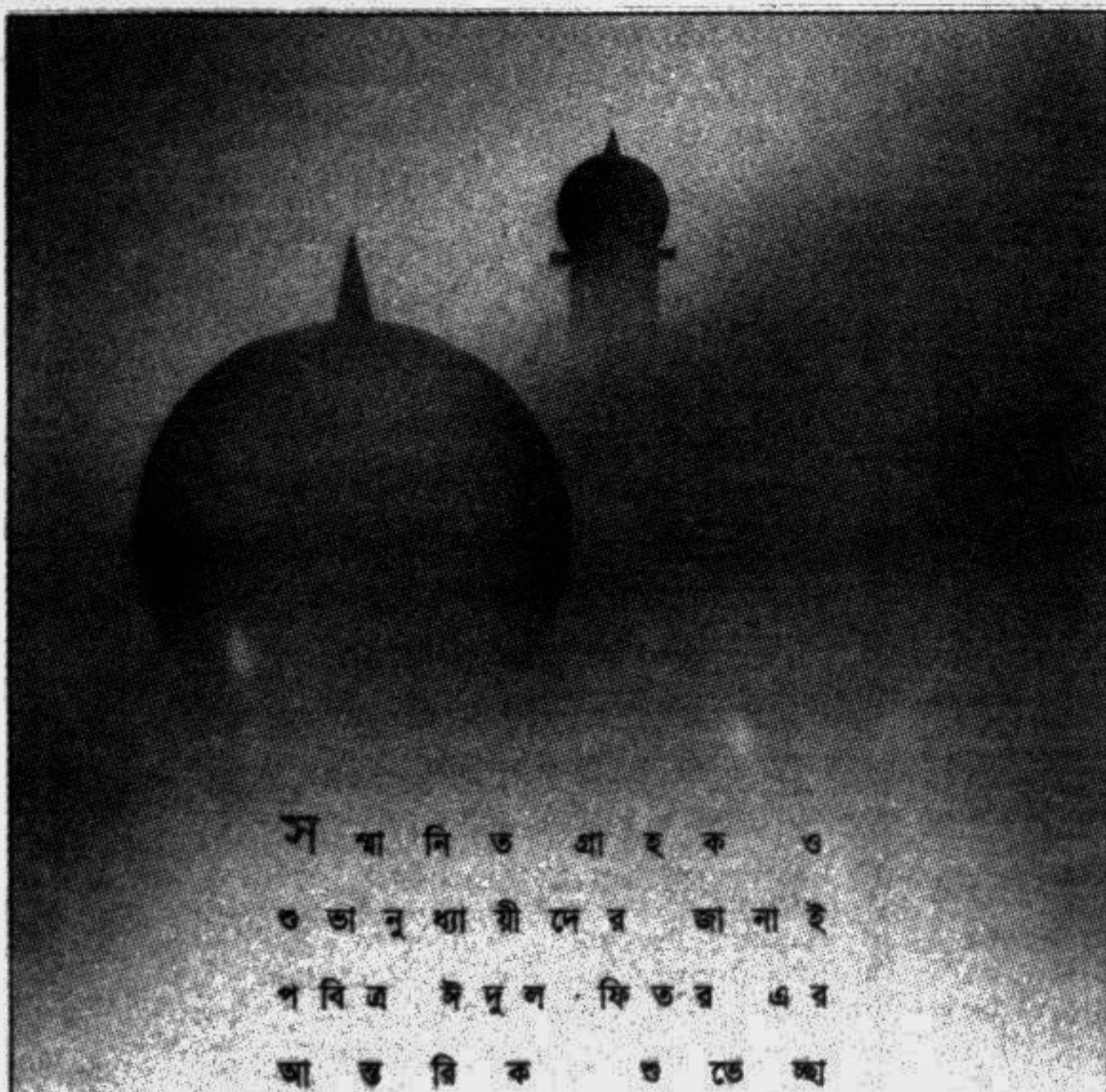
Late Mesbahuddin Ahmed worked in various capacities and served World Health Organisation (WHO) and ICI as a computer specialist. He founded the first establishment of its kind styled as IBCS Primax to cater services of software production, marketing and export.

Mostafa Jabbar and Munim Hussain Rana, president and general secretary of Bangladesh Computer Association, in a joint statement have expressed deep shock at the death of Ahmed.

## 150 arrested on various charges

Police arrested 150 people on various charges from different parts of the city in the last 24 hours till yesterday evening, reports UNB.

Of them, 52 were arrested for their alleged involvement in killing, dacoity, snatching, extortion and other terrorist activities.



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## What's on today....

**Bangla Academy discussion:** Prof Moniruzzaman and Prof Selim-Al-Din will take part in discussion. Abu Ishaq will present the key note paper. Time: 11 am

## Weather

### Night temp may fall

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius throughout the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen predicted little change while forecast gradual rise in night temperature in the following five days.

Country's lowest temperature 7.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the highest 27.0 degrees at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 5:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:35 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	min	max	morning	evening
Dhaka	12.3	24.2	75	39
Chittagong	16.4	25.6	79	53
Rajshahi	7.6	22.8	73	78
Khulna	10.5	24.2	66	--
Barisal	13.0	25.2	69	72
Sylhet	12.8	23.4	85	58
Cox's Bazar	14.5	27.0	81	62

## 3 arrested

A detective unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday arrested three persons on charges of alleged terrorism, extortion, hijacking and possession of illegal arms, police press release said, reports BSS.

The police, recovered two cut-guns, one round of cartridge, and one dagger from Sonargaon Hotel premises and 'Bablar Stum' at Fakirerpool of the city.

## President, PM greet Iranian President

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has greeted Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani on the occasion of the National Day of his country, reports BSS.

In a message President Shahabuddin expressed his confidence that the fraternal relations and mutually beneficial cooperation existing so happily between the two brotherly countries would be further consolidated and promoted in the years ahead.

He wished the Iranian President good health, long life and success and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Iran.

In a separate message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has felicitated Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and the brotherly people of Iran on the same occasion.

In the message she expressed her confidence that the existing bonds of fraternal relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two Muslim countries would be further strengthened and expanded in the coming years.

She wished the Iranian President good health, happiness and long life and the brotherly people of Iran continued peace, progress and prosperity.

## Urs

The 59th birth anniversary of Awlad-e-Rasul Shah Sufi Moulana Sayed Mainuddin Ahmed Al Maizbhandari will be celebrated on February 11 (Tuesday) at the Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif at Fatikchhari, Nazirhat, Chittagong, reports BSS.

The day's programme includes *kathme quran, waz, milad mahfil, zikir and munajat*. State Minister for Religious Affairs, State Minister for Labour and Manpower, members of parliament are expected to join the function with thousands of disciples of Syed Mainuddin Ahmed, the *Gaditshin* of Mazbhandar darbar.

## Khairul Kabir's death condoled

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and leaders of different political and socio-cultural organisations yesterday condoled the death of eminent journalist and banker Khairul Kabir.

Kabir died of lung cancer at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore on Thursday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her deep shock and profound sorrow at the death of Khairul Kabir, founder editor of The Sangbad and a founder member of the Jatiya Press Club, reports BSS.

Sheikh Hasina, now on a visit to the United States, in a condolence message yesterday recalled the contribution of Khairul Kabir in the field of objective journalism.

The prime minister also noted with deep gratitude the close association of Kabir with the progressive political and cultural activities of the country. They newspaper world has lost an outstanding personality with the death of Khairul Kabir, she observed.

The prime minister conveyed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Khairul Kabir, reports BSS.

In a condolence message the state minister said Khairul Kabir would be ever remembered in the newspaper arena of the country.

He also recalled the role of Khairul Kabir in the liberation struggle of the country.

CPB Shahidullah Chowdhury and Muzahidul Islam Selim, president and general secretary respectively of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) have expressed deep condolence at the death of Khairul Kabir.

In a message the CPB leaders said the Bengalee nation would remember forever the contribution of late Kabir in the field of journalism, banking, and progressive democratic movement of the country.

BFUJ Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday condoled the death of Khairul Kabir.

BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and acting secretary general Zakaria Kajal and DUJ president Abul Kalam Azad and general secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan in a joint statement recalled with gratitude the contribution of Khairul Kabir to the development of the profession of journalism in the country.

The BFUJ and DUJ leaders while paying rich tributes to the memories of Kabir observed that his death was an irreparable loss to the profession of journalism. The journalist leaders noted that besides journalism Kabir also had invaluable contributions in other fields of the national life particularly in progressive politics.

## OCAB

Overseas Correspondents Association Bangladesh (OCAB) expressed deep shock at the death of Khairul Kabir, the founder editor of Sangbad.

In a condolence message OCAB president Zahiduzzaman Faruque and general secretary Farid Hossain said Kabir will be remembered for his pioneering role in promoting healthy journalism in Bangladesh.

## CJA

Commonwealth Journalists Association, Bangladesh (CJA.B) condoled the death of Khairul Kabir.

"Late Khairul Kabir was a pioneer of objective journalism in Bangladesh. He is no more with us, but his great contributions in the development of journalism in our country will continue to inspire us for long," CJA.B president Hassan Sharif and its secretary general Farid Hossain said in a condolence message.

Reazuddin Ahmed and Khandaker Munirul Alam, president and general secretary respectively of Jatiya Press Club yesterday condoled the death of Khairul Kabir, founder member of the National Press Club.

In a message they recalled the contribution of late Kabir in the field of journalism.

## Life-sketch

Born in a respectable Muslim family at Ghorasal in 1921 Khairul Kabir was the founder editor of prominent Bangla daily The Sangbad.

After graduation in 1944, he joined The Daily Azad, the most prestigious newspaper.

He was one of the founder members of the National Press Club. In 1954, he joined Ministry of Information and served the government until promulgation of Martial Law by General Ayub Khan in 1958.

The resigned from the government service and joined United Bank in '60s.

Khairul Kabir also served as the Managing Director of Film Development Corporation (FDC).

After independence he worked for BCCI Bank for some time and then joined Janata Bank and became its Managing Director.

He was sent to jail after political changeover in 1975 during the Khandakar Moshtaq's period.

He was appointed Managing Director of Krishi Bank after being released from jail. Until his death Khairul Kabir was director of United Insurance Company.

## President, PM greet people on occasion of Eid

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has extended his sincere felicitations and greetings to the people of the country on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, reports BSS.

In a message on eve of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr President Shahabuddin urged all irrespective of party affiliations to dedicate themselves to the task of building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

The President also wished a happy *eid mubarak* to all irrespective of the poor and the rich.

In a separate message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the lessons of Eid-ul-Fitr could play a vital role in establishing peace, brotherhood, social justice, welfare and development of the mankind.

In the message on the eve of holy Eid-ul-Fitr, the Prime Minister said, "it should be our commitment on this holy occasion that we should work for the welfare of the people and the country being inspired with the teachings of the Ramadan."

The rich section of society could make the Eid joyous for the poor people by giving *jetra* and *zakat*, she added.

"I wish happiness, prosperity and welfare of the mankind, Islami *ummah*, and peace and progress of the people of the country," she said, greeting the people on the occasion and sought the help of Almighty Allah in every effort.

## President distributes prizes for inter-service Azan, Qirat contest

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has said every man should work with dedication and sincerity for awakening the religious values, reports BSS.

He said, it is imperative to follow the Islamic ideals and translate them into deeds to make oneself really noble.

The President, while distributing prizes yesterday among the winners of the inter-services *qirat* and *azan* competition at the sailor's colony mosque, said, a man can be endowed with noble qualities if he leads his life in accordance with the directives of the holy Quran and the Sunnah.

Referring to the messages of the holy Quran, a guideline for the people, the President said, its teachings touch our hearts deeply. In this context, he stressed proper *telawat, tarzama* and *tafsir* of the holy Quran with a view to realising its eternal message, saying that there is no room for disregard in this respect.



Preparations are going on in full-swing for holding Ekushey Bô Mela at the Bangla Academy premises. —Star photo

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