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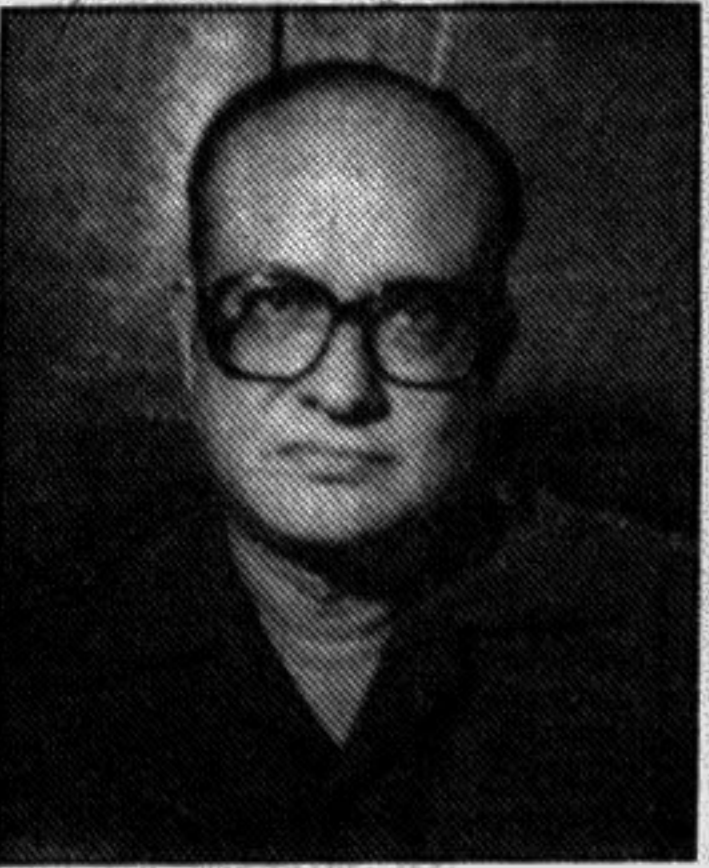
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Daud Khan Majlis dead

By Staff Correspondent

Veteran journalist and broadcaster Daud Khan Majlis who had distinguished career spanning over four decades at home and abroad, died of a heart attack at a city clinic yesterday morning. He was 69.
His namaj-e-janaza was held at the Baitul Mukarram mosque after Asr prayers. He was buried at the Mirpur Intellectuals Graveyard.
Born in 1933, Daud Khan Majlis was the eldest son of Mohd Yusuf Khan Majlis of Borail, Manikganj.
He did his MA from Dhaka University in Political Science and started his career as a journalist in 1952 with the then East Pakistan Radio and was a reporter of daily Sangbad.
He joined the Voice of America in 1956 and where he worked till 1959. From 1960 until 1974, he worked as the Director, Department of Films and Publications (DFP) and then as DG in the Information Ministry. From 1972 till 1975 he served as Managing Director of FDC. After retiring from FDC, he was appointed Advisor to President Ziaur Rahman.
In 1981 he left for USA as a guest lecturer at MIT in 1982, he again rejoined VOA in Washington as Bureau chief for South Asia and South East Asia. He returned home after retiring in 1997.
In his long journalistic career he was closely associated with NBC, Financial Times and Far Eastern Economic Review.
Daud Khan Majlis has been suffering from heart problems for a long time and underwent a by-pass surgery in Washington a few years back. He developed cardio-respiratory problems on June 2 and was admitted to the Bangladesh Medical College Hospital where he breathed his last.
Khan Majlis has left behind his wife, a daughter, a son and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.
Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia and former president HM Ershad condoled the death of Daud Khan Majlis

BNP: Social justice

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social sector. The employment bank has not taken off even after a year. Old-age pension has just started nominally after eleven months. These are all bluffs," Dr Khan said.
"AL's commitment to agriculture is also questionable. They have withdrawn subsidy on fertiliser," Prof Chowdhury said earlier.
The BNP leaders were also critical of the government's commitment to reforms and said the government does not want to establish good governance. Two chairmen of public administration reform committee have resigned because of the government's lack of commitment," Abu Hena, a BNP MP, said.
He also slated the budget proposals to increase import duty on autorickshaws, cigarette paper and the move to collect tax at the stage of purchase of handrols of bids.
Former Minister Shamsul Islam Khan said the state-owned enterprises are the creation of the AL government and these have bled the economy of Tk 48000 crore in the last 25 years. He said this money could have drastically improved the economy.
The BNP leaders were vocal against imposition of taxes through SROs and said this is against the Constitution.
They also slated imposition of tax on construction materials calling it 'an inhuman act'.
They said the proposed budget does not tally with the estimates of the Fifth Five Year Plan.
"In the FFYP it is said more than 40 per cent of expenditure will on ADP. But in the proposed budget, 63 per cent of expenditure is on revenue purposes and only 37 for ADP," Abu Hena pointed out.
Morshed Khan, MP, said the proposed budget does not give any indication how the goals in social sector will be attained. He said expenditure in unproductive sectors is increasing which must be stopped.
He added that there is no financial control in the government and said the expenses of the PM's office has shot up significantly in the revised budget.
Khan also expressed concern over the closure of three foreign missions in Bangladesh. "When we came to power, China and many other countries recognised Bangladesh and new embassies were set up. Now after waiting for one and a half year, embassies are closing down and shifting to Delhi. Sikkim has only two foreign missions and the rest are in Delhi. Are we going that way?"
Former minister Abdul Mannan said while 2.5 per cent tariff duty has been cut, this has been off set by the introducing 2.5 per cent supplementary duty

in the proposed budget.
He said the budget speech of the finance minister is contradictory as he has said in one place that protection to local industries has been given by reducing tax, while in another place it says protection is given by hiking tax.
Prof Chowdhury criticised the finance minister's claim that the government has been able to tackle the effect of the economic turmoil of Southeast Asia.
The size of Indonesian economy is 23 times and Malaysian economy 80 times larger than ours. Our economy is so small that there is no chance that the turmoil could touch us."
When asked about BNP's reaction to the defense expenditure, Prof Chowdhury said the increase is not as much as reported by the newspapers. It is only 7.5 per cent, he said.
Sheikh Hasina had said the CHT peace accord would reduce military expenditure by Tk 200 crore. We are not seeing this. The budget proposal contradicts her claim, he added.
He further added that military is the pride of the nation.

Transport strike in Rajshahi continues

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 13: Movement of buses and trucks to and from Rajshahi remained suspended for the second day today due to indefinite strike called by District Motor Sramik Union.
The strike was called demanding arrest of the killers of Kartoon, cancellation of registration of the District Truck Sramik Union (DTSU) and stoppage of toll collection by DTSU.
Kartoon was killed in a bomb blast on Thursday. Motor Sramik Union held DTSU responsible for the killing.

DCCI reaction

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The DCCI appreciated the budget for higher allocation for poverty alleviation and human resource development, steps proposed for revitalisation of capital market, higher mobilisation of domestic resources, and its targets of 8.1 per cent industrial growth and higher GDP growth rate.
It criticised the government for 'failing to check' the growing inflation rate, declining trend in foreign exchange reserve, increase in unproductive expenditure and increasing loss in the State Owned Enterprises (SOEs).
The DCCI said that most of the proposals submitted by trade bodies during a series of pre-budget discussions with the government were not reflected in the budget.
"Some of the proposals were accepted partially in such a manner that their benefit will be minimised by the unfavourable effects," it noted.
The budget lacked any proposal for increasing private sector investment in power sector, which was vital for growth of industries as well as the whole economy, DCCI said.
"Both local and foreign investors have been unable to invest due to shortage of power," it said adding that the matter had been affecting the growth of existing industries and would affect new ones.
Regarding the budget proposals for reviving sick industries the Chamber observed that those might not be effective unless the problems were resolved at in the possible time.
Appreciating the Finance Minister's proposal, in his budget speech, for continuation of 25 per cent cash incentive for the garments industries DCCI stressed that it should be implemented in its true perspective and spirit so that the sector gets the benefit.

Arrested accused

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der, Sheikh Lutfor Rahman, an influential leader of Khulna district Awami League was immediately arrested, but later released, sources said.
KMP Commissioner Kazi Nazrul Islam, when contacted last night said that necessary steps were being taken against Ward Commissioner Lutfor Rahman for his alleged involvement in the incident.
"A thorough inquiry is going on," he said.
Zi Talukder, DC (North) of KMP when contacted said that Lutfor Rahman was released from thana only on consideration that he is an elected Ward Commissioner.

Loadshedding

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ther in the evening, particularly during the telecast of the World Cup football match between Nigeria and Spain.
But a DESA official who answered the telephone at its system control room at 8:30 pm slammed the phone down when The Daily Star wanted to know how much electricity they rationed yesterday.
PDB sources said the authorities had tightened security around the power installations after mobs, angered by the power failure during World Cup tournament, staged protests and beat up workers of PDB and REB.

BNP

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meeting, according to a party Whip.
Besides, a high powered delegation of the party is likely to meet Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at his chamber at 3 pm today to discuss allocation of time for BNP members to speak on the proposed budget, full implementation of the four-point agreement it signed with the government on March 2 and the controversy over two BNP lawmakers' joining the government.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury may lead the four-member BNP delegation which will also include Chief Whip of the Opposition Khandakar Delwar Hossain, party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhutyan, MP and MK Anwar, MP.
The March 2 agreement provided for, among other issues, withdrawal of political cases against BNP leaders and workers, neutral coverage of parliamentary proceedings by the state-owned Radio and Television, equal opportunity for members of both the benches to speak in the House and permission to hold public rally at Manik Mia Avenue or the Panthapath.
Meanwhile, BNP has blamed the government for 'violating' the accord, as regards withdrawal of political cases and Radio-TV coverage of Sangsad proceedings in particular. The party leaders had once met the Speaker to lodge complaints in this regard.

Indian cos

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It will drill six other wells at the Habiganj Gasfield and Titas Gasfield under two other agreements signed with Bangladesh Gas Field Companies Ltd, another subsidiary of the Petrobranga. The six wells will be drilled under the Third Natural Gas Development Project of the Asian Development Bank.
The ONGC will do 'workover' in another six well at Titas and Habiganj gas fields.
ONGC was the lowest bidder in the bidding, the sources said.

BUET

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secretariat.
The stalemate at the BUET came to an end following Prof Mahmud's appeal to the BUET teachers on June 7 to resume classes. The BUETTA announced suspension of their indefinite strike on June 8.
Sources at the BUET earlier said that the Chief of Army Staff Lt. Gen. Mustafizur Rahman had met Prof Mahmud on June 2.
Prof Mahmud however, denied that his meeting with the Army Chief had anything to do with the BUET affairs.

PM: Conspiracy

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did not do anything for the welfare of the people, they were busy with amassing wealth plundering the public money, she alleged.
The government has taken up a lot of welfare-oriented programmes, Hasina asked her party leaders and workers to work hard to make those programmes a success.

Bilateral issues

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cial talks at Delhi and Islamabad. A new date for the summit is now likely after two sets of dates - July 9-11 and July 20-22 - faced 'problems of consensus' from member countries.
A special Biman flight will carry the Prime Minister and her entourage to Delhi on June 16, leaving Dhaka at 7.45 am and returning to the capital at 9.45 pm.

Sylhet flood

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places he said that flood in this region is linked with flood situation in the Indian state of Assam and Meghalaya. Steps would be taken to find a proper solution to the problem after consulting the Indian authorities soon.
The state minister said that special VGD cards would be given to the poor and flood-hit people in the affected thanas.

Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim



Shazneen Tasnim Rahman

Inna lillahi wa-Inna-Ilaihi-rajeun
From Him we have come and to Him we will return

She was a beloved child, a special sister, a talented girl and a loyal friend. She came to us as a gift from Almighty Allah for which we thank Him. He chose to take her back to Him and we submit to His will.

The tragic death of Shazneen, 15 years old, on Thursday April 23, 1998 has elicited countless personal visits and messages of grief, shock and sympathy, sent to us from far and near, and from home and abroad.

The messages have made us realise how much Shazneen meant to those who knew her and how deeply the apparently pre-meditated murder of Shazneen has outraged and devastated even those who did not know her.

To all of you, relatives, friends and well-wishers, known and unknown, who have been so thoughtful and kind, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your messages and gestures of sympathy and love. Your messages and prayers have been and continue to be a source of immense strength for all of us. Thank you for being there for us in this time of our supreme grief.

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