

## 'Tejoshi Paitrish' gets Regimental Colour

SAVAR, Feb 11: A ceremonial parade was held on the occasion of the presentation of Regimental Colour to the "Tejoshi Paitrish," a battalion of the East Bengal Regiment, at the unit parade ground at Savar Cantonment today, reports UNB.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Md Mustafizur Rahman reviewed the parade and took salute at the march past and handed over the Regimental Colour to the "Tejoshi Paitrish" as a mark of its meritorious services to the regiment.

Addressing the officers and troopers, the Army Chief said that the "Tejoshi Paitrish" was presented with Regimental Colour for high standard of training, discipline, devotion, efficiency and above all patriotism of its members.

General Mustafiz recalled with gratitude the sacrifices made by the members of the East Bengal Regiment who had joined the Liberation War in response to the call of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1971.

He paid glowing tributes to the valiant freedom fighters as well as those pioneers of the Regiment like late Maj M A Ghani, Gen MAG Osmani and Lt Gen Khwaja Wasifuddin.

The Army Chief was received by the Savar Area Commander Maj Gen Sayeed Ahmed, Bir Protik, and the EBRC Commandant Brigadier Rezaul Haider.

The ceremony was attended, among others, by Begum Ayesha Ghani, Begum Wahida Wasifuddin, Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Professor Alauddin Ahmed, Principal Staff Officers and other senior military officers.

## A unique architectural display opens

By Staff Correspondent

An exhibition of models, installations and photos by architect Md Rafiq Azam was opened at Drik Gallery in the city yesterday.

Inaugurating the show, Prof Shamsul Wares said that unlike the usual concept, architecture is a vital cultural movement and is not just a product of a money-making profession.

Architect Mazharul Islam was present as special guest.

The building projects that are displayed include galleries, hospitals, and private residences. The installation models are 3-D space based and explains architectural constructions.

The paintings are neo-realistic related items connected with architectural projects. These architectural projects are a transformation of paintings and art work (collage) in mixed-media, water colour, pastel, crayon and ink.

Rafiq Azam has designed the Drik Gallery in 1997, for which he won the South Asia Architecture Commendation Award. He also designed the CRP Hospital at Savar, the Gono Shasthya Hospital, the Accolade Apartment projects and the Azam residence in old Lalbagh Town.

He was awarded the 77 Nehru Memorial gold medal for painting at the age of 12. He also won the Aga Khan award for architecture.

The exhibition which has already been held at the George Billis Gallery in New York, USA, will remain open till February 25.

## Attempt on poet: 3 remanded again

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons, including two foreign nationals, who were held for their alleged involvement in the attempt to kill poet Shamsur Rahman, were placed on a fresh two-day remand by the CMM's court yesterday.

The three — Sadek Ahmed Sadek, a South African national, Saeed, a Pakistani and Baktiari — were arrested from Dhakkin Khan under Uttara Thana in the city on January 25.

They were produced before the CMM's court after completion of remand of 13 days in three phases. CID yesterday prayed for further remand of two days for the three.

Besides, bail petitions were moved on behalf of the three. But the court granted two days remand and rejected the bail petitions.

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## ● What's on today .... ●

**Ekushey programme:** A discussion meeting on Baulachand Mukhopadhyay (Baroful): Life and works will be held as part of Bangla Academy's Ekushey programmes. Key-note speaker: Azhar Islam. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 4 pm.

**Film show:** Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen three French movies with English subtitles at its auditorium. The films are — *Jean des Florets* at 10:30 am, *Le Hussard sur le toit* at 4 pm and *La guerre des boutons* at 6 pm.

**Painting exhibition:** A solo painting exhibition by Mahmudul Haque, Director, Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University will begin. Eminent artist Saifuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the 11-day exhibition as chief guest. Venue: Shilpagan, The Contemporary Art Gallery, Rd#5, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm till February 22.

**Pottery exhibition:** A solo pottery exhibition titled 'Crystalline Glaze Studio Pottery' by Prof Sayeed Talukdar will begin. DU VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition. Venue: Gallery Tone, House # 47, Rd#1, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm daily.

**Discussion and lecture:** A discussion meeting and the 'First Akhtarruzzaman Ilas' memorial lecture session will be held on the occasion of the 56th birth anniversary of late Novelist Akhtarruzzaman Ilas. Organiser: Bangladesh Lekhok Shibir Central Council. Venue: Modern Language Institute Seminar room, Dhaka University. Time: 4 pm. Scientist Prof Jamal Nazrul Islam will deliver a lecture on 'Science, culture and civilisation' at the session.

**Film show:** The Bosnian film session will be presented as part of the 6th International Short Film Festival Dhaka. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 3 and 5 pm.

**Conference:** A 2-day long 6th conference of the Bangladesh Communist Party Dhaka City unit will begin. Venue: Party office, 21/1 Purana Paltan. Time: 10 am.

**Publication ceremony:** The publication ceremony of the book 'Restoration of 1972 Constitution' written by KMM Abul Kader, Advocate, Supreme Court will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**Discussion:** Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad will hold a discussion to mark its fourth founding anniversary. Venue: Teacher Student Centre (TSC) of the Dhaka University. Time: 4 pm.

Chief guest: Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf.

**Orca get-together:** Orca, the Old Rajshahi Cadets Association, has organised a get-together and a voluntary blood donation programme to mark the 33rd anniversary of Rajshahi Cadet College. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nirkhet. Time: 5 pm.

**Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

**Govt forcing Opposition towards one-pt move: Ershad**

Jatiya Party chairman H M Ershad yesterday warned that the Opposition parties would launch movement to oust the government if it continues repression, reports UNB.

The ruling party should take lesson from the history. The government is itself forcing the Opposition parties towards one-point movement, Ershad said in a post-hartal statement.

Congratulating the countrymen for making the hartal a total success ignoring police action and terrorism by the ruling party, he said people have expressed no-confidence in the government by observing the 60-hour countrywide hartal, enforced to force the government to accept the four-point demands of the opposition.

He said the government should create congenial atmosphere for holding the municipal elections by accepting the four-point demands.

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The former president said in a democratic country, Opposition parties have every right to movement to realise their legal demands.

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**BCS (special) exam viva voce Feb 28**

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## Khaleda visits Sajal's house

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday visited the parents of Sajal who was gunned down during the opposition called hartal, reports UNB.

She consoled the bereaved family and said the nation will remember Sajal as a martyr for his supreme sacrifice for the cause of the people and democracy.

Party leaders Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Dr R A Ghani, Moudud Ahmed, Khandker Muhibub Uddin Ahmed, Meer Shawkat Ali, Mirza Abbas, Abdulla Al Noman and Ehsanul Kabir accompanied Begum Zia during her visit at the residence of Sajal.

Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad accompanied by Kazi Zafar Ahmed and others also visited Sajal's parents at their house.

## DU Satirtha Sammilan AGM Saturday

The annual general meeting (AGM) and picnic of the Dhaka University Satirtha Sammilan (1958-62) will be held at Marishpur, Bhaluka, Mymensingh on Saturday. Sammilan interested to participate have been requested to reach Dhaka Officers Club along with members of their family by 8:30 AM.

## ICDDR,B annual scientific confce begins tomorrow

The two-day 20th anniversary celebration and the 8th annual scientific conference (ASCON) of ICDDR,B will begin in the city tomorrow, reports APB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the meet at the centre's Sasakawa International Training Centre at 9:30 in the morning.

The theme of the ASCON conference this year is "Vaccine Research and Environmental Health." The objective is to share research findings with relevant professionals from government agencies and NGOs, universities and national scientific and research bodies.

Noted experts from both home and abroad will take part in the scientific sessions and present research findings.

## Dipa Haq's chehlu today

Chehlu of noted artist Dipa Haq will be held today at her 32, Lake Circus, Bakhtia Villa, Kalabagan residence in the city after Asr prayers, says a press release.

Dipa Haq died of cancer on January 4.

## Prothom Alo journalist dead

By Staff Correspondent

Latif Siddiqui, noted journalist and mafassil editor of the Dainik Prothom Alo died of brain tumour at Bangabandhu Medical University Hospital in the city yesterday, he was 39.

He was operated upon for the second time on Wednesday to remove his brain tumour.

The body of the Siddiqui was sent to his village home at Manikgonj for burial after the Janaza in front of his Kathal Bagan residence.

He left behind his wife, only daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

**Siddiqui started his journalistic career in the Weekly Akota in 1989. He joined the Sangbad in 1990 as an Assistant Editor. Later, he started working in the Bhoror Kajog in 1993. Lastly, he joined the Prothom Alo in November last year.**

**Siddiqui edited a literary magazine named "Roddur."**

**A condolence meeting will be held on February 18 at 3:00 pm at the National Press Club.**

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