

Killing in Turkey Brig. Sharif's spouse, son buried

Kismat Ara Islam and Sirajus Saleheen, the wife and son of Brigadier Sharif Islam, Bangladesh Defence Attaché in Turkey, were buried at Banani Army graveyard in the city yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Their *namaz-e-janaza* was earlier held at the Dhaka Cantonment Central Mosque after the *juma* prayers.

Among others, Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed, senior civil and military officers and relations of the deceased attended the *namaz-e-janaza*.

Kismat Ara Islam and Sirajus Saleheen were killed by their servant at their Ankara residence on July 12. Brigadier Islam was also seriously injured by the assailant.

The body of Kismat Ara Islam and Sirajus Saleheen were brought back home Thursday evening on board a Turkish Military Aircraft.

The Turkish government provided the aircraft to carry the coffins as a mark of friendly relations between the two countries. Turkish civil and military officers and members of the diplomatic corps in Ankara were present at the airport to show their respect and sympathy to the bereaved family. The goodwill gesture of the Turkish government was a mark of their cordiality for the government and people of Bangladesh.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The 745th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 01:30 pm at 'FAMILY LOUNGE', Dhaka Club Rotarians are cordially invited to visit for make-up and fellowship', say a press release.

Nirmul Committee forms conference preparatory body

Ekatur Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee yesterday formed a 101-member Conference Preparatory Committee for holding 'South Asian Conference against Communalism and Fundamentalism' scheduled to be held in the city in January next year, reports BSS.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury and Prof Jafina Zaman were made convenor and member secretary respectively of the committee.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Nirmul Committee with its president Poet Shamsur Rahman in the chair.

Shamsur Rahman said collaborators of 1971 and terrorists of Jamaat-e-Islami were destroying commemorative documents and monuments of the War of Liberation at different places across the country.

"We can't be silent observers under these circumstances," he said.

Condemning the demolition of memorial monument of the Liberation War at Carmichael College in Rangpur and the monument of Ashwani Kumar Dutt at Brojomohon College in Barisal by the Jamaat-Shibir terrorists, Rahman said the fundamentalist forces are trying to destroy the spirit of the War of Liberation and turn the country into Pakistan and Afghanistan.

He said it is very sad that the pro-liberation government is taking no action against the terrorist activities of the fundamentalist forces."

Govt working to ensure healthcare for all : Yousuf

RANGPUR, July 30: Health Minister Alhaj Salahuddin Yousuf today said the government is committed to providing healthcare facilities to all by 2002 and to achieve the goal massive programmes are being executed across country, reports BSS.

The Health Minister was addressing the biennial session of "Swadhinata Doctors Parishad", Rangpur Branch at Rangpur Medical College auditorium. He told the gathering that at least four thousand health clinics would be constructed in phases in the country to provide healthcare to the common people.

He urged the doctors to work sincerely for the welfare of the people to turn the country into 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by Bangabandhu.

Earlier, the Health Minister inaugurated a Taka 2.40 crore extension work of RMC ladies hostel.

Parliament Member H N Ashekur Rahman and Anisul Haque Chowdhury spoke on the occasion.

Obituary

Prof Nurul Huda, Principal of Bakerganj Govt College, died of liver cirrhosis at the Shomorita Hospital in the city on Tuesday. He was 57, says a press release.

Prof Huda started his career at Dhaka College and worked as Controller of Examinations of Dhaka Board, Vice-Principal of Chittagong Govt College.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried at the Azimpur Graveyard (Old).



Dhaka City unit of Juba Dal held a protest rally yesterday demanding of the government to withdraw all 'false' cases against the leaders and activists of BNP.

What's on today....

Seminar: Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) has organised a seminar on 'Pakistani Historian and the Bangladesh War of Liberation'. Key-note speaker: Yvette C Rosser, Ph.D Candidate, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Texas at Austin, USA and Research fellow of American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS). Venue: WVA auditorium, Road No: 27 (Old), Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

Workshop: A two-day national workshop on 'Public Administration Reform' will begin today. President Shahabuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the workshop organised by the Association of Development Agencies, Bangladesh (ADAB). Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 10 AM.

Discussion: Nari Adhikar Andolok will hold a discussion on the occasion of Siratun Nabi. Prof Siddika Kabir, former Principal of Home Economics College will be the chief guest at the discussion. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre. Time: 4 PM.

Seminar: A seminar on "Good Governance" will be held Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru and Chairman of Administrative Reform Commission ATM Shamsul Haque will attend the seminar organised by Bangladesh MBA Association. Prof Muzaffar Ahmed of IBA, Dhaka University will present the key-note paper. Venue: Auditorium for Planning and Development. Time: 4 pm.

Seminar: A CPE seminar, organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), on 'Salient Features and Implications of Changes Made in Income Tax Ordinance 1984 by Finance Act 1999' will be held. Chief guest: Abdur Razzaq, Minister for Water Resources. Venue: ICAB Auditorium, Chartered Accountant Bhaban, 100 Kazir Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 10 AM. Md Jaiul Abedin FCA, Member Council & past president ICAB will present the key-note paper.

Dance programme: Sangbari Sangskritik Sangathan has organised a solo *Kathak* dance programme. Motushy Khanolkar will perform at the programme directed by Shibli Mohammad. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7 PM.

Lecture: The 19th Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held Prof Aminul Islam, Department of Philosophy, University of Dhaka, with deliver a lecture on 'Humanitarian in Nazrul's Thought'. Venue: Seminar room of the Society. Time: 5 pm.

Meeting: The first meeting of the new Executive Committee of Bangladesh China Cultural, Economic & Mass Communication Centre (BCCEMCC) will be held. Venue: GA-183/1, School Road, 1st Floor, Mohakhali. Time: 5 pm.



Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis staged a demonstration in the city yesterday in protest of allowing transit facility to India. —Star photo



Former Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman addressing a press conference at the VIP Lounge of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday organised by the Naari Nirjatan Obhijog Cell. —Star photo

Speakers stress pro-environment water management action plan

Speakers at a workshop yesterday underscored the need for formulation of a long-term pro-people and pro-environment water management action plan through massive consultation with a cross-section of people, reports BSS.

They were addressing different sessions on the second day of the three-day workshop on Environmental Reporting organised by the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) with support from the Ministry of Environment and Forest and UNDP at National Press Club here.

They underscored the need for pursuing ecosystem approach in water management side by side looking at both water conservation and water quality issues.

Remains of human bodies handed over to Liberation War Museum

The Memorial Council of '71 handed over some remains of human bodies to the Liberation War Museum on Thursday, reports UNB.

SM Kalsar and Aminul Islam Mintu of the council handed over three skulls and a number of bones to the authorities of the museum.

The skeletons believed to be evidences of the massacre by the Pakistani occupation forces here in 1971, were recovered during renovation work of Noor mosque at section number 12, Mirpur on Tuesday.

On Wednesday a representative of the museum with the help of the council officials also recovered one skull and 40 bones from the same place.

The Liberation Museum has taken steps to perform forensic test of the collected bones with the help of Dr MA Hasan, Director of Alberuni Hospital, to know the actual time of killing.

The Museum will start re-excavation of a well of the Noor Mosque tomorrow in search of more evidences of the massacre, said a press release.

MA examinee electrocuted in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, July 30: A Master of Arts examinee of Government Rajendra University College was electrocuted yesterday morning in west Alipur area of the town, reports BSS.

Vice-Principal of Rajendra College said, Tofazzal Hossain, 22, appeared in Master of Arts final examination in Sociology this year. He came in contact with a live wire yesterday morning in front of his house.

The accident occurred when Tofazzal was trying to shift with a bamboo the live wire snapped earlier. He died on the spot.

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