

## News

## What's on today ....

**DRU Meet the Reporters:** Dhaka reporters Unity presents Salfur Rahman, former finance minister, at the Meet the Reporters programme. He will present a talk on 'State of Politics in Bangladesh'. Later he will answer questions from reporters of different dailies. Venue: DRU auditorium, 8/4-A Topkhana Road, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10:55 am.

**Science Fair 2000:** Happy Times International School will hold its Science Fair 2000. Venue: House No 352, Rd No 27, Dhamondir R/A. Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm.

**Human chain:** Bangladesh Puja Udayan Parishad will organise human chain formation programme and observe half-an-hour of silence to demand the repeal of Vested Property Act. Venue: All Puja mandaps in the country. Time: 10:30 am-11:00 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research will hold a discussion meeting on 'Democracy: Hasina at the United Nations'. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Chameli House, Topkhana Road. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Meeting:** The 167th meeting of BIIT Islamic Studies Forum will be held. Venue: BIIT auditorium, 145 Green Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Jute Exhibition:** An exhibition on Diversified Jute Products will be inaugurated. Organisers: Ministry of Jute and Export Promotion Bureau in association with International Jute Organisation (IJO) and Delegation of the European Commission. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Winter Garden of Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10:00 am.

**Meeting:** Rajshahi Bibhag Unnayan Samity will hold a meeting. Venue: Sakura Tower (8th floor), 20 Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. Time: 10:00 am.

**Meeting:** Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Samity will hold a meeting of its central committee. Venue: 881, Shahidbag. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Musical evening:** Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents a French Musical evening dedicated to the famous French Composer Georges Bizet. Venue: alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 7:00 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Nagorik Forum will hold a discussion meeting on 'State Terrorism: Distressed Civic Life'. Venue: VIP Lounge of National Press Club. Time: 3:30 pm.

## .....and tomorrow

**Film show:** Goethe Institut will screen *Run Lola Run*. Venue: Goethe Institute, house no 10, Road no 9, Dhamondir R/A. Time: 6:30 pm.

## Weather

## Light rain likely

Light rain or thundershowers is likely at a few places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.0 degree Celsius was at Khulna and the lowest 22.5 degree at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:40 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:52 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.7	26.5	82	76
Chittagong	32.7	22.5	97	82
Rajshahi	34.0	25.5	78	78
Khulna	35.0	25.5	77	77
Barisal	33.5	25.0	78	96
Sylhet	32.8	25.4	76	76
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.0	76	81

## Aussies in selection dilemma

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Saurav Ganguly said victory against Kenya was just the first step, and Australia will be a different ball game altogether.

"Obviously a convincing win will boost our confidence, but Australia will be a different ball game. We will have to be at our very best if we hope to beat them."

The Indian skipper said moisture on the wicket prompted him to ask the Kenyans to bat first. "Zaheer Khan bowled a bit short initially, but he came back well. He is inexperienced, he has a lot to learn, but he is coping well," Ganguly said.

Talking about man-of-the-match Anil Kumble's performance, he said, "Anil is a world-class performer, and has time and again proved it. We have come to expect such performance from him."

## Free quota for all

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on the basis of quota policy rule of 1991.

He claimed that the quota policy rule allowed free quota to all who are involved in production of textile and textile related items. "We were supposed to get free quota in all categories 14 years ago, but an influential quarter in the garment sector convinced the government not to give us free quota."

A senior official at the Ministry of Commerce said that they gave directives for equal distribution of free quota among all the applicants. Asked why the BSTMPA members were made eligible for export quota for items that they do not produce, the official said exporters of some other items also got the similar facility.

If other exporters get free quota without exporting the items, then why should the members of BSTMPA not get it? he argued.

He, however, spoke against the free quota system, saying it allows a section of garment exporters to do business on it. He admitted that most of the free quota was sold out in the market. The official said Bangladesh Specialised Textile Mills and Powerloom Association (BSTMPA) has been lobbying for free quota for long.

They had applied for free quota allotment during the last quota year but the Commerce Ministry rejected their application. The

## Beheaded body recovered in Feni

FENI, Oct 6: Police recovered a beheaded body of an unidentified young man from Barahipura area in the town this morning, reports UNB.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the body, aged about 30, lying on the railway track.

Police apprehended that somebody killed the youth elsewhere and left it on the track.

Meanwhile, police today freed four of the seven persons arrested in connection with the killing of Jubo League leader Bashir Ahmed.

Others, said to be activists of Jubo League, are Afsar, 28, Shahjahan, 19, and Kamal, 28. They were sent to jail.

Bashir Ahmed, 28, was shot dead by armed assailants in the town on Wednesday night.



## Suriya Jabeen's death anniversary today

The eighth death anniversary of Prof Dr Suriya Jabeen will be observed today, says a press release.

A *milad mahfil* will be held after Magrib prayers today at her residence H-54, Road 79, Gulshan (Lake View Clinic) to mark the occasion.

## Congratulations



## From Our Correspondent

Rajshahi University was conferred an M.Phil degree on Wahida Khatun for her research on 'Nuclear Structure, Cell Division and Chromosome Morphology at Algae Plants.'

This is the first research on algal cytology in Bangladesh, RU sources said.

Wahida completed her BSc from Calcutta University and MSc from RU. Her husband, Shafiqul Islam, is a lawyer.

## Qulkhwani



The *qulkhwani* of Prof Nasim Banu, Head of the Department of Zoology, Titumir College, Dhaka will be held today after Maghrib prayers at the Uttara Mosque ground, adjacent to her residence at House # 34, Road # 3, Sector # 4, Uttara, says a press release.

She died of cardiac failure at the Shikdar Medical College Hospital on Thursday.

In her 30-year long career, beginning from Badrunnessa College, she served as Professor of Zoology at Dhaka College for 15 years, and subsequently as Principal of Sherpur Mohila College, Sherpur. She had written several books on Zoology.

Prof Nasim Banu left behind two daughters and a son and a host of relatives, students to mourn her death.

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The *qulkhwani* of Abul Kashem Khan, a businessman and social worker, will be held tomorrow at his eldest daughter Nazma Banu's 23/2, Sukrabad residence in the city, says a press release.

A *milad mahfil* will also be held there after Maghrib prayers on Sunday.

He died on October 1 at his Khanbari, Udaypur, Rajbari residence. He was 91.

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The *qulkhwani* of Zebunnessa Chowdhury (Zeba) will be held today after Asr prayers at her residence at House No 16, Rd No 127, Gulshan, says a press release.

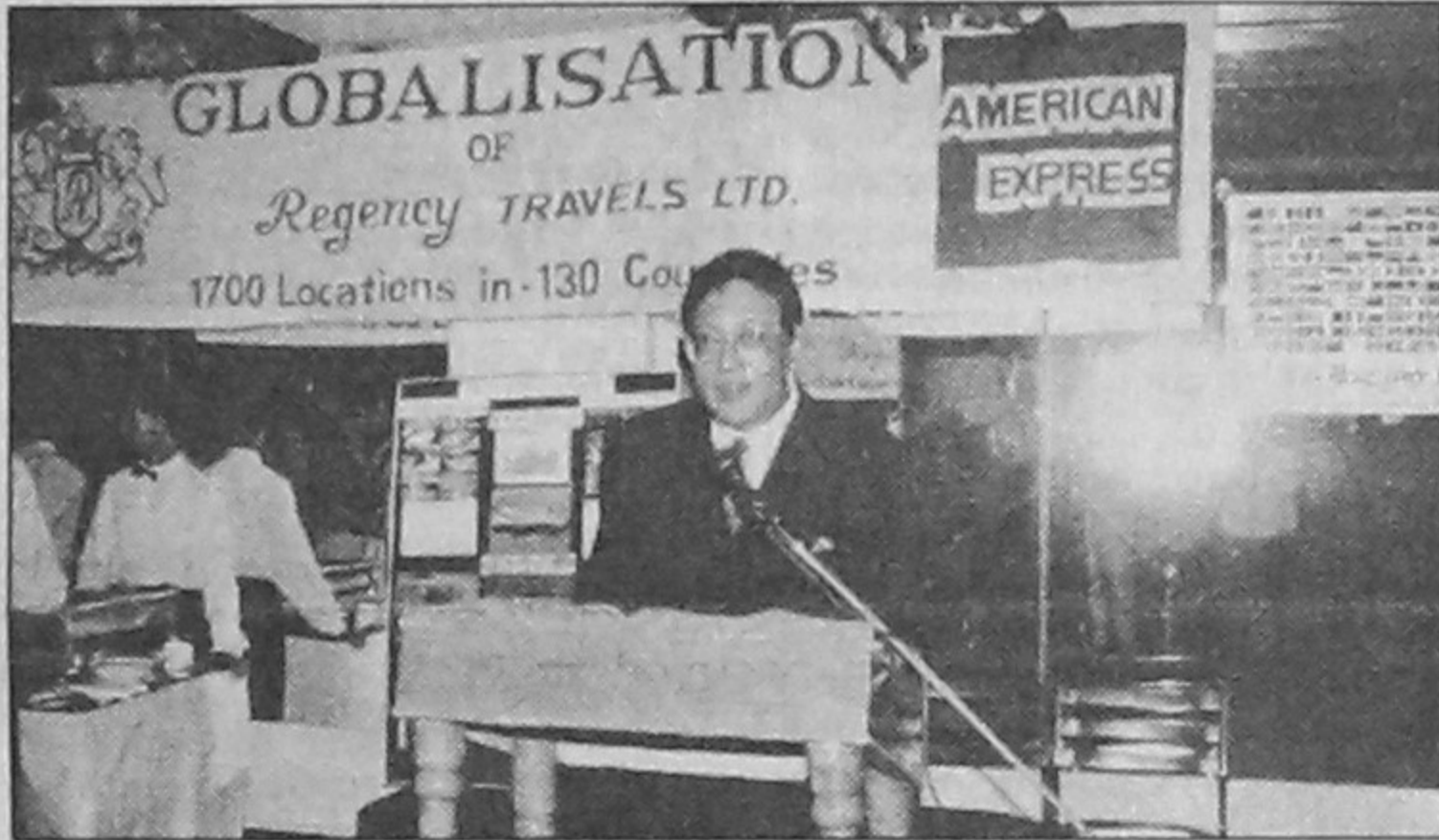
Zebunnessa died on October 4. She was the wife of late Dr SD Chowdhury, former VC of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh.



Karmajibi Nari organised a seminar on 'Garments Industry in Bangladesh and Women Labour Force: Consideration for National Interest Perspective' at the VIP Lounge of National Press Club in the city yesterday.



Minister for Home, Post and Telecommunications Mohammad Nasim distributing prizes among winners of a cultural competition organised by Police Nari Kalyan Samity in the city recently. Noted singer and member of Inner Wheel District-328 Ferdousi Rahman attended the function as special guest. Inspector General of Police Mohammad Nurul Huda, President of the association and wife of IGP Nishat Huda were also present on the occasion amidst other officials.



Regency Travels Limited has entered into an affiliation American Express Travel Services. Picture shows Managing Director and CEO of Regency Hasan Abdullah addressing a function held on the occasion.

## 19 murdered

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Shahjahan, 24, was shot dead at Basupara on January 12.

Another Jubo League activist, Anwar Hossain, 30, was gunned down on the premises of city Awami League office on January 30. Chhatra League activist Shajit Kumar Das, 23, was stabbed to death on February 10.

According to KMP records, another Sramik League leader, Rabiul, 35, was stabbed to death on March 5.

On March 25, Jubo League leader Zahuruddin Panna, 32, was gunned down. Awami League leader Hasan Ali Tarafdar was shot dead at Daulatpur on April 29.

On May 9, Jubo League activist Ram Biswas, 24, and Chhatra League activist Shumon, 20, were gunned down at Daulatpur on May 9 and May 11 respectively.

On May 16, Jubo League leader Khalid Hossain, 27, was killed by Ershad Shikder at Skid Ghat.

Awami League leader Motaleb, 65, was shot dead at Daulatpur on September 11 and Jubo League activist Hasan Ali, 28, was

stabbed to death on September 29.

Jubo League activists Akram and Liton were shot dead on February one in the court area. Another Jubo League activist, Masud Parvez, 26, was slaughtered on April 28.

Awami League Mayoral candidate SMA Rob was gunned down at Sonadanga on August 11.

## APAC protests

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The government wants to suppress people's movement and voice by creating obstacles to the way of Khaleda, Khoka said adding, "If we are voted to power befitting reply will be given to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina."

The rally was also addressed by Abdullah Al Noman of BNP, Salfur Rahman and Tayebur Rahman of Jatiya Party, ATM Azharul Islam of Jamaat and Abdul Latif Nazami of IOJ.

The rally was followed by a procession which paraded different city streets before terminating in front of the BNP office at Naya Paltan.

## MQM: Pakistan

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"But if that does not happen then India cannot afford to sit idly with unstable Pakistan at its doorstep in control of fundamentalists with their finger on the nuclear button no neighbouring country is insulated from such a scenario, SA Tariq Mir, a member of MQM's central coordination committee said.

The visit of the delegation came in the wake of September 17 conference in London of Pathan, Baluch and Sindhi leaders of the Pakistan oppressed nationalities movement and the MQM.

The MQM leaders said they have come to inform and educate the Indians particularly the Indian Muslims on the "dangers of Talibanisation."

They said the Taliban movement was the creation of Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan.

MQM's Chief Organiser for Europe Mohammad Anwar said the ISI is stronger than one could imagine.

He said of the 95 police stations in Karachi, 92 had police chiefs from Punjab, who were under ISI's control.

Armed Taliban-type extremists were being used to control ethnic

## Lalon's shrine

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Kushtia, Kali Prateem Dutta Chowdhury, who is also constitutional Chairman of the Lalon Academy, said the building would have been constructed on the filled-up site of the Kaliganga but the site is not suitable for heavy construction. Chowdhury however insisted that the construction would not hinder the beauty or the sanctity of the shrine.

"We are always ready to accept suggestions. If anyone is willing to put forward any suggestion we will consider it," he said.

Meanwhile, fearing that the sadhu culture of the shrine might wage a group of sadhus sought judicial help to stop the construction. But, insiders said that the project bosses soon compelled the sadhus to withdraw the case.

"We are not against any development but we fear that they are trying to chase us away and replace us with modern artists from Dhaka and elsewhere," said a sadhu at the shrine adding that from what he understood, the facilities under the project will be exclusively for government officials and the rich, not for the traditional followers of Lalon and his philosophy.

Tajal Ali Khan said that the 80-year-old tree had to be stripped to give trucks access into the construction site. When asked why they were not building the complex outside the premises of the shrine, Tajal replied that they had been trying to reclaim land that had originally belonged to Lalon.

But sources said that one Abdus Sattar, an owner of a piece of land adjacent to the shrine area, offered it for sale but neither the academy nor the district administration was willing to buy.

The matter has extended to Dhaka, stirring the ministry concerned into holding meetings with experts including Dr Anwarul Karim, a Lalon devotee who wrote his doctorate thesis on Lalon. The experts reportedly gave their go-ahead with the project. But many other devotees and admirers of Lalon feel that an independent committee should be formed to look into the plan and bring in changes where required.

## Garments

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to 26,000 now from only 50 in 1983, mainly because of availability of cheap women labour, Zia ul Haque Mukta of Karmajibi Nari said in her paper.

Around 15 lakh workers are employed in the sector, and 85 per cent of them are women, she said.

But most of the garments factories do not pay wages to workers regularly. Overtime allowance is rarely paid. Women workers are often deprived of their weekly holiday, sick leave and maternity leave, she said.

Minimum working conditions as provided under the Factory Law are absent in most of the factories. Those even lack proper ventilation system and emergency fire exit, she said.

"We toil from dawn to dusk. But we are even denied adequate drinking water so that we need not go to toilets", garments worker Shabnam Hafiz said.

"The owners do not give us appointment letters even after working for two-three years. If we leave the job, we are branded in the job market as insincere workers. So we often change our names," Shabnam said.

Because of "unbearable working situation and rigorous employment conditions", women workers lose their energy soon. Only 14 per cent women workers work for seven years and 58 per cent work for three years at a stress, the seminar was told.

## Flood

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Force helicopters continued to airdrop relief materials in dry places. Army is evacuating the marooned people with speed-boats.

Officials at the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre in Dhaka said the flood situation may start improving from Sunday next.

(Information gathered by our chief photojournalist AKM Mohsin)

## US, Russia back new Y'slav gov't

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Russia's message "with greatest pleasure."

"I am convinced that we are gradually getting back to normal and I believe that the crisis is behind us and that our people contributed to solving the crisis with their dignity and determination," he said.

The main priorities for Ivanov seemed to be assessing the aftermath of the rapid-fire revolt and establishing ties with any new government. Russia is keen to sustain its traditionally close relations with Yugoslavia.

Russia also faces a possible political minefield: negotiating refuge abroad for Milosevic, indicted by the war crimes tribunal at The Hague.

The ITAR-Tass news agency cited Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov as saying there had been no discussion about granting asylum to Milosevic. But that did not preclude Milosevic from seeking Moscow's intervention for haven in former Soviet republics, such as Belarus.

The whereabouts of Milosevic and his family were unknown, although opposition leader Zoran Djindjic said he was believed hiding outside Bor near Yugoslavia's borders with Romania and Bulgaria.

Government of the two Balkan neighbours Bulgarian and Romania ordered their armed forces to remain alert against any attempt by Milosevic or his allies to slip out of Yugoslavia.

Ivanov also was not prepared to completely shun officials of the disgraced Milosevic government. He met first with Milosevic's foreign minister, Zivadin Jovanovic, in the ministry's residential villa, said Yugoslav Foreign Ministry sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

And in Moscow, opposition remained. In Moscow, the State Duma, or lower chamber of parliament, rejected a motion to send a congratulatory telegram to Kostunica. Some hard-liners described it as a "coup."

Meanwhile, Kostunica and his supporters continued to consolidate their control. Worries eased about Milosevic launching a military counterattack. Most police commanders have joined the groundswell behind Kostunica.

Through the night, tens of thousands danced and sang in celebrations led by the excitement of having seized Yugoslavia's parliament and other key symbols of the Milosevic regime in an afternoon of rioting Thursday.

Momcilo Perisic, a former army chief of staff and now an opposition figure, said he had contacted Yugoslavia's military leaders and that they had promised not to intervene.

Top army commanders met in Belgrade Friday to decide how to react to the dizzying series of events, but issued no statement after several hours of talks ended, reported Tanjug. The private news agency Beta quoted an army press service officer, Col Dragan Velickovic, as saying the armed forces would not "interfere in the democratic process."

No movements by military units were reported Friday.

Tanjung and other state-owned media a key pillar of Milosevic's regime were broadcasting or publishing apologies Friday for their past support for Milosevic. Serb television occasionally flashed its logo during broadcasts with the slogan: "This is the new free Serbian television." Serbia and smaller, Western-oriented Montenegro comprise Yugoslavia.

State-owned or past pro-Milosevic dailies issued special editions Friday, reflecting the change in their editorial policies.

Western leaders showered Kostunica with support and promises that sanctions against Yugoslavia could soon be lifted perhaps as early as Monday. At the White House, US President Bill Clinton said: "The people are trying to get their country back."

By dawn the crowds in Belgrade's streets had thinned. But the mood of unrestrained joy was still evident. Several hundred people from the opposition stronghold of Cacak marched down an avenue behind a brass band.

Despite the euphoria of the crowds, aides of Kostunica remained wary of their old adversary.

Kostunica also appealed to people from the countryside to stream into Belgrade for more rallies Friday to secure the victory.

## Fariya

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workers in his bakery, police said. The OC of Ramna thana sought help from the T & T divisional engineer at Maghbazsar and requested him to set up an 'Interceptive Device' with the telephone of Hannan at his residence.

The number of the telephone used by the abductors was found out through the device when the gang called Hannan again. Another telephone at a shop at North Brook Hall Road in the city used by them was also traced from relevant documents, police added.

Ramna police then sent a team to the shop and got some necessary information about the gang. The abductors repeatedly threatened the girl's family that if the ransom was not paid, they would send her kill her and send the body to them.

The OC then discussed issue at a closed-door meeting at about 10 Thursday night and took a decision in this regard. He sent a police team to Munshiganj and informed the incident to the DMP Commissioner.

The kidnappers called Hannan at about 12 on Thursday night and asked him to pay Tk 10 lakh by 9 next morning at Anar Aladi Bazar. They warned that it was the last chance to get back his daughter, police said.

Ramna police then contacted their team over telephone and asked them to rush to the Bazar. Sub-Inspectors Abdun Noor and Saiful Alam along with their team then raided Akbar's house, rescued the girl and arrested Ali Hossain.

## Salahuddin Yusuf

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Health and Family Welfare Minister, had been suffering from haemolytic anaemia. He was admitted to hospital on August 1.

An MP from Khulna-5 constituency, Yusuf was a close associate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

He left behind his wife, four daughters, one son and a host of relatives to mourn his death. He was buried at Banani graveyard after Asr prayers at around 5pm.

Earlier, his namaj-e-janaza was held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Juma prayers. His body was then taken to the north plaza of Jatiya Sangsad where another janaza was held at 3:30 pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, cabinet members and Awami League leaders paid their last respects to the late leader and placed wreaths on the coffin.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, ministers and leaders from different political parties gave separate messages of condolence.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed has expressed deep shock at the death of Salahuddin Yusuf. In a condolence message, the President recalled his long political career and active role in the war of liberation.

President Shahabuddin conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

In a separate message of condolence, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her profound shock at the death of the elderly politician.

She said the late leader was a leading organiser of the Language Movement and War of Liberation.

Till his death, he played a significant role in flourishing Awami League as a member of the party's Advisory Council and Central Working Committee, she added.

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Former President Abdur Rahman Biswas also expressed profound shock at the death of the minister.

In a condolence message, Biswas recalled his long and

chequered political career, and said the nation lost a veteran political leader with his death.

Salahuddin Yusuf was born on February 17, 1931, at village Dhophkhola of Fultala thana under Khulna district.

Son of late Salamat Ullah Mollah, Yusuf passed Matriculation examination in 1947 from Khulna Model High School, BA from Khulna BL College in 1953, and LLB from Dhaka University in 1960. He also started practising law in 1961.

During his long political career, he was the general secretary of Khulna Awami League from 1964 to 66, secretary of Khulna City AL from 1967 to 71, and President of Khulna District Awami League from 1972 to 75.

In 1969, he accompanied Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Round Table Conference (RTC) convened by the then Pakistani President Ayub Khan in Rawalpindi as a member of AL delegation. He actively took part in the War of Liberation and was a political advisor of Sector 9. He was awarded honorary Lt General in recognition to his contribution in liberation war.

A Supreme Court advocate since 1975, Yusuf dedicated to the service of humanity during floods and cyclones and contributed towards maintaining communal amity and harmony in society.

He was elected MNA in 1970 and Member of Parliament in 1973, 1979, 1991 and 1996.

Yusuf was appointed a cabinet minister on June 24, 1996 and given the portfolio of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

## Jubo League

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accusing four persons, police said.

Ripon was an FIR named accused in Zahuruddin Panna murder case. He was on bail in Panna murder case. Zahuruddin Panna was also a leader of city Jubo League.

Police have launched combing operation to arrest the alleged killers of Ripon. Police said the murder is a sequel to intra-party rivalry.

Jubo League's Mizan faction brought out a procession demanding arrest of Ripon's killers.