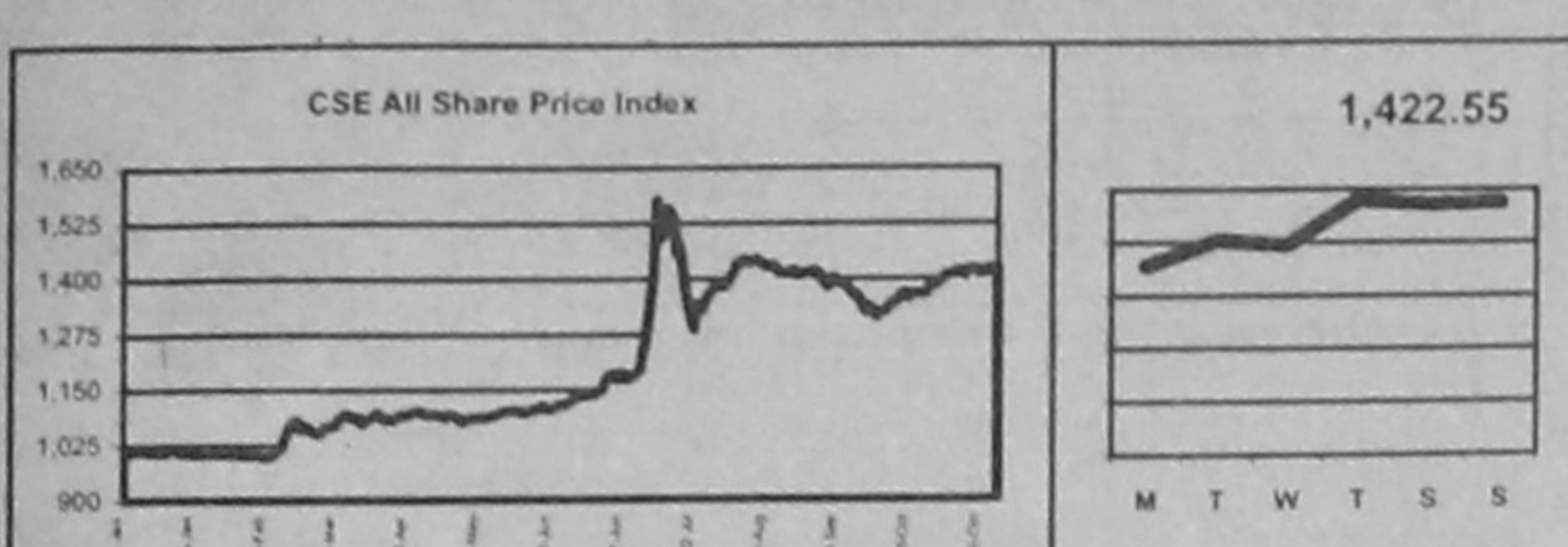
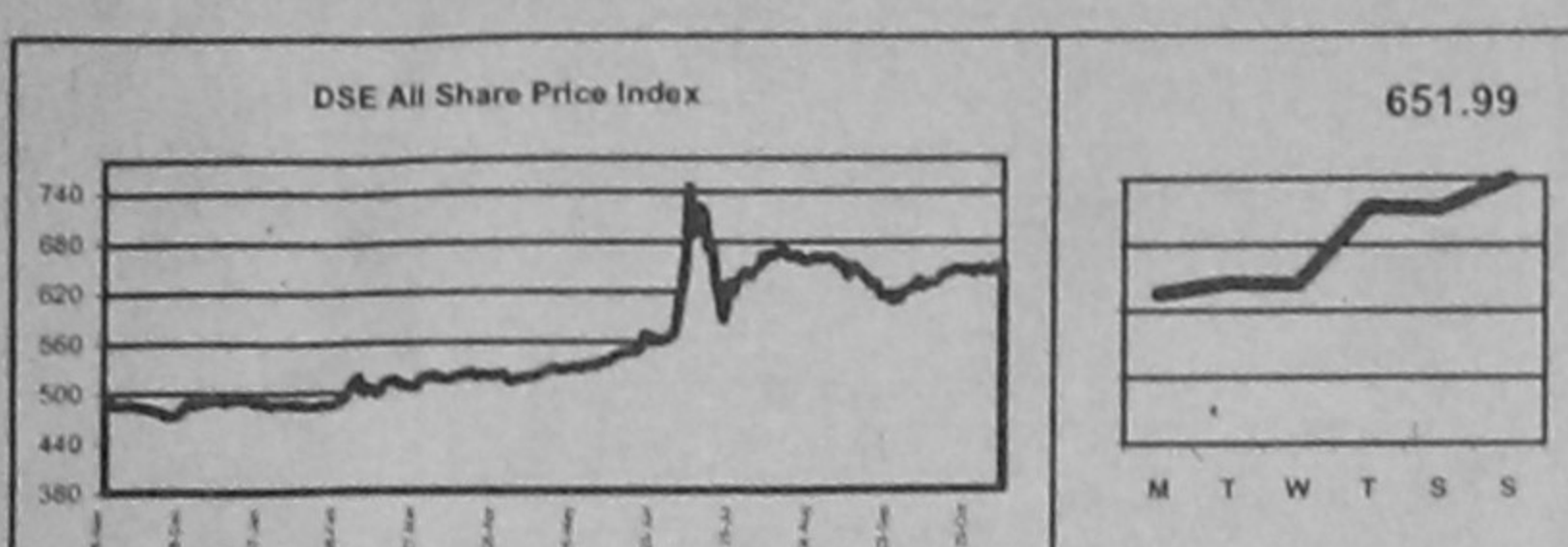
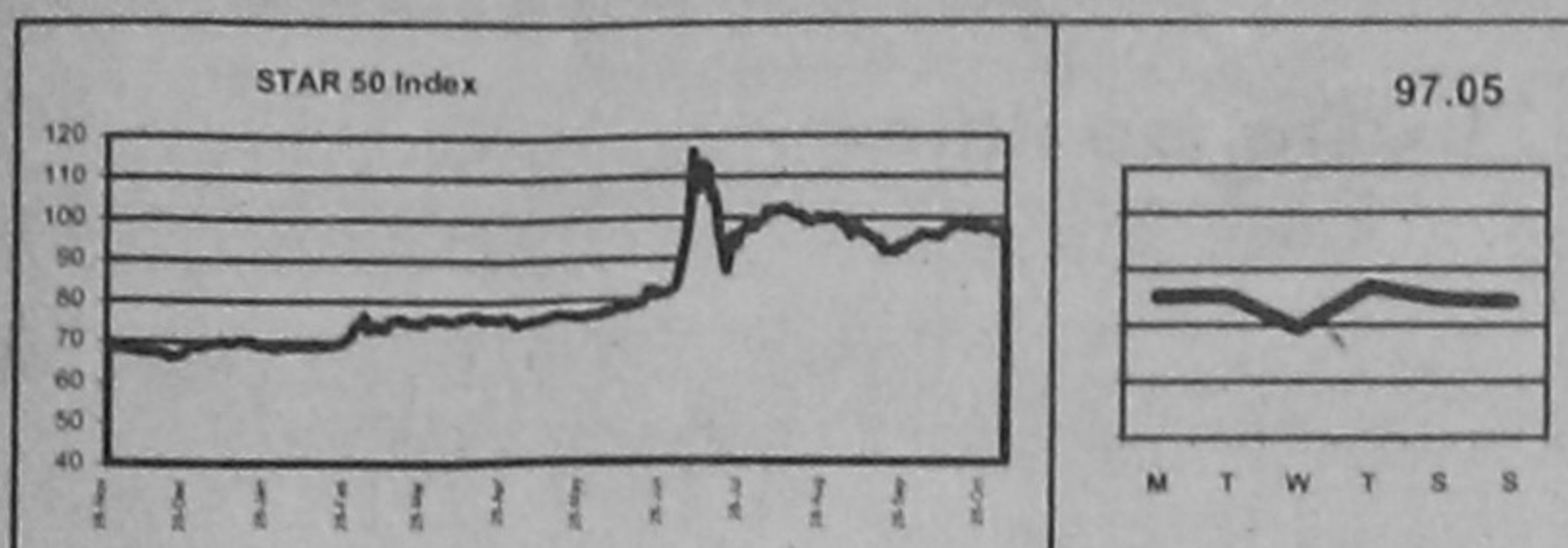


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DAY'S MARKET November 5, 2000. DSE: All Share Price Index 651.99, Change in Index (pts) 2.26, Change in Index (%) 0.35%.

TURNOVER LEADERS. DSE: 1. Nity Cement 100 32.96, 2. South East Bank 94 17.05, 3. NCB Bank 75 7.01.

CAPITAL GAINERS. DSE: 1. NBL 75.36 10.39, 2. Peoples Ins 0.01 10.00, 3. Sanchari Life 0.05 9.27.

CAPITAL LOSERS. DSE: 1. MAU Enter 0.10 (8.18), 2. Hemick Jaj 0.01 (7.89), 3. Metalex Corp 0.05 (4.76).

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Engineering table listing companies like Ahab Auto, Anwar Galva, Atlas Rd, etc.

Food & Allied table listing companies like AB Biscuit, AMCL (Pran), Anaha Toba, etc.

Fuel & Power table listing companies like BD Wearing, BCK, Eastern Lub, etc.

Jute table listing companies like Ahab Jute, Islam Jute, Jute Spinners, etc.

Textile table listing companies like AHHaj Textile, Alltex Ind, Anilma Yam, etc.

Table listing various other companies and their market data.

COMPANY CALENDAR

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What's on today....

Advocacy meeting: Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWL) in collaboration with Garments Tailors Workers League (GTWL) will hold an advocacy meeting on 'Minimum wage of workers and labourers in readymade garments sector. Venue: BCTU/BNCC Labour Hall, 1/1 Sonargaon Road (1st floor). Time: 10.30 am.

Demonstration: Fair BCS Movement (FBCSM) will hold a demonstration to demand the cancellation of the 20th BCS results and quota system in BCS exams. Venue: Oparajeyo Bangla, DU campus. Time: 11.00 am.

RMMRU talk: Dhaka University's Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit will hold a talk on 'Minority Rights in International Law'. Keynote speaker: Dr. Fernando de Varennes, Asia Pacific Centre for Human Rights of Murdoch University, Australia. Venue: Conference room of Faculty of Arts, DU. Time: 12.00 noon.

Discussion meeting: Col Taher Sangsad will hold a discussion meeting to commemorate November 7. Venue: Dr. Milton Chatterjee at DU campus. Time: 4.30 pm.

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Folk drama festival 1407: Desh Opera will stage 'Kamalar Bonobash', a jatra. Venue: Mahanagar Natyamancha, Bangabandhu Square, Gulistan. Time: 6.30 pm.

E-Fair 2000: Young Entrepreneurs Society (YES) of North South University will hold a day-long Entrepreneurs Fair (E-Fair 2000). Venue: NSU campus, Banani.

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BIBM award giving ceremony: Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) will hold the first diploma awarding ceremony of Diploma in Computer Applications Programme (DCAP). Venue: BIBM Bhaban, Plot No 4, Main Road 1, Mirpur 2. Time: 6.30 pm.

Weather

Temperature may rise

Light rain is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the region of Mymensingh, Tangail and Sylhet, and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere the country till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight rise in night temperature is expected over the country. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33.0 degree Celsius at Sitakunda and the lowest 19.2 degree at Scvelpur.

Table with columns: City/Town, Max, Min, Humidity in percentage. Includes Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

HERE and THERE

IDR By DU Correspondent: Speakers at a conference yesterday stressed the need of creating awareness about law among the poor saying, 'the poor of the country cannot reach the law due to shortage of financial support and thus poor do not get justice.'

While addressing the programme titled 'National Law Assistance Conference 2000', organised by the Institute of Democratic Rights (IDR), the speakers also said, 'everyone has the right to get the legal assistance and we have to overcome the obstruction in this regard.'

Justice Mostofa Kamal was present as the chief guest in the first session with AKM Mojaumil Hoque in the chair. Abdul Matin Khasru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, was present as the chief guest while Father RW Timm presided over the second session of the programme.

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CAT, DU Drama & Music Deptt

A day-long lecture on 'Contemporary Approaches to Ibsen' was held at Natunadi auditorium in Dhaka University yesterday, reports UNB.

Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) and Drama and Music Department of Dhaka University jointly organised the lecture in connection with CAT's new production 'Peer Chan', an adaptation of Ibsen's masterpiece plays 'Peer Gynt'.

Among others, Kamaluddin Nilu, CAT Secretary General and Dr Mridul Kanti Chakrabarty, Chairman of Drama and Music Department and Assistant Professor Dr Israfil Shahin spoke on the occasion.

BCU By DU Correspondent: Bangladesh Chhitra Union (BCU), a left leaning student or-

'Pak agent Ershad should apologise for his role during Liberation War'

Minister of State for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday said it has become imperative to project before the nation the role of Pakistan military's faithful agent Hussein Mollahammad Ershad during the Liberation War when the entire nation was engaged in the freedom struggle under the leadership of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

In a press statement, Prof Sayeed said, 'Can Ershad, the faithful collaborator of Pakistani military junta, deny that he came to Bangladesh in June 1971 when Pak military rulers were killing lakhs of people. During his month-long stay here, Ershad collected secret information about the freedom fighters, especially about the leadership, and went back to his favourite Pakistan.'

The State Minister's statement came in the wake of some observations made by Jatiya Party Chairman and former President H M Ershad about some comments of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on his (Ershad's) role during the War of Liberation. Ershad refuted the comments of the Prime Minister and said he would give up politics if found wrong. Prof Sayeed, in his statement, yesterday asked Ershad to seek apology to the people for his audacious statement.

'It's nothing new for a person, who used to confuse people by lying in mosques, to make shameless utterances,' Sayeed said.

Prof Sayeed, who condemned and strongly criticised Ershad's

recent utterances, said the 'Bishwa Behanga' was trying to hide the truth by lies and it is nothing new for him.

The information Minister said, 'Can Ershad also deny the formation of a tribunal to try Bengalee military officers like Major Taher, Manzur and Ziauddin, who fled Pakistan to join the Liberation War? Can Ershad, who was loyal to Pakistan, deny that he was the Commanding Officer of the 7th East Bengal Regiment? As per the army laws, Ershad as the Commanding Officer served as the chairman of the tribunal? Can Ershad deny all these?'

The Minister said, 'people would like to know the actual role of Ershad during the War of Liberation.'

Death anniversary of Dr Rashid today. The 19th death anniversary of Dr M A Rashid, the first Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), will be observed today, family sources said, reports BSS.

Dr Rashid, a pioneer in engineering education in the country, died in a road accident near Pabna in 1981.

A trustee of Asian Institute of Technology, Dr Rashid was the chairman of the Commonwealth Foundation.

A milad mahfil, doa and feeding of the destitute have been arranged on the occasion.

Housewife commits suicide. By Staff Correspondent: A young housewife allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling at her residence in cantonment area in the city yesterday.

The victim was identified as Muntasir Yamin, 24; wife of Zohab Ahsan of 72/20, Shaheed Moinul Road in Cantonment thana. Yamin is the daughter of Dr Colonel Mozammel of CMH, Jessore.

Cantonment police recovered her body at about 8am and found her hanging with a scarf from the ceiling fan.

She was sent to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) morgue for autopsy.

When contacted, Sub-Inspector of Cantonment thana Shyamol Chowdhury told The Daily Star last night that they were trying to find out reasons behind the incident. 'She might have had committed suicide over a family feud,' he said.

Police yet to file a case as no one lodged any report at the thana in this connection till filing of this report last night.

One mugged of Tk 40,000 in cash and goods in Dhanmondi. By Staff Correspondent: Muggers snatched away cash wristwatch and other valuables worth about Tk 40,000 from a businessman at a bus stand near Dhanmondi Rd no 32 in the city yesterday evening.

A gang of armed muggers stopped Abdul Hossain Kabir, Managing Director of Monami International while he was travelling on a rickshaw through Dhanmondi.

One of the gang members asked Kabir at gunpoint to pay Tk 500 to them.

Kabir refused to pay any money and gave him a chase.

Other accomplices of the muggers appeared on the scene and stopped Kabir at gunpoint. They searched his body and took away Tk 30,000 in cash, a wrist watch and other valuables from him.

A general diary was filed with Dhanmondi police station in this regard.

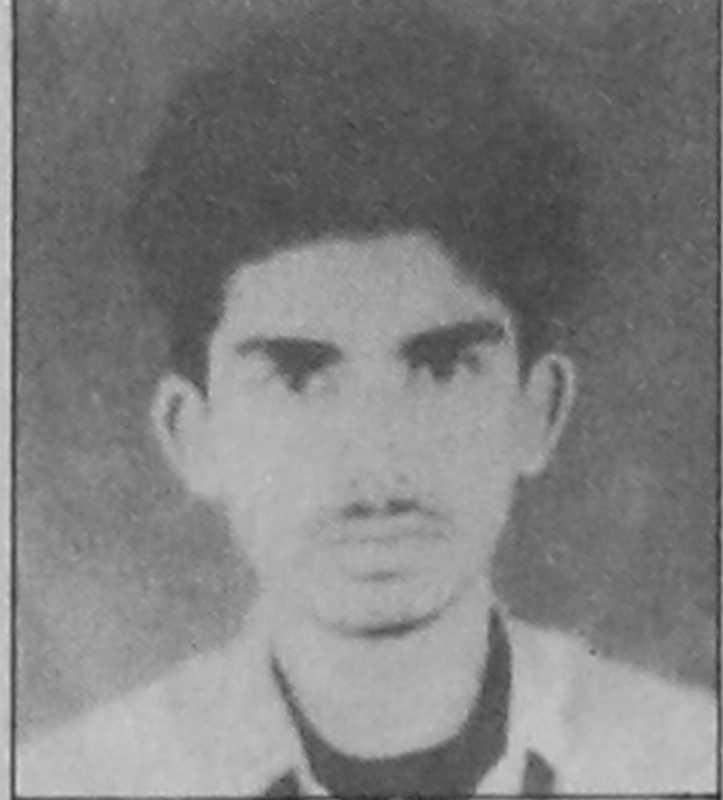
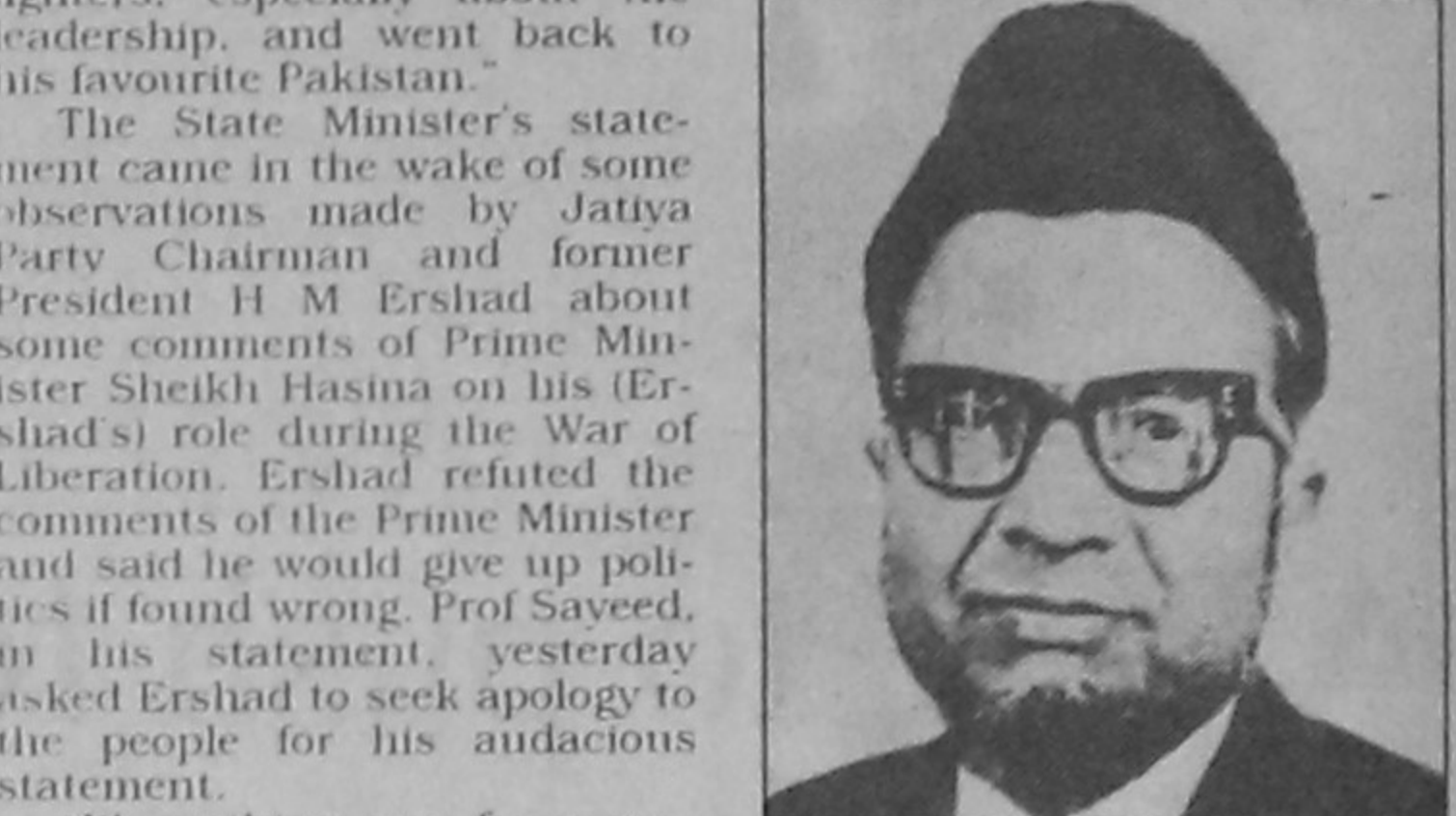
Victim of child repression released from 'safe custody' after 6-month. By Staff Correspondent: Sheuli Begum, a victim of a case under the Woman and Child Repression (Prevention) Act was released from Jessore Jail yesterday after languishing six months of custodial detention there.

Elder sister of the victim filed a writ petition in High Court on October 15 through Ain-o-Salish Kendro, challenging the legality of the detention.

After hearing the petition, Justice Abu Sadi Ahmed and Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury today issued an order to release the girl and send Sheuli to her father's custody.

Obituary. Nazim Tarek Choudhury, eldest son of late Abdul Munim Choudhury of Bhadeswar, Sylhet, died on Saturday. He was 71, says a press release.

He was buried in Sylhet. His *alqahau* will be held after Asr prayers on Friday at his 6/6, Sir Sved Road, Mo-hammadpur residence.



Bangladeshi student dies in Kuala Lumpur road mishap. A meritorious Bangladeshi student died in a tragic road accident in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday, reports BSS.

Saleh Noor, 20, only son of Nurul Anwar, an official of Bangladesh Export Promotion Bureau, met the tragic end while returning to his residence from the Kuala Lumpur airport after seeing off his father, who went to Malaysia to meet his son.