

A crowd seen around a balloon seller on Eid day outside a mosque in the city after Eid prayers.

Ex Sonali Bank chairman dead

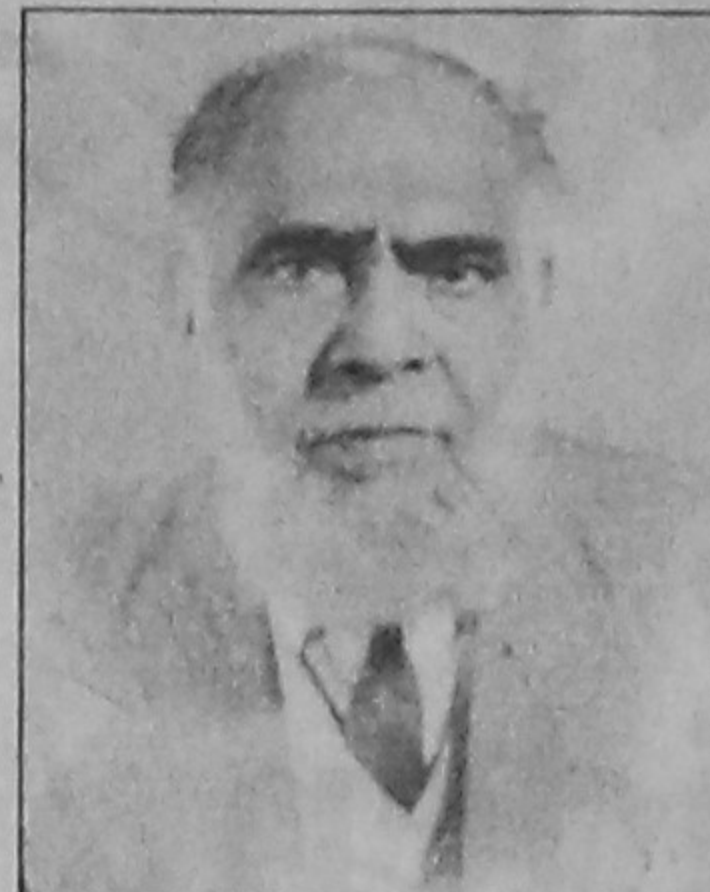
BSS, Dhaka

Former Chairman of Sonali Bank Dr A Aminul Islam died of a massive heart attack at Sikder Medical College Hospital in the city on Wednesday, family sources said. He was 64.

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

A renowned economist, Dr Islam began his career as a Dhaka University teacher and later joined the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

He held many important positions in his career including the Chief of South Asian Desk of UNDP.



Ex-Dy Speaker of Pak Nat'l Assembly dead

ATM Abdul Matin, former Deputy Speaker of the then Pakistan National Assembly died of cardiac arrest at a New York hospital in United States on Tuesday. He was 76, says a press release.

His body is expected to arrive in the city today aboard a Biman flight.

His namaj-e-janaza will be held at 9 am at the Paltan Mosque today and he will be buried at their family graveyard at Ashinpur village under Motlab upazila in Chandpur district the same day.

His qulkhuan will be held at his 29, Purana Paltan residence on Monday after Asr prayers.



Freedom fighter dead

Rafiqul Islam Kulla, a valiant freedom fighter and the founder member of Narayanjanj Institute of Fine Arts died of cardiac arrest on March 6 at a hospital in Calcutta. He was 52, says a press release.

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

He was laid to eternal rest at Paikpara graveyard following namaj-e-janaza at Dewbhog Pakka Road Masjid on Thursday after Zohr prayers.

Qulkhuan of Islam will be held tomorrow at the Dewbhog Pakka Road Sardar Bari.

Obituary

Amir Ali Howladar, an Assistant Director of Manpower, Employment and Training Bureau, died of cardiac arrest on March 2. He was 50, says a press release.

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

Officials and employees of Manpower, Employment and Training Bureau held a milad and doa mahfils to condole the death.

Fresh pledge to uphold due rights of women

Int'l Women's Day observed in the country

AGENCIES, Dhaka

The International Women's Day was observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world on Thursday with a renewed pledge to uphold the rights of women and to enable them with equal footing along side their male counterparts.

In observance of the day whose theme this year was "Today's Girl is Tomorrow's Woman" both at government and non-government levels, emphasis was also laid on more empowerment of women at all key political and economic fronts for their direct participation in the decision making process at all spheres of national life.

The Ministry of Women and Child Affairs as well as the Directorate of Women have observed the day with due importance on improving the status of women through making them a very potential economic force in the country. The Ministry also held a seminar to mark the occasion.

In a seminar organised by the Ministry at the Jatiya Shishu Academy on Thursday, the speakers said that Bangladesh was now progressing fast with specific plans for women's development in light

of important global decisions. Dr Nilima Ibrahim addressed the seminar as the chief guest while Information Secretary MI Chowdhury and the UNICEF representative in Bangladesh Shahida Azfar was the special guest. Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs KM Ehsanul Haq was in the chair.

A good number of socio-cultural organisations, especially women-based organisations chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day in the capital city and in other parts of the country.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the occasion and paid their rich tribute to the memory of those who dedicated their whole lives towards improving the status of women in societies across the world.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message, referred to her government's all-out commitment towards women's development which has already been featured by so many progresses in different spheres. She described the direct election of women in the Union Council as a milestone for the women in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, many organisations will hold more programmes to mark the day on March 12, since March 8 fell during Eid holidays.

International Women's Day has been observed since German socialist leader Clara Zetkin declared March 8 as women's day in an international seminar in Copenhagen of Denmark in 1910.

Official ceremony for burial of freedom fighters

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The government has decided to send a local government representative to attend the janaja of valiant freedom fighters to pay respect to them official, an official handout said recently.

"A certain amount of grant could be made for their funeral and memorial," the handout added.

Reception to the freedom fighters and family members of the martyred freedom fighters will be accorded on Victory Day every year at central, district and upazila levels, it said.

Specific places would be earmarked at every public graveyard at upazila, zila, paurasabha and other levels for freedom fighters to enable the posterity to pay respect to them.

The national flag will be used to cover the coffin of freedom fighters, but it will be removed before burial.

The government representative will place wreath at the coffin, it said.

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