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UNB, Dhaka

Molla Jalal, Joint Secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalists and news editor of Daily Rupali, was robbed and injured by armed muggers Friday night.

Four armed men boarding on a taxicab waylaid Jalal at Malibagh Chowdhurapur on his way to his Rampura residence and snatched away his wristwatch, handbag and cash Tk 11,500 stabbing in his hand.

He was rushed to Holy Family Hospital and later shifted to Pangu Hospital.

DUJ President Ataf Mahmud and General Secretary Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan in a statement have expressed concern over the recent increase of snatching of journalists in the night and demanded immediate arrest of the muggers.



Dr. Shahidul Alam, Dr. Siraj-ul-Islam

Orthopaedic Society executives

Prof Dr Kazi Shahidul Alam and Dr Md Siraj-ul-Islam were elected President and Secretary General respectively at Bangladesh Orthopaedic Society at the polls of the executive committee of the society held on March 23, says a press release.

Others elected are Dr Ayaj Ahmed Khan and Dr Md Amjad Hossain (vice-presidents - Dhaka city), Dr Md Mohsinul Hossain (vice-president outside Dhaka), Dr Md Sajjad Hussain (treasurer), Dr Md Nurul Alam Badsha and Dr Syed Anwaruzzaman (joint secretaries), Dr Sk Abbas-Uddin Ahmed (organising secretary) and Dr Randew Ram Kairy (publication secretary).

Dr A F M Ruhul Haque, Md Abdul Hannan, Dr Md Manjurul Islam, Dr Syed Shahidul Islam, Dr Abul Kashem, Dr Md Ferdous Hossain Serajee, Dr Md Iqbal Qavi, Dr Md Nizamuddin, Dr Md Anisur Rahman and Dr S M Amir Hossain were elected members.

Drama festival on Liberation War begins today

UNB, Dhaka

A four-day street drama festival on the Liberation War begins today at Agrani Bank Bhaban premises in Motijheel.

Noted drama and theatre personality Manunur Rashid will inaugurate the festival organised by Bankers' Theatre in observance of the Independence Day.

The inaugural function will be attended, among others, by M A Yusuf, Managing Director of Agrani Bank, Golam Kuddus, general secretary of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Salauddin Badal, president of Joybangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote, and Mannan Hira, president of Bangladesh Street Drama Parishad.

Aranyak Natyadal, Dhaka Padatik, Mahakal Natya Shamprodoy, Padatik Natya Sangsad, Lok Natyadal, Bangladesh Theatre, Universal Theatre, Drishti Natyaman, Natya Dahar, Sharak, Shatik Natya Shamprodoy, Jagarani Theatre, Munshiganj Theatre, Abayon Natya Dal, Shapna Shandhani Theatre and some other groups will participate in the festival.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

The 20th death anniversary of Abdur Razzak Chowdhury, journalist and Adamjee prizewinner writer will be held today in his residence at BCC Road, Tharai Bazar.

A milad mahfil and discussion meeting will be held after Asr prayers in this connection on the day.

Relatives and well-wishers of the late Razzak Chowdhury have been invited to attend the function.



The 16th death anniversary of Srimoti Lilaboti Chowdhury will be observed today, says a press release. Lilaboti was the wife of noted lawyer Parshanath Chowdhury. She was a pioneer of women's rights activities in the country and established the Dohajari-Jamjuri Girls High School.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Sylhet, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Khulna divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, Met officials said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.6 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and the lowest 18.5 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:11 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:57 am.

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

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

HERE & THERE

Maple Leaf Int'l School

Nine students of Maple Leaf International School won prizes at the Nikhil Banga Nababasha Utsav Samity organised cultural competition at Kolkata, India, says a press release.

The winners are Mehraj Haque, Sadia Rahman, Mahnoor Saif, Prity Khan, Maria Hossain, Halima Sadia, Farhana Kashem, Karisma Kamal Eshita and Mohua Shara-fuddin.

The renowned cultural programme is held in different categories including music, recitation and dance. Some 16,000 participants from India and abroad participated in this year's competition.

Bangladesh-China Friendship Assoc

The annual general meeting of Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association was held yesterday electing Anwarul Amin and S A Sikder as its president and secretary general respectively for the year 2001-2002. The meeting also elected a 25-

member council of patrons, 25-member council of advisors, 42-member national council and 11 office bearers of the association, said a press release.

The elected office-bearers are: vice-presidents - M Basirullah, Ahmed Nazir and Prof Mansur Musa, treasurer - Rafiquddin Bhuiyan, assistant secretary general - Mirza Jamaluddin, cultural affairs chairman - Aminul Huq and secretary - Shaheen Jabbar.

CAT

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A new organisation styled as 'Coalition Against Tobacco' (CAT) has been formed aiming at freeing the people in South Asian countries from tobacco-habit and stopping publicity of tobacco products.

National anti-tobacco body Adhunik is sponsoring the organisation.

The organisation was floated at a meeting held at the head office of Adhunik Friday with its founder-president National Professor Dr Nurul Islam in the chair.

A 17-member executive council was unanimously formed with National Professor Dr Nurul Islam as Chief Adviser.

President visits ailing physician

BSS, Dhaka

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed visited ailing physician Dr M M Hossain at the Z H Sikder Medical College and Hospital yesterday.

President Shahabuddin stayed there for some time and inquired about his progress of treatment. He wished him early recovery.

Nurul Islam's qulqhwani today

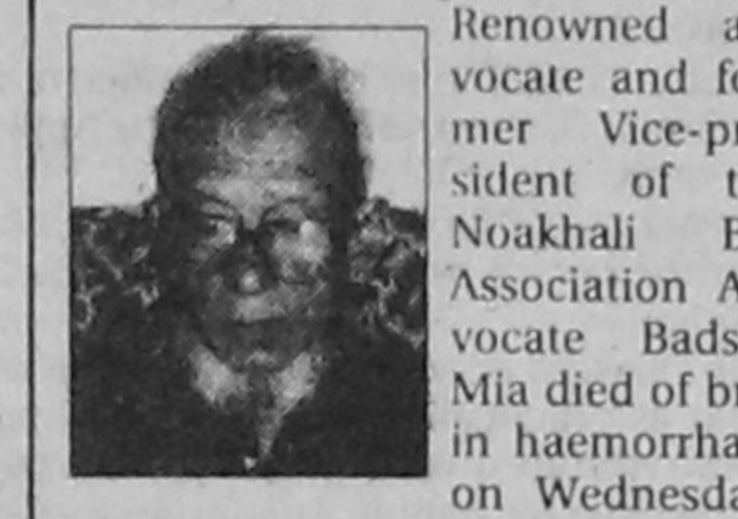
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Qulqhwani of Nurul Islam Chowdhury, an elderly politician of the country, will be held at 68 Jigatala after Magreb prayers today.

Chowdhury who died in London on March 19 at the age of 93 was buried Friday at Banani graveyard followed the arrival of his mortal remains.

The elderly politician is survived by seven daughters, six sons and a host of relations to mourn his death.

Obituary



Renowned advocate and former Vice-president of the Noakhali Bar Association Advocate Badsha Mia died of brain haemorrhage on Wednesday.

He was 73, says a press release. He left behind wife, three sons, five daughters and a host of friends and admirers to mourn his death.

His namaj-e-janaza was held at the Noakhali Court Masjid premises.

He was buried at the Khalil Bhuiyan Mosque followed by second janaza there.

Abdur Razzak Akhand, a retired assistant director of Bangladesh Betar died of a cardiac arrest on March 23 at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases Hospital, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son.

Akhand was buried at the Nighor Kanda graveyard in Trishal. His qulqhwani will be held at 27/4 AGB Colony at Motijheel on March 27.

Workshop

Institute of Environment and Development in association with Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) and National Productivity Organisation (NPO) will hold a workshop on 'Green Productivity'. Venue: DCCI auditorium. Time: 9:00 am.

Founding anniversary

The third day of programmes by Dhaka Commerce College to celebrate its 10th founding anniversary will be opened by chief guest Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru. The chief guest at the concluding ceremony in the afternoon will be Works Minister Engr Mosharraf Hossain. Venue: College premises. Time: 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.

FICCI meeting

Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting will be held. Venue: Surma Room of Hotel Sangoana. Time: 12:30 pm.

BB seminar

Bangladesh Bank will hold a seminar on 'Equity and Entrepreneurship Fund (EEF) and Software Industry'. Venue: BIMB auditorium, Mirpur. Time: 3:00 pm.

Discussion meeting

Movement to Uphold Standard of Education and Prevent Cheating will hold a discussion meeting to mark its third founding anniversary. Venue: Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association. Time: 3:00 pm.

Liberation War

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen Top Genocide (Zahir Raihan), Liberation Fighters (Alamgir Kabir), Innocent Millions (Babu Chowdhury), A State is Born (Zahir Raihan) and Ek Sagar Rakter.

Computer data collection unit opens under MWCA

The UK government has provided financial and technical assistance to Bangladesh for setting up a computerised data collection and processing unit under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MWCA). Funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), former ODA of the UK, the new financial management unit started operation on Thursday. With computer support and specialised manpower, provided by DFID, the unit will help strengthen financial management for quick and effective implementation of women and children welfare projects. It will collect, analyse and process financial information for better management of these projects.

DHAKA TODAY

Binimaye (Alamgir Kabir). Venue: Auditorium of Indian High Commission, House No 25, Road No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: From 4.30 pm.

Drama Bankers Theatre will inaugurate a 4-day street drama festival. Venue: Agrani Bank premises, Motijheel. Time: 5:00 pm.

Discussion meeting Bangladesh Workers Party will hold a discussion meeting on 'The Struggle for Independence and the Liberation War of Bangladesh'. Venue: WP office premises at 31/F Topkhana Road, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5:00 pm.

Drama Festival-2001 Aubeckham from Kolkata, India will stage Fifty Fifty on the second day of the Drama Festival 2001 organised by Chekhov Theatre. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House No 510, Road No 7, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

Drama Festival 2001 Universal Theatre of Dhaka University will stage Antar Bajao and Suhrid Natyayal will stage Bhaasab, Same Election on the 3rd day of the Drama Festival 2001 organised by Chekhov Theatre. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House No 510, Rd No 7, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00 am and 5:30 pm.

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Candlelight vigil Liberation War Museum will hold a candlelight vigil in remembrance of all martyrs of the Black Night of March 25. It will later hold a cultural programme by students of Chhayanton. Venue: Museum premises, cultural programme at its cafeteria. Time: 6:30 pm.

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