



Prof Moutaz Uddin Ahmed addressing a memorial discussion meeting, organised by Bangla Academy to mark the 3rd death anniversary of novelist Shawkat Osman at its seminar room in the city yesterday.

Bangla Academy holds discussion on Shawkat Osman

BSS, Dhaka

Bangla Academy yesterday held a discussion on the life and works of eminent litterateur Shawkat Osman at the seminar room with Prof Moutaz Uddin Ahmed in the chair.

Prof Biswajit Ghosh, Prof Rafiqullah Khan and Director General of Bangla Academy Dr Rafiqul Islam took part in the discussion.

Dr Rafiqul Islam said that Shawkat Osman's name has been added to the list of the litterateurs whose birth and death anniversaries are observed by the Academy. "We are lucky to get a great novel like 'Janoni' from Shawkat Osman," he added.

In his welcome address Prof Moutaz Uddin Ahmed said that Shawkat Osman has enriched the vocabulary of Bangla literature.

World Museum Day today

BSS, Dhaka

World Museum Day will be observed today in the country as elsewhere across the globe in a befitting manner.

A discussion meeting will be held at 5.30 pm today at Liberation War Museum auditorium to mark the day.

This year's theme of the day is "Museums: Building Community". Prof Dr Parvin Hasan of Dhaka University will attend the discussion as the keynote speaker.

Number of voters go up by 35pc in Chittagong

UNB, Chittagong

The number of voters has showed a significant increase, nearly 10 lakh or 35 per cent, in Chittagong district, according to the list available with the district election office yesterday.

While many doubts about the sharp increase of voters, an official of District Election Office told the news agency, "there may be further changes in the voter list, printing of which was completed in preparation of ensuring parliamentary election."

The printed voter list showed the number at 37,71,858, an increase of 9,74,601 or 34.84 per cent over the previous list under which 1996 election was held in 15 constituencies. In the last election, the number of voters was 27,97,257.

With a sharp increase in voters, the Election Office has increased the number of polling centres by 172 to 1687 from 1515.

It received on Friday 1500 ballot boxes from the Election Commission.

The highest increase of voters is evident in Chittagong-8 (Double Mooring-Bandar-Pahartali) where it rose to 4,81,526 from 3,41,128. The lowest increase of voters is 39,310 in Chittagong-2 (Sitakunda) where it stands at 1,76,279.

Mujahid freed

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Jamaat-e-Islami secretary general Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid was released from Comilla Central Jail yesterday afternoon.

Four cases have been filed against him since his arrest on April 4. Jamaat sources said, "Jamaat central leaders Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, Abu Taher, ATM Azharul Islam, Shahjahan Chowdhury and others, received their leader at jail gate at about 3-20 pm."

Jamaat activists in Comilla also accorded a reception to their party's secretary general.

Jahangir Saadat new envoy to France

UNB, Dhaka

Jahangir Saadat, additional Foreign Secretary and Chief of Protocol in Foreign Ministry, has been appointed Ambassador of Bangladesh to France, a Foreign Ministry press release said.

Former BNP MP Fazlul Haque dead

UNB, Mymensingh

Former BNP MP AKM Fazlul Haque died of cancer at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital on Thursday morning. He was 65.

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

Founder-president of the district BNP, Fazlul Haque was elected central vice president of Bangladesh Football Federation and adjudged the best national sports organizer.

His *nama-e-janaza* was held at Anjuman Eidgah Maidan after Asr prayers yesterday and buried at his family graveyard at SA Sarker Road.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

The 27th death anniversary of Jalal Uddin Sikder, the founder president of Gosairhat thana Awami League in Shariatpur district, will be observed today.

In observance of the day, Shaheed Jalal Uddin Sikder Smriti Sangsad will hold a discussion and mela mahfil on May 19 at 4 pm at the Idilpur Union Parishad office premises, a press release said.

Qulqhwani

The *qulqhwani* of Begum Hasina Huq, wife of late ASM Quamrul Huq, a former officer of Bangladesh Railway will be held today at 4-30 pm at the official residence of her son, ASM Ashraf Huq, Deputy Comptroller, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology at 17/C, BUET Residential Area, says a press release.

WHO assures govt of more aid to fight diseases

BSS, Geneva

Bangladesh has been assured of more assistance by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to fight different diseases and also to combat the health related problems in the country.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim called on the WHO Director General Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland in Geneva on Wednesday, an official message said.

During the meeting at the WHO headquarters, Sheikh Selim apprised Dr Brundtland of Bangladesh's current health concerns of arsenic contamination in groundwater, dengue fever and re-emergence of malaria and kala-azar.

He referred to the personal commitment of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the welfare nation and said her personal involvement in the polio eradication drive as well as the holding of National Immunisation Day for the last three years had attained success in the health sector of the South Asian country. Polio has almost been eliminated from Bangladesh due to the commitment of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to this driver.

The health minister also briefed Dr Brundtland about the present government's initiative to convert the Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University into a centre of excellence.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusts or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the other regions of Jessore, Noakhali and Comilla in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country and little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.0 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and the lowest 20.0 degree Celsius at Tetulia.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.36 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.14 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	34.8	25.9	75	54
Chittagong	32.7	26.2	71	64
Rajshahi	36.0	25.0	63	72
Khulna	35.8	26.5	70	82
Barisal	34.5	26.0	81	70
Sylhet	34.6	25.0	69	62
Cox's Bazar	34.6	25.2	72	92

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Company	FV/ML (Tk.No.)	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance					
		Price Closing Price Pre-Day	Turnover Share	Price Closing Price Pre-Day	Turnover Share	Last AGM	EPS (Tk)	DPS (%)					
BANK													
AB Bank Ltd.	10005	219.50	2.93	211.25	246.76	210.00	Not Traded	—	26/10/00	21.6	12.5		
ICBC Bank Ltd.	10005	293.25	5.49	278.00	92.55	295.00	7.27	275.00	40	05/07/99	23.3	—	
Islamic Bank Bangladesh Ltd.	1000	126.55	5.01	46	258.75	101	2660.00	21.0	2590.00	41	24/08/00	18.1	21.0
National Bank Ltd.	10020	290.50	3.11	281.75	40.35	290.50	2.65	283.00	202.80	18/11/00	18.3	20.0	
Rupali Bank Ltd.	10010	99.75	0.25	99.50	93.40	75.00	Not Traded	—	11/03/00	5.9	—		
Shilpa Bank Ltd.	1005	153.00	5.34	145.25	196.5	155.00	Not Traded	—	15/09/99	5.6	—		
Uttara Bank Ltd.	1005	223.00	1.07	200.00	20.70	—	Not Listed	—	19/12/00	19.9	—		
Al Baraka Bank Ltd.	10001	340.00	-0.74	1350.00	2	—	Not Listed	—	16/09/99	293	—		
IDLC Ltd.	10020	485.00	2.11	475.00	300	490.00	Not Traded	—	21/05/00	37.3	27.5		
United Leasing Co. Ltd.	10020	630.00	8.06	583.00	20	—	Not Listed	—	18/05/00	117	27.0		
Uttara Finance and Invs.	10050	244.75	4.26	234.75	5400	245.00	10.36	222.00	50	20/06/00	23.4	15.0	
Al Arafa Islamic Bank	10005	726.25	1.07	1708.00	1130	1750.00	3.41	1700.00	340	21/11/00	18.1	12.0	
Prime Bank Ltd.	10050	388.25	2.57	379.00	10950	373.00	Not Traded	—	07/04/01	72.0	30.0		
Southeast Bank Ltd.	10050	329.50	3.94	317.00	601.50	329.00	3.13	319.00	17600	17/09/00	28.4	15.0	
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	10050	305.75	4.35	293.00	11050	281.00	Not Traded	—	21/06/00	31.1	25.0		
N C C Bank Ltd.	10050	205.50	8.73	189.00	5545.0	205.25	7.16	192.00	47850	21/06/00	14.2	—	
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	10050	1463.75	8.91	1333.00	495	—	Not Listed	—	—	142	—		
Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.	10050	409.50	1.24	404.50	121.50	—	Not Listed	—	—	14.8	—		
INVESTMENT													
4th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	372.00	0.00	1480.00	10	1050.00	Not Traded	—	02/11/00	57.4	12.5		
6th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	152.75	-0.20	373.00	20	320.00	Not Traded	—	02/11/00	80.3	36.0		
7th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	153.25	0.49	152.50	830	156.00	Not Traded	—	02/11/00	22.4	15.0		
8th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	145.00	2.11	142.00	200	144.00	Not Traded	—	02/11/00	15.9	12.5		
ICB BSR Mutual Fund	10010	140.00	0.00	140.00	750	132.00	Not Traded	—	02/11/00	15.9	12.5		
AIMS First	12500	0.98	4.26	0.94	84000.00	0.95	85.00	0.00	85.00	200	—	5.29	50.0
ENGINEERING													
Alfa Automobiles Ltd.	1005	231.50	3.35	224.00	1110	222.00	Not Traded	—	14/12/00	18.9	16.0		
Azer Pipes Ltd.	1005	301.00	13.91	264.25	2565	320.00	17.15	274.00	10	14/09/00	-31	—	
Olympic Industries Ltd.	1005	142.00	7.98	131.50	127.15	138.00	6.15	130.00	250	09/09/00	-2.5	—	
Bangladesh Lamps Ltd.	1005	495.00	2.91	481.00	320	480.00	Not Traded	—	25/09/00	9.11	15.0		
Eastern Cables Ltd.	1005	149.50	7.55	139.00	18750	150.00	9.49	137.00	970	25/09/00	11.5	15.0	
Karim Pipe Ltd.	1005	33.00	10.00	30.00	300	—	Not Listed	—	21/12/00	129	—		
Monon Staffers Ltd.	1005	360.00	3.15	349.00	5	—	Not Listed	—	29/11/99	182	200		
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	1005	223.75	2.99	118.25	362	1190.00	Not Traded	—	27/05/00	6.46	50.0		
Atlas Bangladesh Ltd.	1005	136.50	3.17	132.30	750	—	Not Listed	—	14/12/00	8.76	100		
BD. Autostar Ltd.	1005	26.00	0.97	25.75	20	26.00	Not Traded	—	30/12/97	1.16	—		
Quasom Dyeing Ltd.	10050	30.10	4.49	19.20	486.50	20.30	4.64	19.40	45250	23/12/99	1.11	10.0	
National Tubes Ltd.	10010	550.00	10.83	496.25	190	—	Not Listed	—	31/03/01	852	350		
BD. Thai Aluminium Ltd.	10010	194.00	2.11	190.00	3220	200.00	Not Traded	—	28/09/00	102	20.0		
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	10050	155.00	2.31	151.50	1450	148.00	Not Traded	—	08/07/01	14.4	10.0		
Kay & Que (BD) Ltd.	10050	122.25	0.41	121.75	1450	107.50	Not Traded	—	28/09/00	1.61	—		
Wonder Land Toys Ltd.	10050	32.25	2.38	31.50	200	30.50	Not Traded	—	20/12/00	1.61	—		
Rampur Foundry Ltd.	10050	24.40	5.17	23.20	201000	24.30	5.65	23.00	17000	06/07/00	1.39	15.0	
FOOD & ALLIED													
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	57.00	3.20	55.50	250	62.00	Not Traded	—	29/03/00	50.0	42.5		
Amam Sea Food Ltd.	1005	250.00	16.92	214.00	50	—	Not Listed	—	10/12/00	16.0	10.0		
Apex Foods Ltd.	1005	345.50	3.01	323.25	1282	380.00	Not Traded	—	09/12/00	16.0	10.0		
Tripe Industries Ltd.	1005	56.75	9.13	52.00	6585	55.75	5.69	52.75	740	09/08/00	31.9	27.5	
BLTC	1005	40.00	2.00	39.00	400	—	Not Listed	—	09/08/00	29.5	—		
BATBCI	1005	106.00	0.95	105.00	1150	105.00	Not Traded	—	10/06/00	15	—		
Delta Vegetable Ltd.	1005	119.75	5.99	118.00	180	—	Not Listed	—	10/06/00	15	—		
Tulip Dairy & Food Ltd.	10010	85.00	2.84	80.00	1470	—	Not Listed	—	05/03/00	-8.8	—		
Chittagong Vegetable	10010	67.25	1.10	66.00	240	70.00	37.00	67.50	100	30/12/99	-0.8	—	
Banana Fisheries Ltd.	10020	74.00	0.68	71.50	1500	76.00	Not Traded	—	25/06/00	8.00	8.00		
Bengal Biscuits Ltd.	10020	46.00	2.22	45.00	4300	46.00	2.22	45.00	840	10/06/00	8.00	5.00	
Megha Shrimp	10020	131.75	2.13	129.00	21000	130.75	1.36	129.00	1760	20/12/00	13.1	5.00	
Rupali Fine (bd) Ltd.	10050	12.30	2.50	12.00	99900	12.30	16.15	12.10	41100	20/12/00	13.1	5.00	
Quasam Dyeing Ltd.	10050	30.10	4.49	19.20	486.50	20.30	8.64	19.40	45750	23/12/99	1.11	10.0	
Shamper Sugar Mills	10010	3.80	0.00	3.80	500	—	Not Listed	—	16/09/00	15	—		
Megha Vegetable	10010	46.75	0.00	46.75	200	42.25	Not Traded	—	30/10/00	24.0	—		
Rahima Food Corp.	10050	39.25	-0.63	39.50	100	40.10	28.13	32.00	100	18/12/00	-1.4	—	
Gulf Foods Ltd.	10050	69.75	4.10	67.00	1050	68.00	Not Traded	—	10/10/00	3.11	—		
Moon Food Ind. Ltd.	10020	51.00	2.51	49.75	3250	52.00	4.00	50.00	950	10/06/00	0.87	—	
Gachhihata Aqua.	10050	31.75	5.85	32.50	2000	31.00	-1.49	33.50	200	18/12/00	1.61	—	
Bonnie Seafood	10050	9.00	2.06	9.00	70500	—	Not Listed	—	17/08/00	1.73	10.0		
Fu-Wang Food Ltd.	10050	9.80	1.03	9.70	145500	10.00	1.01	9.90	20000	10/12/00	0.39	—	
Quasam PET Industries	10050	11.70	9.35	10.70	146000	—	Not Listed	—	—	—	—	—	
FUEL & POWER													
BOC (BD) Ltd.	1005	103.80	1.86	101.00	31.00	105.00	1.94	103.00	250	17/02/01	13.3	40.0	
Bangladesh Welding	10050	7.40	4.23	7.10	18500	7.30	2.82	7.10	10500	12/00/00	0.05	—	
TEXTILE													
Northern Jute Ltd.	10020	10.00	0.00	5.26	9.50	1400	—	Not Listed	—	14/12/00	-5.5	—	
Saleh Carpet Ltd.	10020	2.50	0.00	2.50	2400	—	Not Listed	—	30/09/98	-13	—		
TEXTILE													
Mohar Textile Ltd.	10050	10.30	0.50	9.80	57600	10.30	1.98	10.10	8000	14/12/00	1.6	—	
Mohar Textile Ltd.	10050	5.40	3.85	5.20	1600	—	Not Listed	—	29/06/00	-5.5	—		
Stylerd Ltd.	1005	520.00	1.96	510.00	80	—	Not Listed	—	09/11/00	23.0	25.0		
Quasam Silk Mills Ltd.	10050	6.40	-3.03	6.60	19000	—	Not Listed	—	29/06/00	0.12	—		
Mohar Textile Ltd.	1005	8.80	1.11	87.00	3480	88.75	2.32	87.00	1480	21/12/00	14.5	7.50	
Mohar Textile Ltd.	1005	60.00	10.00	60.00	55	—	Not Listed	—	21/12/00	14.5	7.50		
Eagle Star Textile Ltd.	10050	6.30	5.00	6.00	2100	6.10	3.39	5.90	4250	14/12/00	-2.0	—	
Desh Garments Ltd.	10010	75.00	9.49	68.50	60	—	Not Listed	—	02/12/00	4.18	5.00		
Defana Cotton Mills	10010	43.25	0.45	43.00	1480	40.50	Not Traded	—	21/11/00	20	—		
Eagle Star Textile Ltd.	10050	6.30	5.00	6.00	2100	6.10	3.39	5.90	4250	14/12/00	-2.0	—	
Padmada Textile Mills Ltd.	10020	24.50	-0.46	23.50	1104	23.00	Not Traded	—	19/06/00	54.3	15.0		
Beximco Knitting Ltd.	10020	141.00	0.62	138.00	900	140.00	1.70	135.00	40	22/06/00	30.0	10.0	
Eagle Star Textile Ltd.	10050	6.30	5.00	6.00	2100	6.10	3.39	5.90	4250	14/12/00	-2.0	—	
Mishon Knitting	10020	112.00	2.75	109.00	900	—	Not Listed	—	21/11/00	16.9	12.0		
Mita Textiles Ltd.	10020	60.00	1.68	59.50	2600	58.25	21.90	57.00	240	26/11/00	4.54	15.0	
BDD Dyeing & Fmtil Ltd.	10020	139.00	2.58	135.50	4740	135.00	Not Traded	—	17/09/99	40.5	15.0		