



PRAN Pickle Competition Prize Giving ceremony was held at Dhaka Ladies Club recently. International fashion designer and special Envoy of UNESCO Bibi Russel handed over the crest to the winners as chief guest.



Firoz Rahim, CEO of RahimAfroz, speaks at the career workshop titled "Start Your Own Business and Be Your Own Boss" at the British Council auditorium on Saturday.



Showkat Aziz Russel, president of the AIA (Association of IUB Alumni) giving away a colour TV to the winner of the raffle draw held at the AIA musical evening at Osmani Memorial Auditorium on Saturday.

Hasina greets Australian PM meeting ends

UNB, Dhaka

Former Prime Minister and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday congratulated Australian Prime Minister John Howard on his election for a third term.

In a letter to Howard, Hasina hoped that Australia would achieve great success both in domestic initiatives as well as proactive engagement in international affairs under his competent stewardship.

Referring to her visit to Australia, first by any Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Hasina said her discussions with him and his colleagues in Sydney and Canberra were instrumental in giving a strong foundation to bilateral relations between the two countries.

"The discussions," she said, "also brought about a qualitative improvement in Dhaka-Canberra ties." Hasina hoped further strengthening of the relations, for mutual benefit.

BIRRI review meeting ends

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A five-day internal review meeting of the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BIRRI) concluded on the institute's Gazipur campus yesterday, says a BIRRI press release.

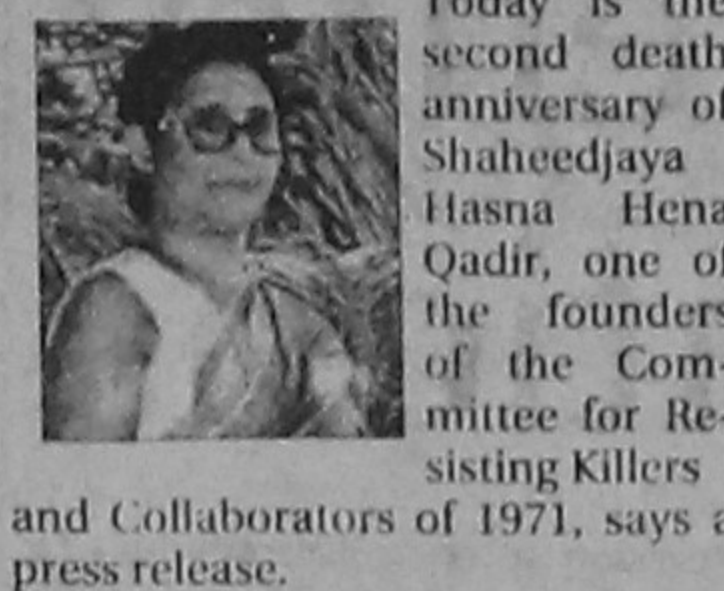
Some 200 scientists and experts from home and abroad took part in the review meeting held with BIRRI Director General Dr NI Bhuiyan in the chair.

The meeting recommended giving more thrust on developing high-yielding varieties.

Former Member of the Planning Commission and BIRRI's founder DG Dr Shah Md Hasanuzzaman, ex-DG of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BIRRI) Dr M Amirul Islam, Liaison Scientist of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Dr MA Hamid Mia and other BIRRI officials and scientists attended the meeting.

Some 18 scientific papers and 27 reports on researches conducted under nine regional centres of BIRRI in 2000-2001 were presented at the meeting.

Death anniversary



Today is the second death anniversary of Shaheed Janya Hena Hena Qadir, one of the founders of the Committee for Resisting Killers and Collaborators of 1971, says a press release.

Hena Qadir, who is the wife of noted martyr freedom fighter Lt. Col. M. Abdul Qadir, died of respiratory complications on this day in 1999 at the age of 62.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Her qukhwani will be held after Zohr prayers at Dhanomdi Edgah Mosque today.

His qukhwani will be held on Thursday (November 15) after Asr prayers at his residence at House No 55/5 (Old), Road No. 15 (Old), Dhanomdi.

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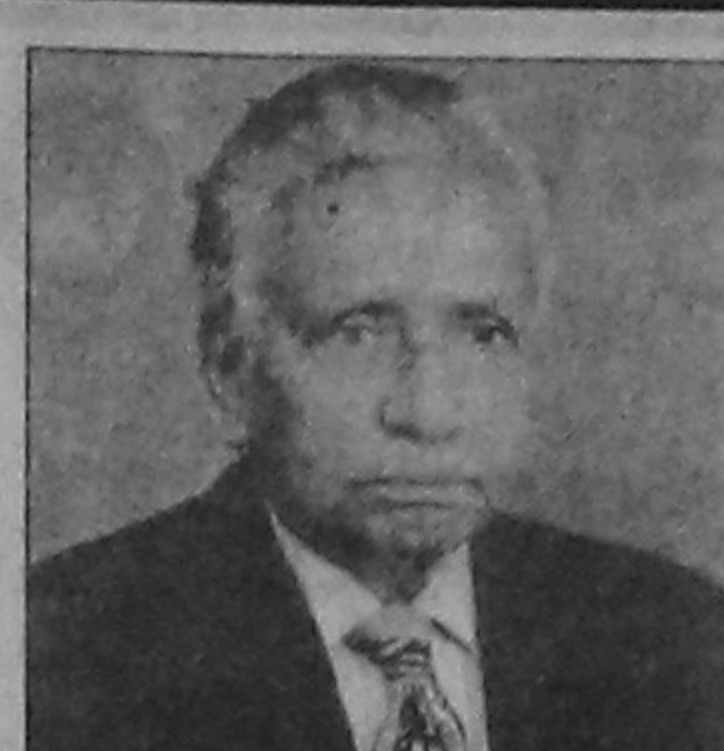
Edem Nessa Islam, wife of late Sirajul Islam of Munshiganj, died of old-age complications yesterday, family sources said. She was 85.

She left behind two sons and one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Her qukhwani will be held on Tuesday at the residence of her second son at 8/10 Lalmitia, Block-C, Dhaka after Maghrib prayers.

Dr. Anul Islam (Middle) of Alpha-i Consultants met Dr. Stephen J. Pettitt, Senior Pro-Vice Chancellor and Steven Stephens, Associate Dean of University of Luton, UK, and discussed bilateral issues during his recent visit to the UK.

Dr. Pettitt is planning to visit Bangladesh in January next to hold meetings with the ministers and VCs of different universities on mutual cooperation in the field of tertiary education.



Obituary

Borhanuddin Ahmad, ex-civil servant, columnist and writer, died at 1:30 pm yesterday after prolonged illness, says a press release.

Born in Dhaka and educated in Dhaka and Calcutta, Ahmad stood first class first in M.A. in English in 1946 from Dhaka University. In 1950, he joined the Civil Service of Pakistan and served as Education Secretary to the government of the then East Pakistan, Home Secretary and Commissioner of Chittagong Division.

The first Industries Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh, Borhanuddin was also Works Secretary, DG of Anti-Corruption Bureau and Secretary, Ministry of Textiles.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers at Dhanomdi Edgah Mosque today.

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WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

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Light to moderate rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places in Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Heavy or moderately heavy rain is also at one or two places in Barisal, Khulna and Chittagong divisions during the period, Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest of 19.0 degree at Sayedpur. The sun sets in the capital at 5.14 pm today and rises at 6.12 am tomorrow.

Temperature and humidity recorded in major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Death anniversary of Mohamadullah today

UNB, Dhaka

The second death anniversary of former President Mohammadullah will be observed in Dhaka and Luxmipur today.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence at Shaymoli in Dhaka after the Magrib prayers.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

Late Mohammadullah was the president from December 1973 to January 1975. Prior to his assumption of office as President, he was the Speaker of the Satiya Sangsad.

Besides, he was elected a Member of Parliament from his home constituency for five terms and was the first Deputy Speaker of Parliament after independence, said a press release.

STOCK

Large table containing stock market data for November 11, 2001. Includes sections for 'Today's Traded Issues', 'Day's Market - November 11, 2001', and 'Non Traded Issues'. Each section contains columns for company names, prices, and other financial metrics.