



## Anniversary of Bhashani's death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 25th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani will be observed today in a befitting manner.

Different political and socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes in observation of the day.

President Badruddoza Chowdhury and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in separate messages paid homage to the national leader yesterday.

The president in his message paid tributes to the late leader say

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	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Nov 17		5-12 pm
Nov 18	6-15 am	

Prayer Timings		
Nov 17		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-46	5-10
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-55	4-10
Maghrib	5-20	5-25
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

## AL needs immediate overhauling at all levels of party

### Central leaders now realise

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Awami League is badly in need of an immediate overhauling at all levels of the party with infusion of fresh blood in leadership.

This is the realisation of central party leaders who returned to the capital over the last few days concluding a weeklong cross-country organisational tour programme.

The first such programme after the party's debacle in the October 1 general election was an eye-opener for the central leaders, many of them said while talking to this correspondent. They said they faced rivalry and fragile leaderships at grassroots level throughout the country.

Party chief Sheikh Hasina who completed a six-day tour of nine south-western districts on Saturday last is convinced that fresh blood is needed all levels of the party. She wants to see a perfect blending of experienced and young leaders at all levels, they said.

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## Two businessmen murdered in city

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Two businessmen were murdered in separate incidents in the city in the last 24 hours ending at 10 pm yesterday.

Mohammad Shahjalal, 25, owner of Sulav Bastra Bitan at Shah Ali Market in Mirpur, was gunned down, allegedly by BNP activists, near his residence at Mirpur section-1.

The assailants shot him point blank on his way to a mosque for prayers at 7:30 pm.

The victim's relatives said the BNP activists including Tipu, Lenin and Pappu shot Shahjalal in his head.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the

doctors declared him dead. His body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Sources said the local BNP activists had been threatening the businessman since the BNP-led coalition came to power a month ago. They demanded toll from him.

In another incident Uttara Police recovered the body of a businessman from Dhakkinpara, Dhakinkhan in the city's Uttara area at about 10.00 am yesterday.

The body of 25 year old Noor Hossain bore bullets injuries in the head and chest.

Police said that unidentified people abducted Hossain from his 205 East Dholaipar residence in Demra at about 10:30 pm on

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## Ramadan: Prices of essentials increase in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prices of essentials including those of fruits and vegetables commonly consumed during the Ramadan shot up in city markets yesterday.

Onion, used in almost every Iftar item, was selling at Tk 28 per kg at Karwan Bazar wholesale market against Tk 22 last week.

The annual demand for onion in the country is about five lakh metric tonnes against a production of around one lakh tonnes.

Traders said prices of all most all items used in Iftar shot up due to increased demand and insufficient supply in the market. They however said some unscrupulous wholesale traders have raised the prices.

Price of edible oil has gone up by Tk 4 per litre.

\*A five-litre container of soybean

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## Bus terminal: One faction ousts other

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Control over the illegal toll collection at Mohakhali bus terminal has once again changed hands with one group of ruling party-backed transport leaders and workers ousting the other group yesterday.

Sources said a gang of transport workers led by commissioner Qaium, Imam, Khaleq, Anwar and Aslam occupied the bus terminal in the evening after ousting supporters of Mokaddem Hossain, also of BNP.

Earlier, BNP men had occupied the terminal by forcing out Awami League men soon after the parliamentary election.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samik Federation in a statement condemned the capture of the terminal and called an indefinite strike from today in protest against the illegal occupation.



Douglas Marillier of Zimbabwe watches Bangladesh wicketkeeper Khaled Masood take a couple of steps to his right to collect the ball during the second day's play of the Coca-Cola second Test at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

## Steps to clean Gulshan-Baridhara lake demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Environment Movement (BEM), a voluntary organisation, yesterday demanded immediate steps to clean Gulshan-Baridhara lake where several thousand fishes died from pollution a week ago.

The rotten fishes floating in the lake water are now spreading foul odour all over the diplomatic enclave, making life unbearable for the residents.

The BEM along with some other organisations, namely Baridhara Society, Gulshan Society and Bahani Welfare Society organised a rally yesterday at the Gulshan-Baridhara bridge intersection. They asked the Rajdhani Unnayan Kotripakkha (RAJUK) to clear the lake off rotten fishes by today or face

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## Fish farm owner shot dead in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Multan Mir, 50, owner of a fish farm, was gunned down by armed cadres of Purbo Banglar Communist Party at village Gunari under Dakop upazilla Thursday evening.

Three of the victim's associates, identified as Paritosh Mondol, 24, Samad Gain, 28, and Nazrul Islam, 30, received bullet injuries during the attack.

The incident occurred when a group of PBCP armed cadres when a group of sprayed bullets on Mir and his associates on the embankment near the fish enclosure of Prafulla Sarder with whom the victim had enmity, police said.

Hundreds of villagers chased the PBCP men with spears and other deadly weapons and caught three of them.

They are UP member Abdus Sattar, 35, of Paikgacha upazilla, Shamsu, 28, of Sutarkhali village of Dakop upazilla and Shah Alam, 34, of Bhandari upazilla of Pirojpur district.

Police recovered two SBL guns and a shutter gun from their possession.

Multan Mir survived first attempt on his life in January 4, 1997. But his elder brother Mosharraf Mir was slaughtered the same day. Since then Multan Mir filed five general diaries with Dakop thana seeking security of his life.

Police have been deployed at Sutarkhali and other neighbouring unions apprehending violence.

A case was recorded with Dekop thana in connection with the killing.

## Special drive 11 AL, Jubo League, BCL activists held with arms in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police arrested 11 activists of Awami League, Jubo League and Chhatra League from Batiaghata upazilla of Khulna district during special drive at midnight Thursday night.

Police also recovered nine firearms from their possession. There are one 303 rifle, two home-made guns, two foreign-made guns, one double barrel gun, two shutter guns and one pipe gun.

The arrested persons are Khokon Talukdar 30, Mosharef Hossain 28, Rabiul Islam 24, Saiful, 24, Rezaul Karim, 30, Jahangir Alam, 25, Nuruzzaman, 30, Farid, 29, and Abdus Sattar Molla, 40. Two names were not disclosed by the OC of Batiaghata thana.

Police said the arrested persons are cadres of Hafiz group of Jubo League. Hafiz is wanted in several murder cases recorded with Sonadanga and Batiaghata thanas, they added.

## Outsiders asked to leave DU halls by tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University authorities have asked all outsiders including non-resident students to leave residential halls by tomorrow.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the provosts standing committee chaired by newly appointed Vice Chancellor Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury on Thursday night, said a DU press release.

As per the decision, students, despite their attachment to particular hall, will be treated as outsider in

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