



### Painting show in aid of ailing DU student

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A week-long painting exhibition begins at the Drik Gallery in Dhanmondi tomorrow to raise fund for the treatment of a DU student suffering from blood cancer.

Md Arif Islam Shawon, a student of the Physics Department of Dhaka University, needs bone marrow transplant which will cost about Tk 50 lakh.

Shawon's mother Begum Laila Nazem will inaugurate the exhibition at 6.00pm. Artists Quayum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan and Rafiqun Nabi will be present as chief guest.

Students of the Physics Department urged all to help raise the fund or make contributions for his treatment.

## Opposition urged to make parliament effective

BSS, Dhaka

BNP secretary general and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called upon all to forge a greater unity and consensus on major national issues through discussion to solve major problems facing the country.

Speaking on the proposed national budget at the Jatiya Sangsad, Bhuiyan said that whatever might be the size and content of the budget, it would not be possible to implement it unless "we work together."

The BNP secretary general reiterated his government's stand on making the parliament as the "focal point" of all political activities.

He reminded the opposition Awami League that when they were in power they had categorically announced that they would not resort to "hartal" even when they would be out of power.

He called upon the opposition to shun the politics of hartal considering its impact on all sectors, including the national economy, and join the parliament to make it effective.

"We believe that the parliament would be the center of all political activities where both the ruling party and the opposition would pursue their own politics."

Bhuiyan said Bangladesh is a progressive, moderate and democratic country where people irre-

spective of their religious faiths live in an atmosphere of communal harmony.

The BNP secretary general condemned those who tried to project Bangladesh as a communal country.

He observed that the Awami League tried to damage the progressive and liberal image of the country abroad. They even tried to project Bangladesh as a "Taliban" country and urged the international community not to extend assistance to this country, he said, adding that but all their efforts went in vain.

Narrating the misrule of the Awami League government, the LGRD minister said that they had looted and plundered both public and private property and money,

### Obituary

S M Zahid Hossain, a life-member of the MBA Alumni Association and founder-member of the MBA Club, died of a cardiac arrest in the city yesterday at the age of 51, says a press release.

A valiant freedom fighter, Zahid Hossain wrote a book on the Liberation War.

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

His kulkhwani will be held at 71 Dania, Rasulpur after Asr prayers on July 2.

including loans sanctioned for poor peasants, and grabbed khas land, Buriganga river and lands of mosques, temples and burial and cremation places. "Even the land of Mohammadpur thana in the capital city was not spared," he said.

Bhuiyan also said the Awami League government did not fulfill any of their election pledges. "When they were in the opposition, they had promised that they would scrap all black laws. But they had enacted new black laws instead," he said.

### FPAB election held

UNB, Dhaka

A 21-member executive body of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) was elected with Mohammad Abu Sufian as its president yesterday.

HRM Zahid Anwar and MA Samad were also elected honorary secretary general and treasurer respectively.

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SKOP leader Abul Basar speaking at a protest rally organised by the 11 Party demanding withdrawal of the decision to close Adamjee Jute Mills at Muktangan in the city yesterday.

## Ahad Chowdhury refutes allegation

UNB, Dhaka

Former chairman of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad central command council Abul Ahad Chowdhury has refuted allegation of fund embezzlement against him, saying that it was a conspiracy to tarnish his image.

Threatening to file a case against it, he said there was no irregularity or misappropriation of fund during his regime. If there is any irregularity, the audit firms could find it out, he told a press conference yesterday.

His reply came two days after State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Redwan Ahmed, who took over as Chairman of the Sangsad eight months back replacing Ahad, made allegations of misappropriation of fund against his predecessor.

Addressing the press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, Ahad Chowdhury reiterated his allegation that Redwan Ahmed forcibly grabbed the chairmanship of the highest body of the welfare organization of country's freedom fighters.

He said Redwan Admed, following a court order restricting his activities in the Muktiyoddha Sangsad, hatched a conspiracy and brought the charge of misappropriation against him which is totally "false and fabricated".

"If the allegation is true, why he didn't raise it in last eight months?" asked Chowdhury who was ousted from the office of the Sangsad on November 23 last year.

Giving his clarification about Redwan Ahmed's claim of withdrawing Tk 35.81 crore without any voucher and account, he said, "I was never involved with dealing with bank accounts for cash transactions."

Asked about enlistment of 50,000 fake freedom fighters, he said, "It is impossible." However, he said, it is really tough to make the list cent per cent accurate after 30 years of the liberation war.

Mohammad Salahuddin, Mozammel Hossain, Anita Basu, Monwarul Haq Lablu and Abdul Majid Chowdhury of the previous committee of the central command council were also present.

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