



## Int'l film festival begins in Ctg

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A week-long international film festival kicked off at the studio theatre of Muslim Institute Hall in the portcity yesterday.

It has been jointly organised by Chittagong Film Centre (CFC) and Bangladesh Federation of Film Society.

A total of 17 films from 20 countries will be screened during the festival.

The participating countries are Nepal, Malaysia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Japan, France, Finland, Ukraine, Croatia, Spain, Italy, USA, India, Thailand, United Kingdom, Poland, Taiwan, Iran, Indonesia and Singapore.

Noted Italian filmmaker and Vice-President of the International Federation of Film Society (IFFS) Paolo Minato formally inaugurated the festival at 6.00pm.

Asia Regional Editor of IFFS

Golam Robbani, Filipino filmmaker Justino Darmindo and Chittagong unit president of international film festival committee Bidhan Barua also addressed the inaugural ceremony.

## Qulhwani of SA Jalal today

Qulhwani of Sheikh Ahmed Jalal, a representative of the Mujib Nagar government in Japan during the War of Liberation and former diplomat, will be held at his residence at Prime Dell, House # 31, Road # 123, Gulshan # 2 after Maghrib prayers today (Sunday), says a press release.

A journalist and litterateur, SA Jalal died of a cardiac arrest at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York on September 21 at the age of 62.

He was a Tokyo correspondent of the then Pakistan Observer and the daily Ittefaq in the sixties. He also played a role in introducing Bengali programme in Radio Japan (NHK).

He held diplomatic assignments in London, Canada, Hong Kong, Algeria, and Calcutta.

A prolific writer, Jalal wrote books on Japan's contribution during the War of Liberation. He has also authored children's books such as 'Japan Roupkatha' and 'Padmar Elish'.

Jalal is survived by his wife Selima Jalal, daughter Sylvia Jalal and son Faisal Jalal.

He was buried at Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan Azad Mosque on Friday.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

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