

Leaders greet countrymen

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President Iajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Death anniversary



The first death anniversary of PA Nazir, a member of the then Central Superior Service (CSP), will be observed tomorrow, says

a press release.

He also served as DC of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Mymensingh, and as chairman of then DIT.

A doa mahfil will be held at 138 Gulshan Avenue after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Abdullah Mohammad Saki

Today is the third death anniversary of Abdullah Mohammad Saki, a former student leader and a computer businessman, says a press release.

A discussion and milad mahfil will be held at 225 Fakirapool at 4.00pm.

Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted the countrymen on the occasion of New Year.

President Iajuddin has expressed the hope that cordial efforts of all to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh would be successful.

"May the New Year bring the message of happiness in everybody's life," he said in his message.

The importance of New Year in our national life is enormous as the English calendar alongside the Bengali one has effectively embroiled in our everyday life, the president observed.

In a separate message, Khaleda Zia called on the countrymen to put united efforts to build a beautiful, happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

She said, "We have to work with a view to marking the New Year as a successful one in our personal and national life."

The prime minister also hoped that the New Year would inspire us to march with enterprising enthusiasm.

She wished happiness, peace and prosperity of all.

In her message, Awami League

President Sheikh Hasina called on the world leaders to come forward to remove the black shadow of conspiracy from the world by eliminating war and terrorist acts.

"Innocent people are losing their lives as the incidents of war and terrorist acts have increased in many countries of the world, which cannot be expectable to peace-loving people," she said.

Hasina said incidents of murder, rape, arson and extortion have been on the rise in the country in addition to price hike since the coalition government assumed office.

She said: "We want a world free from war, terrorism and hunger. We want skilled and creative human resources. I hope the dawn of the New Year will inspire us to get united for the welfare of the majority."

Meanwhile, former president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury also wished a happy New Year to the countrymen.

In a message yesterday, Chowdhury said, "Let's begin the allied initiative to unite the nation in an objective to eliminate violence, corruption and poverty in the New Year."

Obituary



Sarah Ali, a social worker, died of old-age complications in the city yesterday at the age of 83, says a press release.

Wife of late Tafazzal Ali, a former minister of the then provincial and central governments and former president of Supreme Court Bar Association, she was the first vice-president of Mahila Parishad.

Sarah Ali is survived by four sons -- Reza Ali, chairman of Bitopi Advertising Major (Retd.) Sadek Ali, honorary consul of Lebanon, Toufiq Ali, ambassador in Geneva, and Pasha Ali -- and grandchildren.

She was buried at Banani graveyard after a namz-e-janaza at Gulshan Azad Mosque.

Her qulhwani will be held at her son's residence at 169 Block # A, Bashundhara after Asr prayers on January 4.

Abdus Salam Bishwas

BSS, Dhaka

Abdus Salam Bishwas, former headmaster of Gohala High School of Gopalganj and father of journalist Shaban Mahmud, died of old-age complications at his residence on Tuesday at 73.

He is survived by his wife, six sons and three daughters.

President of Dhaka Union of Journalists Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan and General Secretary Omar Faruque condoled the death of Abdus Salam Bishwas.

NHA allots 38,383

residential plots

BSS, Dhaka

National Housing Authority (NHA) since its inception has allotted 38,383 residential, 1,059 commercial and 936 industrial plots in addition to 196 plots to different organisations.

The meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Housing and Public Works Ministry was told yesterday.

The meeting was told that the NHA has been implementing nine more projects through which more plots would be provided to low and medium income group people.

The meeting also discussed a report presented by the ministry on its overall activities, condition of the industrial, commercial and residential plots of the NHA and abandoned properties in different districts.

Committee Chairman Shajahan Chowdhury presided over the meeting. Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, Kazi M Anwar Hossain, Alamgir Haider Khan, Prof Joynal Abedin, Alamgir M Mahfuzullah Farid and Abdul Mottaleb were present.