

Justice Murshed's 93rd anniversary of birth today

The 93rd birth anniversary of Syed Mahub Murshed, former chief justice, eminent jurist, and one of the greatest constitutional lawyers of the sub-continent, will be observed today, says a press release.

A luminary in the judicial field in South Asia and a respected figure in the political arena, Justice Murshed had been described by intellectuals as "A keeper of national conscience."

Qurankhwani and fateha will be held at his grave at Banani in the city while

Syed Mahub Murshed Memorial Committee will place wreath at the grave.

Besides, different socio-cultural organisations will hold discussion on the life and achievements of Justice Murshed.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Barrister A R Yousuf, a former minister and lawyer, will be observed today, says a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held at his Gulshan residence in the city after Maghrib prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the doa mahfil.

Hasan Ali Khan

The 11th death anniversary of Ostad Hasan Ali Khan, an artiste of Bangladesh Betar and Television, will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and feeding the destitute will be held at his village home at Kulashin in Brahmanbaria after Zohr prayers.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.

Buet-VPI linkage project to reduce seismic hazards

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A two-year linkage project between Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (Buet) and Virginia Polytechnic and State University (VPI) of USA begins this month to reduce vulnerability to seismic hazards in Bangladesh.

This was stated at a presentation programme organised by the Bangladesh Earthquake Society at the BRAC University in the city yesterday.

Prof Frederick Krimgold, director of the Centre for Disaster Risk Management of VPI, made the presentation on Virginia Tech and NCEE-Buet Linkage Programme

and Organisation of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Programme in the US.

He said the partnership project would help create mass awareness and at the same time reduce vulnerability to seismic hazards in Bangladesh.

Prof Krimgold said people from all walks of life have to be aware about the hazards of the earthquake that would save life during the quake.

He said the main objectives of the project are assessment of human resource capacity, training material development, building assessment structure and regional and international linkage.

The project also includes faculty exchange programmes, communication development, technical literature support, project collaboration, library set up and development of web site, and support to earthquake safety in Bangladesh.

A total of eight institutions from Bangladesh and the USA will participate in the project to be sponsored by USAID and Association Liaison Office for University Co-operation in Development.

BRAC University Vice-Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury and Dr Mehedi Ahmed Ansary of Buet also spoke at the presentation.

Obituary

David Yousuf Lohani, son of Fazle Lohani, a noted journalist and TV personality, died of massive cardiac arrest at his residence in London on January 6 at the age of 38, says a press release.

He left behind his mother and one sister.

He will be buried in London on January 14.

10 injured in USTC clash

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At least 10 people were injured as security guards clashed with students at the University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) yesterday.

The clash began when security guards tried to prevent anti-VC students from entering the campus

with procession demanding reopening of Students' Council room.

The pro-VC group of students joined the security personnel.

The agitating students dragged security guard Abdul Gani to the registrar's room and beat him, a source said. "They also mauled other guards and staff who came to

the rescue of Gani, and ransacked the room," the source added.

However, other sources said the students' procession was peaceful all along and they didn't beat anybody. "Rather, it was the students who came under gang-attack of security personnel and staff. They beat the students with sticks mercilessly," said the sources.

