

## Shaheed Asad Day today

UNB, Dhaka

Shaheed Asad Day will be observed today, commemorating the martyrdom of the student leader in 1969 mass upsurge.

The student leader was killed in firing at the height of a mass movement that hastened the fall of military ruler Ayub Khan.

Different socio-cultural and political organisations have drawn up various programmes, including discussion, to mark the day.

President Iajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Opposition Leader in Parliament Sheikh Hasina in separate messages have paid glowing tributes to Shaheed Asad.

## Reception to judges of Gono Adalat

# 'People to bring war criminals to justice someday'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee yesterday reaffirmed that the people would bring the war criminals of 1971 to justice someday although the successive governments has failed to try them.

They were speaking at a reception ceremony for the judges of Gono Adalat (people's court), a committee formed in 1992 to try the war criminals.

The Nirmul Committee accorded the reception to the judges at the WVA auditorium in the city, marking 12 years of movement for trial of the war criminals.

Seven out of 11 judges of Gono Adalat were honoured with floral tributes, books and artworks.

"Our movement is against fanaticism, sectarianism and distortion of history, and to help realise the dream of Bangladesh," said writer Syed Shamsul Huq.

It's a matter of shame that the governments have not accepted the Gono Adalat verdict on war criminals, said Prof. Borhanuddin

Khan Jahangir.

The successive governments have belittled the image of the country as an instance where killers can go unpunished, he said.

"We cannot establish a just society unless the killings of human beings are tried under the laws of the land," Prof. Jahangir said.

He alleged that the anti-liberation forces were resurfacing under the patronage of the government.

Immunity for the offenders has led to the rise in crimes since the independence, said Barrister Shafiq Ahmed, one of the Gono Adalat judges.

He called for execution of the verdict of Gono Adalat as there are ample evidences of war crimes against those sentenced by it.

Gono Adalat judges Prof. Kabir Chowdhury, Journalist Foyez Ahmed, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, Tagore song exponent Kalim Sharafi and language movement activist Gaziul Huq were present.

Acting Chairperson of Nirmul Committee writer Shahriar Kabir presided over the ceremony.

## Govt official found dead at his office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ramna police recovered the body of a government official from his office in Ramna yesterday.

He allegedly committed suicide, police suspect.

Police found the body of Mizanur Rahman, assistant director of Natun Jalmohal Prakalpa (New Waterbody Project), hanging from the ceiling of an abandoned lavatory on the fourth floor of Matshaya Bhaban at around noon.

They also found the toilet door locked from inside and the toilet had an opening on its roof, large enough for a man to pass, his colleagues said.

Meanwhile, Mizan's relatives claimed it a murder.

Victim's father-in-law Golam Sarwar told our Dhaka Medical College Hospital correspondent that Mizan had no problem with anyone.

"Nothing happened in his life that could lead him to commit suicide," said another relative.

Mizan came to office at 9:00am and did his routine work. He went to toilet and did not return for hours, his colleagues added.

The 38-year-old government

official joined civil service 10 years ago. He left behind his wife Amena Khatun Sheuli, an official of the Planning Commission, and a two-year-old daughter Iana.

## Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Mir Mosharraf Hossain, father of Syed Rashidul Hasan, treasurer of Dhaka University, died of old-age complications at his Dinajpur town residence yesterday at 88.

Mosharraf Hossain was a retired headmaster of Moharaja Girijanath High School of Dinajpur.

He left behind his wife, three daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Nazmul Haque Siddique



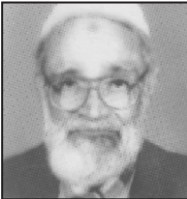
Nazmul Haque Siddique, former managing director of Federal Insurance Company and National Life Insurance Company, died of a cardiac arrest at his residence in the city yesterday at 76, says a press release.

He was buried at Banani graveyard.

Son of late Ahmedur Rahman Siddique, he hailed from Fatikchhari, Chittagong.

His kulkhwani will be held at House # 20, Road # 129, Gulshan # 1, at 3.30pm on Friday.

Nooruddin Ahmed



release.

His kulkhwani will be held at 300/3 Tallabagh, Sher-e-Bangla Road, Rayer Bazar after Asr prayers today.

