

Attack on writer Anu Muhammad condemned

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday condemned the attack on writer, economist and professor of Jahangirnagar University (JU) Dr Anu Muhammad in front of Sheraton Hotel in the city on Wednesday evening.

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) President Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and General Secretary Prof M Akhtaruzzaman have demanded punishment to the culprits responsible for the attack.

In a statement, they said the entire nation is living in a panicky situation under the present rule and the country has become a sanctuary of extremists and criminals.

President of Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary Bimal Biswas have said the fundamentalist forces have carried out the attack.

In a statement, they also demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the criminals.

Five left parties have blamed the ruling alliance for the attack on Dr Anu and said they will hold a rally at Muktagong this afternoon to protest the attack.

Other organisations that condemned the attack included Ain O Salish Kendra, Jatiya Anjibi Forum, National Democratic Front, Bangladesh Lekhok Shibir and United Peoples Democratic Front.

JU Correspondent adds: Protesting the attack on Anu Muhammad, different student and cultural organisations of the university brought out several processions and held rallies on the campus yesterday.

The organisations were Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote, Jahangirnagar Theatre, Jahangirnagar Students Film Society, Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangbadik Forum, Dhvani, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Uttaran.

The JU Teachers' Association (Juta) leaders were present at the demonstration

CU Correspondent adds: Chittagong University Teachers' Association (Cuta) has also condemned the attack on Dr Anu Muhammad.

In a statement, the Cuta said the criminals are now targeting the members of the teaching community to stop their voice.



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Teachers and Students of Jahangirnagar University took out a silent procession on the campus protesting the attack on Dr Anu Muhammad.

Seminar on reporting held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A seminar on 'Bias and its Reflection on Accurate Reporting' was held at the local chamber auditorium yesterday.

It was organised jointly by Chittagong Reporters Council (CRC) and American Centre in Dhaka.

Speaking at the seminar, US media expert Janet E Steele appreciated the journalists of Bangladesh for going into the deep of any incident before making a report on it. She, however, laid emphasis on being a bit more specific about the sources quoted in the reports.

Janet, an associate professor of George Washington School of Media and Public Affairs, also spoke about press reporting in different countries.

Replying to queries she said though a bit late, the US media is now vocal against the stance of Bush Administration on Iraq issue. Due to its role, the president is losing public support and it might have a negative impact on him in next election, she observed.

CRC Member Secretary Moazzemul Haq, Vice-President Shamsuddin Harun, American Centre Director Karl Fritz and Information Chief Ali Ahmed also spoke at the seminar.

Vegetable vendor dies after interrogation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Aslam Bepari arrested by joint forces on Wednesday at Jamira Union of Phultala upazila succumbed to his injuries early yesterday morning at Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH).

Aslam, a vegetable vendor, fell sick during interrogation in the Jamira Camp of joint forces two hours after his arrest.

Neither OC of Phultala thana nor police super could say if the deceased was wanted in any case.

A source at Phultala thana said that Aslam was arrested by joint forces on charge of loitering on the road. There was no warrant of arrest against him, said a sub-inspector of police at the district special branch control room.

Bomb attack on police van: 2 FIRs lodged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two separate FIRs were lodged with Khulna thana in connection with bomb attack on a police patrol pick-up a few yards off the house of Khulna Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman at Natun Bazar on Wednesday night.

Assistant Sub-inspector Arun Kumar Das filed the FIRs. None has been named as accused.

Two bombs were hurled at the police pick-up leaving two constables of Special Armed Forces (SAF) injured. The injured are Shamsu, 32, and Arefin, 28.

Language workshop begins at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A month-long workshop on 'Language documentation technique' began at Dhaka University on May 25.

With the assistance of American National Science Foundation, the anthropology department and linguistic department have organised the workshop to help preserve the languages of the ethnic minorities.

Eminent US Linguist Dr David Peterson is the chief instructor of the workshop while Hasan Al Shafi of anthropology department is working as co-ordinator.

The main purpose of the workshop is to train up the participating students about the technique of language documentation and enhance their skill in this field.

The overall supervision of the workshop is being done by Chairman of Anthropology Prof Zahidul Haque, Chairman of linguistic Dr Zinat Intiaz Ali, Assistant Professor Shikder Monwar Morshed, Lecturer Rashid Mahmud and Lecturer Bakhtiar Ahmed of Rajshahi University.

A number of selected students from anthropology and linguistic departments are taking part at the workshop.

One gets death

BSS, Rajshahi

One person was sentenced to death yesterday for killing his pregnant wife in the city last year.

Convict Shariful Haque alias Koyel, 35, son of Sajahanul Haque, a resident of Upashar area under Boalia Police Station, was also fined Tk one lakh.

Tribunal Judge AFM Aminul Islam found the convict guilty under the section 4/1 of the Prevention of Women and Children Repression Special Act 2000 and read out the 22-page judgement in a crowded courtroom.

The prosecution story in brief is that the convict poured kerosene on

his wife Shahana Akhter Shima and set her on fire following a feud on August 11, 2003. Victim Shahana, 28, was 8-month pregnant during the incident.

Victim's father lodged a case with Boalia thana on the following day accusing Shariful Islam.

After investigation police pressed charges against him on October 20 the same year. The tribunal examined 16 prosecution witnesses and other relevant evidences during the trial.

Special Public Prosecutor Ketab Uddin conducted the case on behalf of the state while Advocates Abu Muhammad Selim and Abu Raihan Al Biruni defended the accused.



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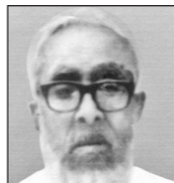
Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) forms a human chain at Muktagong in the city yesterday demanding an end to harassment of employees of NGOs, including Proshika.

Obituary

Syed Nurul Alam, executive committee member of America Bangladesh Friendship Society, died of a cardiac arrest on Wednesday at the age of 52, says a press release.

The Friendship Society expressed condolence at his death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Majibur Rahman Bhuyian



Md Majibur Rahman Bhuyian, a retired agricultural officer, died of old-age complications at his village

home at Adamkhar Kandi in Kuliarchar, Kishoreganj, on May 13 at the age of 92, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, three daughters and a number of grandchildren.

Death anniversary

The third death anniversary of Abdul Qaiyum Bhuyian, a retired deputy secretary and social worker, will be observed today, says a press release.

He was also one of the founders of Kadamtala Purbo Basaboo High School and College.

A doa mahfil will be held at Kadamtala Jame Mosque after Juma prayers today. Special prayers will also be held at his home and at his graveyard.

Abdul Qaiyum, father of senior reporter Golam Kibria of the Prothom Alo, died of a cardiac arrest on May 27 in 2001 at the age of 68.

Nasima Nargis Ahmed



Today is the second death anniversary of Nasima Nargis Ahmed, wife of late Ashrafuddin Ahmed, a former senior

official of BIWTC, says a press release.

She was a member of APWA, a women's club in Narayanganj, and executive committee member of Kachi Kanchar Mela.

Prayers will be held at her home in Pallabi and at her village home at Tili in Comilla.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Sazeda Begum, mother of Shahjalal Mazumder, chairman of Shahjalal Group, will be held at her village home at Fulara in Laksam at 10.00am today, says a press release.

A milad and doa mahfil and distribution of food among the destitute have been arranged.

Friends, relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

DHAKA TODAY

Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a solo art exhibition by Rafiqun Nabi to mark the silver jubilee of 'Tokai' (Street Urchin) will be held with Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam as chief guest. Venue: Gallery Chittrak, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till June 15 from 10.00am to 9.00pm daily.

Portrait exhibition

The opening ceremony of a solo portrait exhibition titled 'Ridoeye Zia' will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiya as chief guest. Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till June 10 from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily.

Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen two films titled 'Pelle the Conqueror' (1987) and 'Cold Mountain' (2003). Venue: Society auditorium, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Muldhara film show

Muldhara, an international centre for writers, journalists and artists, will screen a Hindi film titled 'Koi Mil Gaya' and an English film titled 'Titanic'. Venue: Zakia Alam auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Film show

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'The Sheltering Sky' by Bernardo Bertolucci. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra auditorium, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 5.00pm.

Rabindra-Nazrul

Liberation War Museum organises a discussion titled 'Rabindra-Nazrul in our Liberation War'. It will be followed by recitation and cultural function. Venue: Caf  theatre premises of the museum, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5.00pm.

Talk on Indian election

Renowned journalist and columnist Kuldip Nayar will give a talk on 'Indian General Election 2004 in Perspective'. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm.

MBA seminar

Bangladesh MBA Association organises a seminar on 'Free trade agreement', with Advisor for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 4.00pm.

Workshop

A workshop on 'Awareness development of female migrant workers' will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nikhet. Time: 9.00am.

Seminar

A seminar on recent archaeological activities will be held with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Lalbagh Fort. Time: 10.00am.

AUB workshop

Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) organises a workshop on 'Career opportunity and specialisation in banking sector' will be held with State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir as chief guest. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.00am.

Orientation

The orientation ceremony of the summer semester of Northern University, Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 4.00pm.

Convention

Samajik Protirodh Committee organises a national convention on direct election to reserved seats for women in parliament. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.00am.

Meeting

An urgent meeting of Bangladesh Association of Private Polytechnic Institute will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Seminar

An international seminar on 'People's initiative for transboundary river basins management', organised by the Centre for Water, Environment and Energy, will be held with Law Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan-1. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

On the occasion of the 28th death anniversary of Shilpachariya Zainul Abedin, Bangla Academy organises a discussion on his role in the development of art in this sub-continent. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 11.00am.

Citycard

The launching ceremony of Citycard by The City Bank Limited will be held with Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 7.00pm.

Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Six Days Seven Nights' (1998). Venue: Society auditorium, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 21.0 degree Celsius at Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:40pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.2	27.5	74	54
Chittagong	33.0	25.5	76	71
Rajshahi	35.3	26.3	77	84
Khulna	35.2	27.5	77	78
Barisal	34.2	26.8	78	66
Sylhet	31.7	24.3	96	74