

Chehlum



Chehlum of Ambrin Azam, wife of SM Shahedul Azam, will be held at Shahjadi Latifa Khatun Furkaniya Madrassah, Azam Bari, Chittagong on June 10, says a press release.

Qurankhwani will be held on the occasion. A milad mahfil will also be held after Asr prayers.

Special Quran reading and visit to the graveyard at the Nawab family graveyard at Begum Bazar in Dhaka have also been arranged.

Outlaw leader gunned down in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Unknown criminals gunned down the second-in-command of Sarbahara Party (Zia faction) at Gouranadi in Barisal on Friday night.

A gang of masked criminals attacked Khokan Miah, 35, also organising secretary of Batajor union Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal unit, at Bankura market under Sarikal union at around 8:30pm, witnesses said.

The gang belonging to rival Sarbahara Party (Quamrul faction) sprayed bullets on Khokan, leaving him dead on the spot, police said.

Gouranadi police recovered the body and sent it to Barisal for autopsy, sources said.

The victim's father Mansur Ali Sarder lodged a case against Rezaul Fakir, Nasir Howlader, Lokman Bepari and their associates.

However, police failed to nab any of the killers till 6:00 pm yesterday.

Obituary



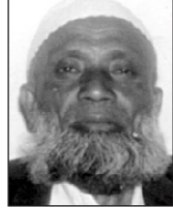
Engineer Mustaq Ahmed, a member of BUET-62, died at a city hospital on Friday, says a press release.

He served as managing director at Karnaphuli Rayon Mills, Ujala Match Factory, Dhaka Leather Complex and other enterprises of BCIC.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

His qulkhwani will be held at his home at Flat # 4, House # 15A, Road # 4, Dhanmondi after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Md Abdul Mannan



Md Abdul Mannan, a retired official of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute and father of poet Arefin Shamsul Haque, died of brain stroke on Wednesday at the age of 65, says a press release.

He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

His qulkhwani will be held at his home at Telipara in Chandna, Gazipur, after Asr prayers today.

Khulna BNP leaders ask mayor not to attend reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna City BNP leaders have asked Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman not to attend a reception to be held in his honour at the local stadium today.

They sent a message to the mayor on Friday night with a warning of 'dire political consequence' if he does not refrain from going to the reception.

Earlier on Friday afternoon, an emergency meeting of Khulna City BNP was held with its President M Nurul Islam MP in the chair.

Speakers at the meeting expressed resentment that the reception is being held at a time when the party is observing an eleven-day programme to mark the 23rd death anniversary of president Ziaur Rahman.

They also accused the mayor of raising unauthorised funds for the reception.

Meanwhile, other BNP leaders aligned to the mayor have expressed their determination to hold the reception at any cost.

Over 1,200 held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,207 more people, including a listed criminal, on various charges during their ongoing countrywide drive in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

DHAKA TODAY

Hiralal Sen Lecture

Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies organises a lecture series in memory of Hiralal Sen (1886-1917), the pioneer of cinema in the sub-continent. Filmmaker Tanvir Mokammel will deliver the first lecture on 'The Aesthetics of Satyajit Ray's Films'. It will be followed by the screening of Ray's film 'Aparajito' (The Unvanquished). Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

bio-diversity and sustainable management' will be held to mark the World Environment Day. Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Time: 3.00pm

Discussion on reading

A discussion on 'Pleasure in reading', organised by the Department of Public Library, will be held. Venue: Mohammadpur Central College auditorium. Time: 11.00am.

Musical evening

Muldhara International Centre organises a musical evening to be conducted by Nahid Nazia. Venue: Zakia Alam auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Energy security in Bangladesh', organised jointly by FBCCI, IEB and BEA, will be held. Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. Time: 9.00am.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World' (2003). Venue: Society auditorium, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

ICT seminar

A seminar on 'Development of small business ICT strategies for Bangladesh' will be held with Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Kan as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Auditorium. Time: 10.00am.

Slide show

Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club organises a slide show and discussion on successful trekking of Everest Base Camp and Kalapathar by first Bangladeshi team. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

Reception to Humayun Azad

Fans and well-wishers of eminent writer Dr Humayun Azad will accord a reception to him. Venue: Nandita Restaurant, Aziz Super Market. Time: 5.00pm.

Discussion

A discussion on 'Conservation of marine