

Tributes paid to Dr Shahidullah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday paid rich tributes to noted educationist Dr Muhammad Shahidullah for his contribution to country's education sector.

They also called upon the government to incorporate his ideas and thoughts into the education commission report.

The discussion was organised by Bangla Academy on the occasion of the 35th death anniversary of Dr Muhammad Shahidullah at its seminar room.

Bangla Academy President Prof. Wakil Ahmed, Director General Prof. Monsur Musa, Prof. Khaleda Salahuddin, Dr. Hedaia Hossain and Mortuza Bashir participated in the discussion.

Hizb-ut-Tahrir denies link to death threats

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Hizb-ut-Tahrir, an Islamic political party, yesterday denied any link to the death threats issued to ten politicians, intellectuals and journalists on Sunday.

"We are opposed to any form of militant activities. Rather, we want to establish Bangladesh as an Islamic state through systematic movement," said Mohiuddin Ahmed, chief coordinator of the party, at a press conference.

He said a section of people was trying to create a turmoil in the country by issuing death threats to noted personalities.

He also claimed that his party has no relations with other Islamic political parties in Bangladesh.

"We do not support the way in which the Islamic political parties are trying to take over the state power," said Mohiuddin.

The press conference was also attended by Dr Syed, Sheikh Tofiq and Professor Gohar Maula.

Director of Teachers' Training Centre Anamika Haque presented the keynote paper on 'Education thoughts of Dr Muhammad Shahidullah.'

Prof Wakil Ahmed said National Education Commission was formed several times but no commission included the views of Dr Shahidullah.

Although 75 years have passed, the proposed educational system is still appropriate, Prof Wakil added.

Prof Monsur Musa termed Dr Shahidullah's contribution to our language, literature and education enormous and said he had realised the actual condition of Bengali Muslims.

He laid emphasis on mother language for the progress of the nation, Prof Musa said.

Dr Shahidullah was the first Bengali Muslim researcher in the sub-continent and the only lecturer of Bangla department of Dhaka University in 1921.

In her paper, Anamika Haque dealt with different aspects of Dr Shahidullah's educational philosophy.

She said the writings of Dr Shahidullah had enriched our literature.

BDB condemns killing of cop

UNB, Dhaka

Bikalo Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) yesterday condemned the killing of a policeman by the criminals in the city on Monday.

BDB President Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, in a condolence message, prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed his sympathy to the bereaved family members.

He demanded that police are trained properly and provided with advanced arms so that they can check crime and also protect themselves.

President, PM greet French counterparts

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia felicitated their French counterparts on the occasion of the national day of France.

The president in a message to the President Jacques Chirac said that the excellent relations existing between the two countries would further develop in the years to come to the mutual benefit of the two friendly countries.

The prime minister in separate message to Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said, "I believe that the existing bonds of friendship which have developed over the years will be further strengthened and consolidated in the years ahead to the mutual benefit of our two countries".

Death anniversary



Today is the third death anniversary of Idris Ali, a freedom fighter and Awami League leader, says a press release.

He was also a upazila chairman of Nikli, Kishoreganj.

A mild and doa mahfil will be held at his home after Asr prayers.

Idris Ali Smriti Sangsad has also organised a daylong programme.

Rafiqul Islam

Today is the second death anniversary of Rafiqul Islam Rafiq, a promising dramatist of Padatik Natyansangsad, says a press release.

He died of dengue fever in 2002 aged 26.

Qurankhiani, distribution of food among the destitute and a discussion have been arranged at his village home at Patharghati in Bhaluka, Mymensingh.



PHOTO: PID

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia distributes cheques for grants from the Youth Welfare Fund among the representatives of different youth organisations at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday.

Daughter killed, father hurt in Ctg road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A six-year-old schoolgirl was crushed under wheels at Dampara in the port city yesterday and her father was critically injured in the same accident.

A speeding truck knocked Munthia Mohiuddin, KG1 student of Bangladesh Women's Association School, and her father Mohammad Mohiuddin, at around 11:45am when they were waiting for transport to go home after school hours, witness said.

Munthia died on the spot. Her body was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for autopsy, police said.

Mohiuddin was undergoing treatment at a city hospital, sources said.

Locals chased down the truck held its driver Mohammad Ismail, 45, soon after the incident.

Discussion on reproductive health

The Dawn Forum, an NGO networking organisation, held a discussion on reproductive health in the city recently to mark the World Population Day, says a press release.

The objective of the discussion was to raise awareness about reproductive health among the adolescents.

The speakers underscored the need for taking care of pregnant mothers to reduce the maternal and child mortality rate.

Afroja Parvin, secretary of the Forum and executive director of Nari Unnayan Shakti, presented a keynote paper.

Monowara Begum of Al-Falah, Bangladesh discussed the problems of the adolescent girls of Geneva Camp. Forum Chairperson Gulshan Ara Choudhury presided over the function.

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BNP letting Jamaat run country: Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the BNP has taken a back seat in the ruling coalition and is letting Jamaat-e-Islami govern the country and make policy decisions.

"Communal, terrorist forces are getting stronger in the country by the day with the help of Jamaat, which is going great guns banking on BNP's indulgence as the BNP men are engaged in looting and misdeeds," she said.

Taking a further swipe at her political foes, Hasina, also main opposition Awami League (AL) chief, said Prime Minister Khaleda Zia goes by the suggestions of Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammed Mujahid, also social welfare minister.

Hasina was speaking at her

Observer Press Workers Union election held

Md. Kafilur Rahman and Md. Ibrahim were elected president and general secretary of the Observer Group Al-Helal Press Workers Union on Monday, says a press release.

Other office-bearers are Vice President-Mokhslesur Rahman, Joint Secretary-Ramzan Ali, Treasurer-Osman Ghani, Organising Secretary Md. Ghani Ahmed, Publicity Secretary-Shahabuddin and Office Secretary-Md Siddiquur Rahman.

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party's Dhanmondi office in the afternoon when leaders of Sammilita Nagorik Samaj (SNS), an umbrella of professionals, met her.

The AL chief alleged Jamaat-e-Islami is working in a planned way and making a stronghold of its own while the BNP is happy looting public property.

"Although they (Jamaat) do politics in the name of religion, they give bribes from their bribe fund to ensure job for their cadres," she said.

"But, they are now rotting. Let them rot completely and then they will have to be uprooted forever," she said. She thinks their 'days are numbered'.

Referring to European Union statement on Dhaka-10 by-poll, Hasina said the way the alliance government rigged the by-election proved what they had done in the 2001 general election. "We must project more the demand for cancellation of the by-election."

Bomb attack on cops: 2 injured in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Two police constables were injured seriously in a bomb attack in front of Jessore Education Board here on Monday night.

The attack created a panic among the residents of the town.

The injured, Rokon Uddin and Abu Syed, were in a 14-member team patrolling the area in a pick-up van. The two are now fighting for life at a hospital.

A gang of three hoodlums hurled hand-made bombs at the van at around 8.00pm and fled the scene in a motorcyclist.

Superintendent of Police Sahidul Islam said a large number of policemen have been deployed in different strategic points to ensure security of

the people.

However, none was arrested in connection with the attack.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Dispatch Rider of Jatiya Sangsads Secretariat and freedom fighter M Samsuddin died yesterday at his Mirpur staff quarters residence at the age of 50.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at the government transport pool, while second one took place at the south plaza of Jatiya Sangsads.

He was buried at the Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard with full state honour.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet division during the period, Met office said.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, it added.

Highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded today at Jessore and the lowest 23.2 degree Celsius at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:49pm today and rises at 5:20am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.7	23.2	80	71
Chittagong	31.8	25.5	78	80
Rajshahi	33.0	25.3	87	70
Khulna	33.5	26.7	78	75
Barisal	32.4	25.6	83	79
Sylhet	30.0	25.2	98	79
Cox's Bazar	32.7	25.4	75	83

"বিদ্যুতের অপচয় নোথ করুন"

পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড

প্রকল্পঃ ৬৭ পরিস বিতরণ ব্যবস্থা নির্বাচিত রূপ পূর্ণ পর্যায়-গ

তহবিলঃ হানীয় মূল্য তহবিল

- নিম্নের বর্ণনা অনুযায়ী মালামাল করের জন্য পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড কর্তৃক হানীয় মূল্য তহবিলের বিপরীতে বালাদেশে প্রকৃত উৎপাদনকারী/সরবরাহকারীর নিকট হাইতে সীলনযোহকৃত পুন: দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইতেছে :
- বিড প্যাকেজ-১২
- মালামালের বর্ণনা
- ৪৫, এলএফ-১০ (পুনর্ব্যবহার)
- এসপিসি পোলসু।
- টেক্নার ডক্যুমেন্ট বিতরণ, এবং খোলা সময়সূচী:

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৪৫, এলএফ-১০	হাইতে	পর্যন্ত
	১৫-০৭-২০০৪ইং	১১-০৮-২০০৪ইং
	বৃদ্ধবার	বৃদ্ধবার
	১৫-০৭-২০০৪ইং	১১-০৮-২০০৪ইং
	পর্যন্ত	পর্যন্ত

- প্রদর্শিত সময় বালাদেশ মান সময় বৃদ্ধবারে যায় বালাদেশ বেতারে প্রচারিত সময় সহকেত মোতাবেক অনুসরণীয়।
- আরাধী দরদাতাগণ কার্যদিবসে অফিস সময়ে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড এর সংগ্রাহ পরিষেবার হাইতে আরও তথ্য সংগ্রহ করিতে এবং বিড ডক্যুমেন্ট দেখিতে পারিবেন।
- নিম্ন ঠিকানা বালাদেশে প্রিমিয়াম প্রেসে প্রক্রিয়াজ করিবার প্রয়োজন নাই হাজার টাকা পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে ইয়েরোজীত প্রণ