



Students of Viquarunnisa Noon School and College who achieved outstanding results in the SSC examinations pose with LGRD and Co-operatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and other guests at a reception ceremony on the school premises yesterday.

# '50pc under-five children suffer from malnutrition'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About half of the children under five have been suffering from malnutrition in the country, said State Minister for Health Mizanur Rahman Sinha at a workshop yesterday.

He also said the government is keen to improve the nutritional status of infants and young children and to reduce all forms of malnutrition.

"About half of 10.5 million children under five die from malnutrition every year globally. Exclusive breast-feeding and optimal child feeding practices may prevent

deaths of at least one-fifth of them," he added.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN) co-organised the three-day workshop 'Infant and Young Child Feeding Strategy' in the city.

Speaking as chief guest, Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said exclusive breast-feeding could significantly reduce the risk of child mortality.

Inappropriate feeding practices can be fatal as diarrhoeal diseases and acute respiratory infections account for 55 percent of infant deaths in the world, he added.

According to the findings of recent studies presented at the workshop, the initiation of breast-feeding in the country is only 33 percent while exclusive breast-feeding is 36 percent.

The studies also revealed that the infant mortality rate is 51 out of 1000 and maternal mortality rate is 8.80 percent.

Directorate General of Health Services Dr Mizanur Rahman, WHO representative Dr Suniti Acharya, Nutrition Advisor to WHO Dr Rukhsana Haider and IPHN Director Farida Khatun also spoke at the inaugural session of the workshop held at CIRDP auditorium.

# Husband kills wife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A driver allegedly killed his wife at his residence in Mohammadpur in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Nargis Begum, 30, wife of Delwar Hossain, at her 27 West Agargaon residence at 7:30am.

"My father came home yesterday (Saturday) and I saw my mother opening the door for him," said Sonia, the victim's seven-year-old daughter, adding that "he stayed in the house at night but went missing since the morning."

"A neighbour heard a noise at their room at night and reported it to police in the morning," said the Duty Officer of Mohammadpur Police Station.

Police found her body covered with a blanket in her bed. The inquest report said she had

marks of injuries in her left ear, jaw, neck, back and right hand.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy which said Nargis was carrying for six months and strangled.

"My brother killed her and fled the scene sometime at night," said Jasim, younger brother of Delwar.

He told reporters at the DMCH that Delwar, 35, used to work for a former district education officer at Agargaon.

Meanwhile, Motijheel police recovered a body found floating in flood waters in front of Al-Helal Police Box yesterday morning.

The unidentified body of a youth, aged around 22, was clad in black T-shirt and shorts.

There were marks of injuries in forehead, left hand, and blood was oozing from his nose.

# Obituary



Md Zahirul Islam, Deputy Comptroller Auditor General (Procedure), died on July 24 at the age of 55, says a press release.

He left behind his wife and two daughters.

He was buried at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectual Graveyard.

His qulhwani will be held at his Azampur government residence after Asr prayers tomorrow.

**Begum Lutfunnessa Kazi**  
Begum Lutfunnessa Kazi, mother of Kazi Khalilur Rahman, Deputy Managing Director of Uttara Bank, died on Saturday, says a press release.

She left behind her three sons and one daughter.

Her qulhwani will be held at the residence of her eldest son Kazi Anisur Rahman at 13/A Eskaton Garden, Apartment No-13/C after Asr prayers on Thursday.

# Alhaj Abdul Hamid



Alhaj Abdul Hamid, an educationist of Nikki upazila in Kishoreganj district, died of old age complications on July 21 at his Nikki

residence at the age of 80, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons and five daughters.

# Qulhwani



Qulhwani of Executive Engineer Md Abdul Karim Chowdhury will be held after Asr prayers today at the Civil Aviation Mosque (Kaola, Kurmitola), says a press release.

He died on July 23 at the age of 54.

He left behind his wife, one daughter and one son.



HSBC and BDRCS jointly launched a programme to raise funds for the flood victims yesterday. From left are Anthony Ronald Maryon, head of Delegation of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), David Griffith, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, and Maj Gen (Retd) ZA Khan, chairman of BDRCS.

# Different bodies start relief operation for flood victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations have started relief operation for flood affected people.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Limited, in association with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), has launched a campaign to raise funds for flood-hit people.

To mitigate the sufferings of the flood victims, the HSBC has started a relief programme.

The money raised will be handed over to Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

Caritas, a non-government organisation, has taken up a relief and rehabilitation programme for flood-affected people at a cost of Tk 11.5 crore.

In the first phase, Caritas will distribute relief materials including food items among the 1,82,000 families in worst affected 116 unions of 42 upazilas.

Caritas will also take up a post-flood rehabilitation programme in the affected areas at a cost of Tk 10 crore.

Clinic Owners' Assoc Bangladesh Private Clinic Diagnostic Owners' Association has started to collect medicine and relief materials

for flood-hit people.

The association has appealed to all people and pharmaceutical industries to come forward in aid of the flood victims.

Officials and employees of social welfare ministry have decided to donate their one-day salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for flood-affected people.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union, a left-leaning student organisation, will start oral saline project in the city's flood-hit areas.

Meanwhile, Krishibid Institution and the Communist Party of Bangladesh distributed relief materials in the city's flood-hit areas yesterday.

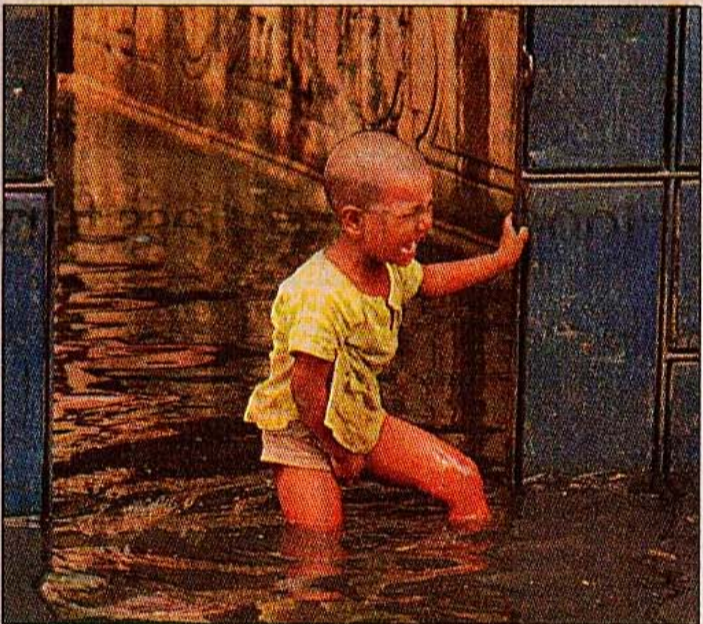
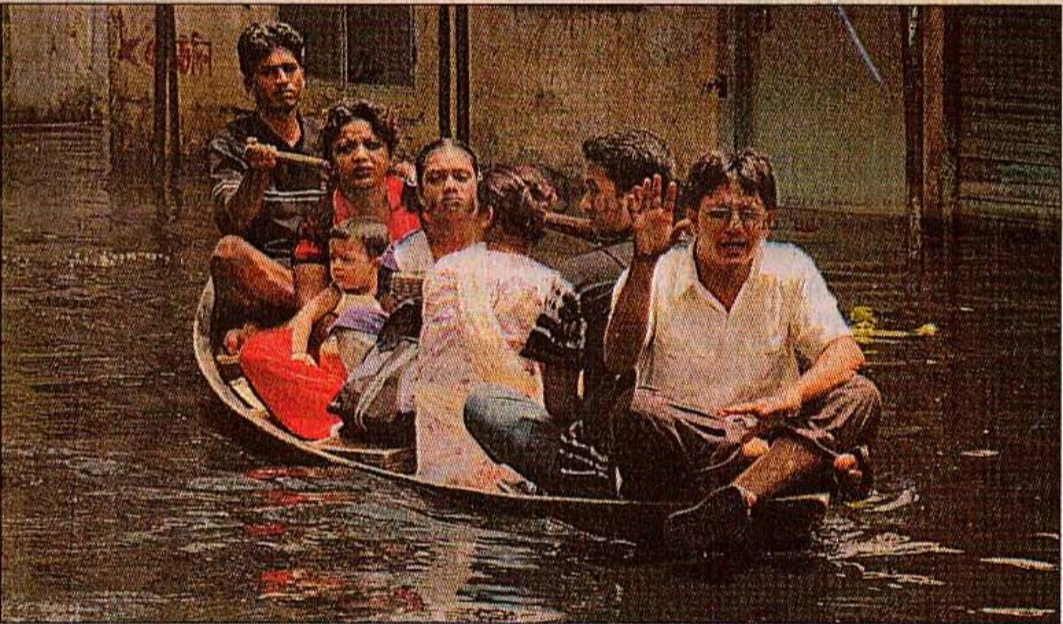
# Death anniversary

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Daiyan Malik, son of Malik Abdullah Al-Amin Sadi, Director (Law)

Privatisation Commission, says a press release.

Daiyan Malik died of dengue fever on this day in 2000 at the age of nine years and nine months.

On the occasion, milad will be held at orphanage and madrasa.



# FLOOD FURY IN CITY

Spotlight: Bashabo

People's suffering mounts as about one-third of the capital continued to reel under floods yesterday. (Clockwise from top left) A boat, the only mode of transport, carries the commuters to dry places; raging floodwaters put the children at risk of drowning; a young girl unaware of health hazards catches fries in the floodwaters polluted with sewage and muck; a woman keeps a tight grip on her beloved pet; boat makers are busy cashing in on floods; a slum-dweller with her son moves to a safer place and boats replace cars and rickshaws in the lanes and streets.

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