



Obituary

Lt Col (Retd)Dr AFM Borhanuddin died of brain stroke at the Dhaka Combined Military Hohpital on July 28 at the age of 87, says a press release.

He left behind his two daughters and one son to mourn his death.

Dr Borhanuddin was the father-in-law of former chief of army staff Lt General (Retd) M Noor Uddin Khan.

Tarif Zafar Khan



Md Tarif Zafar Khan, a BBA student of East West University, died of brain haemorrhage at a city hospital on July 28 at the age of 19, says a press release.

Tarifzafar, son of Mokhlesur Rahman of 'Adarsha Chhayaneer', Shyamoli in the city, was a Rover Scout at training stage of Seabratee Mukta Scout Group.

US to provide support to face floods: Harry

BSS, Dhaka

The United States of America (USA) will provide necessary support to Bangladesh to face the current flood and conduct the post-flood rehabilitation programme.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry K Thomas said this while speaking as chief guest at a dinner hosted by America-Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce in New York on Friday.

He said the US embassy in Dhaka is constantly monitoring the flood situation and informing the state department about it.

The USA has already given one million dollar emergency aid, he said, adding that it also provided 2,000 tonnes of foodgrains through World Food Vision.

Sharing his experiences about Bangladesh, Harry said he was delighted with the hospitality of Bangladeshis and their rich cultural

heritage.

He said the future of Bangladesh is bright and the country could achieve development rapidly through giving democracy an institutional shape in true sense.

Bangladesh has to go ahead by eliminating corruption and formulating a work plan for future development, he added.

Presided over by Chairman of Trustee Board Mohammad Aminullah, the function was also addressed by President of the chamber Gias Ahmed, President of Expatriate Citizens' Committee Mohadev Sarkar, Consul General of Bangladesh Consulate in New York Mohsin Ali Khan, Prof Mebel Gomage, Dr Wazed Khan, President of American Hospital Consortium Dr Mohammad Habibullah, Syed Tipu Sultan and Solaiman Bhuiyan.

Betar to relay 12 hours of BBC programmes daily

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Betar, the national broadcaster, will now relay 12 hours of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) programmes on 100 FM frequency daily under a new agreement signed yesterday.

The BBC World Service programmes in English and Bengali will be heard in Dhaka and the surrounding areas from 6.00am to 12.00 noon and from 5.00pm to 11.00pm.

Sirajul Islam, additional secretary of the Information Ministry, and Michel Lobelle, business development manager for Asia and the Pacific of the BBC, signed the agreement.

The new agreement consolidates the existing partnership between Bangladesh Betar and the BBC, which started in 1994.

Sirajul Islam welcomed the agreement as it confirms and reinforces an existing partnership which has been "extremely positive" for both parties over the last few years.

Michel Lobelle observed that Bangladesh is a key market for the BBC World Service, where the BBC has always had many listeners.

Bangladesh Betar DG Jafar Ahmed Chowdhury and Joint Secretary of Information Ministry Tofazzel Hossain were present at the signing ceremony.

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Exhibition

The opening ceremony of an exhibition titled 'Hundreds of temples of Bangladesh', organised by Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, will be held in aid of the flood victims. Venue: House-275/F, Road-27, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till August 10 from 12.00 noon to 8.00pm daily.

Musical evening

Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, organises a musical evening. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

Russian film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with Russian Cultural Centre, will screen two recent films from Russia. These are 'Russian Riot' directed by Aleksander Proshkin, and 'Tchaikovsky' directed by Igor Talankin. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen a British film titled 'Veronica Guerin' (2000), and an American film titled 'Sexual Roulette' (1996). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Painting exhibition

The painting exhibition of Iffat Ara Dewan has been extended till August 8. Venue: Shilpangan, House-25, Road-5, Dhanmondi.

Workshop

Independent University of Bangladesh will hold a workshop titled 'Entrepreneurship Training Programme'. Venue: University campus, House-6, Road-14, Baridhara. Time: 10.30am.

Rotary meeting

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.30pm.