



**Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote took out a mourning procession at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday to mark the 29th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.**

## UN agencies get 10m pound from UK for flood victims

UNB, Dhaka

United Nations agencies that received a generous grant of 10 million pound from the United Kingdom are set to distribute relief supplies for flood victims soon.

The supplies are intended to bolster the government's response to the devastating flood, a UNDP press release said.

Germany has so far committed about Tk 170 lakh for several projects of humanitarian aid to the flood victims. The assistance will be channelled through some NGOs.

German President Prof Dr Horst Koehler has sent a message to President Iajuddin Ahmed expressing his concerns and sympathy shared by the whole German people with the flood victims.

The UN Agencies along with the donor community and NGOs are already helping to fill the gaps in relief effort, UN Resident Coordinator Douglas Couttssaid.

Meanwhile, the UN is co-ordinating an international appeal for assistance to help the people of Bangladesh recover from this crisis. The appeal is expected to be launched for donor fundingshortly.

### BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE

## Execution of verdict demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami Jubo League yesterday demanded immediate execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case.

It also formed a human chain in front of the Supreme Court to mark the 29th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, founding father of the nation.

The main opposition Awami League has also taken a month-long programme to mourn the deaths of Bangabandhu and his family members who were killed on August 15 in 1975.

Fifteen former army officers were awarded death penalty by the trial court in the Bangabandhu Murder Case on November 8 in 1998. Later, the High Court upheld the death sentence on 12 accused. The appeal petition is still pending with the Supreme Court.

Speaking at the human chain programme, AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil said the name of Bangabandhu can never be erased from the history and the new generation will "surely find out their roots."

He criticised the government for inserting the name of late president Ziaur Rahman as proclaimer of the Liberation War into the reprint of 'Bangladesher Swadhinata Juddha: Dalilpatra'.

Bashir Ahmed, secretary of the

Supreme Court Bar Association, said the government should execute the verdict as soon as possible to ensure the rule of law.

General Secretary of Jubo League Mirza Azam, lawyer Eusuf Hossain Humayun, Sidur Rahman and Fazlul Haq Atiq also spoke. Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanak pre-sided.

## Non-govt pry teachers' strike postponed

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association yesterday postponed its on-going non-stop strike in view of the devastating floods.

Leaders of the Association at a press briefing at its office here said the strike was postponed as 12,000 primary schools have gone under the flood-waters.

It also withdrew the comments made by its leaders at a meeting at the Central Shaheed Minar on July 25 about advisor to the Prime Minister for the Primary and Mass Education Prof Jahanara Begum.

## Female garment worker strangled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female garment worker was allegedly strangled inside her shanty at Uttor Basabo in Sabujbagh in the city.

She was identified as Tara Begum alias Keya, 14, daughter of one Mohammad Khijir Mia of Dakkhin Ajimpur under Gaibandha district.

Victim's aunt Farida Parveen said she and her niece used to live in the shanty of Haji Rois Mia, but she left the shanty as it was submerged by flood-waters.

She, however, went there yesterday morning and found the room locked from out side. She also smelled bad odour coming from inside the room.

Farida Parveen went to Sabujbagh Police Station and told the police about the incident.

Police went there and recovered the body. There were marks of injuries around her neck.

Police suspected that she might have been raped and killed by a gang member.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Morgue for autopsy.

Farida Parveen filed a case with Sabujbagh Police Station in this connection.

Sabujbagh police also recovered the body of a homeo doctor from a lake near Mandabazar on Saturday.

The victim Dr Habibur Rahman, 65, used to live at a house at 5, Kadam Ali Road.

The body was sent to DMCH for autopsy.

In another incident, Ramna police recovered the body of a young man from a lake adjacent to Tongi Diversion Road at Maghbazar.

The identity of the man, aged about 26, could not be known immediately.

The body was sent to DMCH for autopsy.

Separate cases were filed with the police stations concerned.

## Burglary at six shops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of burglars broke into and vandalised six shops at Panthapath in the city and took away Tk 60,000 in the early hours of yesterday.

The shops are New Designers' Furniture, Haji Iron Store, Sadem Metal, Tania Glass House, Kalabagan Hair Dresser and Power Furniture. The first five shops are adjacent to one another while the last one is on the other side of the road.

Employees opened the shops in the morning only to find that their establishments were looted. The gang entered the shops by cutting open the roofs.

Yunus Mia, owner of Sadem Metal, filed a case with Dhanmondi police and Manager of Power Furniture Ashfaquzzaman filed another case with Tejgaon police.

Ashfaquzzaman said the gang took away Tk 30,000 from his shop.

## 'Kunming Initiative' a milestone in Bangla-China ties

### FM tells vice-governor of Yunnan Province

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday said that the `Kunming Initiative' was a milestone in Bangladesh-China relation.

Morshed Khan said this when Shao Qiwei, vice-governor of Yunnan Province of China, called on him at his office yesterday.

He said there are enormous scopes to reap mutual benefit by establishing road communication through Myanmar.

He said that after establishing road

## Standard Chartered donates Tk10 lakh

Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh donated Tk10 lakh to Care Bangladesh for distribution of food and medicine amongst the flood victims, says a press release.

The donation is a part of Standard Chartered's several initiatives to help the flood affected people. SAA Masrur, acting Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh of Standard Chartered Bank handed over a cheque for the amount to Hasan Mazumdar, acting Country Director of Care, Bangladesh at the Care head office.

Standard Chartered Bank is going to work with Oxfam, Care and other partners to spend over Tk 1 crore for the relief and rehabilitation of the flood victims. The employees of the bank donated their two days' salary and collected used clothes for distribution among the flood victims.

The Bank has also organised volunteers from its employees to participate in relief activities. The employees of its Sylhet branch distributed foodgrains and clothes among 200 families.

link with Kunming in the southern part of China, the region's trade, commerce and tourism facilities would increase manifold.

Bangladesh and Myanmar agree on the establishment of direct road and both the countries are moving towards its construction, he told the Yunnan Vice-Governor.

The foreign minister said China is an old and tested friend of Bangladesh and reiterated support to one-China policy.

The Vice-Governor expressed his country's keenness to strengthen cooperation in road and air communications, tourism, and trade and commerce for mutual benefit of Bangladesh and China, especially the Yunnan Province.

Shao Qiwei requested Bangladesh to send a ministerial level delegation to Kunming by the year end at the 5th BCIM Forum to be held in Kunming, popularly known as Kunming Initiative, that would bring together Bangladesh, China, India

and Myanmar.

Morshed Khan underscored the need for coming forward with specific areas of cooperation and landmark projects at the 5th anniversary of 'Kunming Initiative'.

Chinese Ambassador Chai Xi was present at the meeting.

## European Standard School distributes Tk 2.20 lakh

European Standard School distributed Tk 2.20 lakh among the flood affected people of Badda in the city on Friday, says a press release.

Students, teachers and the management of the school donated the money.

The Management of the European Standard School were accompanied by Officer in-Charge of Badda Police Station Omar Faruk Ali and ward commissioners Kazi Hazrat Ali and Abdul Quaiyum were present.



## Death anniversary of Justice Abu Sayeed today

Today is the 16th anniversary of death of former president Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, says a press release.

Justice Chowdhury, also a former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, played a leading role in mobilising world opinion in favour of Bangladesh during the War of Liberation in 1971.

He was also elected chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission in 1985.

A qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his village home at Nagbari in Tangail today.

Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury National Memorial Council will also distribute foods among the flood victims to mark the day.



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