



Prof. Dr Anisuzzaman consoles the wife of eminent writer Humayun Azad at their Dhaka University residence yesterday. Azad was found dead at the Munich University dormitory in Germany on August 12.

Humayun Azad's death condoled

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Different political, educational and socio-cultural organisations yesterday condoled the death of eminent writer Humayun Azad.

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) expressed deep shock at the death of Prof Azad and expressed sympathy for the members of the bereaved family.

At an emergency meeting, Duta President Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and General Secretary Prof Muhammad Akhtaruzzaman said late Azad was an asset for the nation and his death is an irreparable loss. The Duta will bring out a condolence procession on the campus today.

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury expressed his deep shock at the death of Humayun Azad. He prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and expressed sympathy for the members of the bereaved family. Condoling the death of Prof Azad, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rab) President ASM Abdur Rab said the nation has lost a creative writer.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu) President Hasanul Haque Inu and General Secretary Syed Jafar Sajjad said the sudden death of Humayun Azad has shocked the entire nation. They demanded proper investigation of his 'mysterious' death in Germany.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) also condoled the death of Humayun Azad and demanded proper investigation of his sudden death.

Jatiya Party Chairperson Anwar Hossain Manju expressed his profound shock at the death of Prof Azad.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal said the sudden death of Humayun Azad was very mysterious as he was issued death threat for several times recently.

Left-leaning 11 Party said there are many reasons to suspect the death of Humayun Azad as unnatural.

Dhaka University Journalists Association expressed its shock at the death of Prof Azad and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of the ruling BNP, expressed deep shock at the death of Prof Azad.

Bangladesh Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, JSD-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League and Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree also condoled the death of Prof Azad saying the nation wanted to know whether his death was natural or not. They brought out separate processions on the DU campus after hearing his death news.

Expressing its shock at the death of Humayun Azad, Bangladesh Lekhok Shibir criticised the government for its failure to arrest the persons who were behind the attack on Azad in February this year.

Other organisations who expressed their profound shock at the death of Prof Azad included Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Jatiya Chhatra Dhara, Sammilita Nagorik Samaj, Awami Sangskritik Forum, Bangladesh Writers Club, Karmajibi Nari, Jatiya Kabita Parishad, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Sammilita Peshajibi Parishad, Jatiya Oikya Mancho and Dhaka University Film Society.

One gets life for killing wife in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

A court here on Thursday sentenced one person to life imprisonment for killing his wife.

The convict was identified as Khorshed Hossain, 35, of Mongalpara village under Puthiya upazila of the district.

Special Sessions Judge-2 Shaukat Hossain delivered the judgement in a jam-packed courtroom.

The convict strangled his wife Jeshmin Nahar on August 2, 2003.

Victim's father Jashim Uddin lodged a case with Puthiya Police Station on the following day and police on completion of investigation submitted chargesheet accusing Khorshed.

Special Public Prosecutor Mizanul Islam appeared for the state while Advocates Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury and Abul Kalam defended the accused.

Death anniversary



Today is the first death anniversary of Md Omar Faruque, a student of BBA at Chittagong University, says a press release.

A milad and doa mahfil will be held at his home at Maizbhander village in Fatikchhari after Asr prayers.

Also, foods will be distributed among the orphans and the destitute at a local madrasa.

Faruque, the only son of SM Harun, was gunned down by criminals at Rauzan last year.

Loss stands at Tk 2000 crore

Livestock diseases may take a serious turn in flood-hit areas, BLRI director general Dr Emdadul tells The Daily Star

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Due to lack of adequate fund, livestock diseases might take a serious turn in flood-hit areas across the country in the next one month, feared Dr Q M Emdadul Haque, director general of Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI).

Talking to The Daily Star, he said air and water generally carry the viruses, and as cattle had to move from one place to another during the flood, they have already been infected by viral and skin diseases.

The cattle got anthrax, blackquarter, diarrhoea and some parasitic and skin diseases as they were starved and half-fed, and drank contaminated water and mixed with the cattle of different areas during the flooding, said Dr Haque adding that, these cattle are also suffering from weakness and immunity problems.

He warned that these diseases might spread out fast unless immediate and adequate preventive measures are taken.

He also admitted that the government measures are not enough due to

limited resources and manpower, but the fisheries and livestock minister has instructed to take preventive measures with whatever resources it has.

According to an initial estimate till August 11, the livestock sector suffered a loss of some Tk 2000 crore, said Dr Haque.

He said 76,45,718 cows, 1,12,041 buffaloes, 24,30,873, goats, 2,46,661 sheep, 3,20,51,111 chickens and 1269 other cattle were affected by floods. Besides, 11,222 dairy farms, 1394 goat farms and 20,055 poultry farms were damaged.

Some 2000 cows, 4500 goats, 140 buffaloes, 3 lakh chickens and 65,000 ducks died in the heavy deluge, he added.

The cattle of Kishoreganj, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Netrokona, Sunamganj, Sirajganj, Hobiganj and Kurigram districts were the worst affected.

Meanwhile, the government has started free vaccination programme. It will also provide the poor and marginal farmers with goats, calves, fodder and fodder seeds free of cost, said other livestock officials of the directorate.

However, they admitted that the stock of vaccination is not enough as the number of affected cattle is hundred times more than that of other seasons of the year.

The directorate has proposed to the

government a Tk 100 crore programme for the rehabilitation of the livestock sector.



Azam J Chowdhury, chairman of the Board of Directors of Prime Bank Limited, hands over a cheque for Tk 50 lakh to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office on Thursday for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the flood victims.

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