



Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan inaugurated an art exhibition in aid of flood-affected people, organised by the Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art at Saju Art Gallery in Gulshan yesterday. On his right is former foreign secretary Farooq Sobhan.

Art exhibition in aid of flood victims begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A weeklong art exhibition began in the city yesterday in aid of the flood victims. Organised by Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art, the exhibition displays the works of 73 artists including paintings by SM Sultan, Mohammad Kibria and Quamrul Hassan. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan inaugurated the exhibition at Saju Art Gallery. He said he hopes to arrange exhibitions of Bangladeshi artists in Australia, North America and Europe in the near future. Morshed Khan praised Saju Art Gallery for being a pioneer in art collection in Bangladesh since the 70s. He said Saju was driven by the sentiments of the artists, rather than the business gain. Eltham Kabir, chairman of the Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art, said his society started its work 18 months back to promote Bangladeshi art in the world outside. He said the first project of the society was to bring out a book on Bangladeshi art. Kabir said there are 91 works including some paintings donated by private art collectors are on display in the exhibition.

Death anniversary



Today is the sixth death anniversary of city Awami League leader Shamsur Rahman, says a press release. On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence at 91/3 at Moneshwer Road, Zigatola in the city after Asr prayers today.

More bodies condole Azad's death

DU CORRESPONDENT

More organisations and individuals yesterday condoled the death of eminent writer Humayun Azad. South Asian People's Union against Fundamentalism and Communalism and Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee expressed profound shock at the death of Prof Azad. Leaders of the organisations, in a joint statement, said Humayun Azad went to Germany to save his life after repeated death threats by the fundamentalist forces, but in vain. "The coalition government and its 'fundamentalist' ally cannot avoid the responsibility for his death," the statement added. The signatories to the statement are Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, Major Gen (Retd) CR Datta, Artist Kaiyum Chowdhury, Artiste Kalim Sharafi, Journalist Shahriar Kabir and Journalist Julfikar Ali Manik. Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz said the death of Azad is an irreparable loss for the university as well as for the nation. At a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) expressed deep shock at the death of Prof Azad and expressed sympathy for the members of the bereaved family. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of the ruling BNP, also held a rally on the campus to express shock at the death of Azad. Condoling the death of Prof Azad, Bangla Academy Director General Abul Mansur Muhammad Abu Musa said his death is a great loss in the field of literature. Co-ordinator of 11 Party Advocate Abdus Samad, General Secretary of Bangladesheser Sammobati Dal Comrade

Dilip Barua, and Advocate Abed Raza also condoled the death of Azad. Bangladesh Gonotantrik Ainjibi Samity, Bangladesh Gono-Azadi League, Centre for Women Journalists Bangladesh, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Coalition for the Urban Poor, The Theatre, Panjeree Publications Ltd, Jahangirnagar Film Society, Bangladesh Pustak Prakashak O Bikreta Samity, Sonar Bangla Jubo Parishad, Bangabandhu Lalitkala Academy and Pubali Bank Employees Union also condole the death.

Salam Mamun sworn in as addl HC judge

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Abdus Salam Mamun, whose services as additional judge of the High Court were extended by six months, was sworn in yesterday. His 10 colleagues were confirmed and made judges on July 29 on completion of two years as additional judge. Mamun was the lone additional judge not confirmed, but his services were extended by six months. Apparently not happy, Mamun had reportedly declined to accept the extension and expressed the desire to return to the Bar. After a fortnight, Mamun agreed and Chief Justice Syed JR Mudassir Husain administered the oath as additional judge.



S Renganathan, country manager of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd., hands over a cheque for Tk 15 lakh to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office recently in donation for the flood-affected people.

4 held on charge of raping woman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested four people on charge of raping a woman at Sarang Bari slum in Mirpur. Police produced the four before the court under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act. The woman was gangraped allegedly by her boyfriend and his three accomplices at Balurmath in Mirpur on Thursday. The victim filed a case with Mirpur Police Station the same day. In the FIR, the 20-year-old victim said the incident occurred when she was returning to her residence at Sareng Bari slum from her aunt's house at about 7.30pm on Thursday. Her boyfriend Babu, 19, and Sohel, 18, took her to a nearby field where two others--Amir Hossain, 18, and Mamun, 18,--were waiting.

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Art competition

Jatiya Shok Dibas Udjapan Parishad of the Institute of Fine Arts organises an art competition for the children to mark the 29th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Time: 3.00pm.

Photography exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a solo photography exhibition introducing German graffiti titled 'Colour of Youth' by Sajal Khaled, will be held. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till August 24.

Blood donation

Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm.

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Roundtable

International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology will hold a roundtable to mark the publication of a monograph on 'Energy Policy for Bangladesh' with Education Minister Osman Farruk as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP Auditorium, Tophkana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Media conference

The inauguration of a three-day media conference, organised jointly by the Centre for Development Communication, Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication, and Mass Line Media Centre, will be held. Venue: British Council Auditorium.