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Abdul Sattar Moosa Didi, special envoy of the Maldives president, called on Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan at his office yesterday.

'Unite against fundamentalism'

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Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday urged the people to unite against fundamentalism and communalism. The meeting was organised by 'Writers-Teachers-Artists-Cultural Activists' at the TSC of Dhaka University (DU) marking the death of eminent writer Prof Humayun Azad. The speakers said Prof Azad's death was a big protest against the fundamentalist forces. They said the government did not take any steps to arrest the culprits who attacked Humayun Azad last February

and those who wanted to abduct his son on the campus recently. The speakers said the fundamentalist forces are continuing their threats on writers, teachers, journalists, artists and cultural activists. They criticised the government for not taking any action against them. Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury said Prof Azad was forced to death after repeated mental and physical torture. Dhaka University Teachers' Association General Secretary Prof Muhammad Akhtaruzzaman said the body of Prof Azad would come on Thursday's flight. He said the Bangladesh Embassy in Germany has informed the university authorities that they have completed all formalities to send the body. Prof Anu Muhammad, Dr Shahidul Islam of Rajshahi University, Swadhin Sen and Rehnuma Ahmed of Jahangirnagar University, Farook Wasif and Tahera Begum Jolly also spoke. Biggan Chetona Parishad, Samagit Sangskritik Prangon, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Suchana Oddhayan O Anushilon Kendra, and Gono Sangskritik Front expressed their solidarity with the meeting.

Islam never supports terrorism  
Speakers tell seminar

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Islam never supports terrorism but a vested quarter is carrying out a propaganda campaign against it for its own interests, said speakers at a seminar yesterday. They said Islam is in no way a threat to world peace. Rather, it preaches that world peace could be ensured only through love and care for humanity. The Centre for National and Regional Studies (CNRS) organised the seminar, 'Islam is the religion of peace and friendship', in the port city, with its Chairman Abul Hashim Khan in the chair. The speakers also called for strengthening ties and friendship among different communities. Renowned Islamic thinker and Vice-Chancellor of South East University Dr M Shamsheer Ali presented the Keynote paper. Former chief election commissioner Justice Md Abdur Rouf said in the last 200 years, 80 percent of the wealth of the world has been spent on arms and ammunition while the rest 20

percent on human resources. It put the humanity at risk, he said. Chittagong University Pro-VC Dr Md Shamsuddin, economist Dr Mahbub Ullah, Editor of monthly Madina Maulana Mohiuddin Khan, Darul Mahruf Director Maulana Sultan Joukh Nadvi, Dr Hasan Muhammad, Prof AFM Khalid Hossain and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Quamaruzzaman took part in the discussion. Hindu-Buddha-Christian Religious Welfare Front Convenor Shushil Barua, Father Philip De Rozario, Dr Sangu Priya Bhixmu, journalists Arun Dasgupta and Osman Gani Monsoor, and Advocate Sadhanmoy Bhattacharya also spoke.

Children badly affected by floods: Unicef

Unicef representative Morten Giersing said children were badly affected by floods. He said this after a visit to Sylhet, Sunamganj and Brahmanbaria recently. Many were showing visible signs of suffering from Vitamin B deficiency and living in makeshift shelters around their former homes, he added. 'A large number of tubewells were also submerged and these will have to be cleaned and disinfected otherwise we will have widespread cases of diarrhoea,' he said. Unicef has received five million water purification tablets and over 2000 boxes of syringes. Another 8,800 vials of measles vaccine will arrive in Bangladesh by Monday. The disease can spread rapidly in displaced populations that do not have adequate shelter or food.



Slight fall in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over the country in the next 24 hours till 6.00pm today. Slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said. Highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangamati and lowest 25.1 degree Celsius at Mymensingh. The sun sets in the capital at 6:28pm today and rises at 5:36am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.5	27.3	73	65
Chittagong	32.4	26.2	77	77
Rajshahi	33.8	26.8	82	73
Khulna	32.7	26.7	78	82
Barisal	31.6	26.6	--	82
Sylhet	34.5	25.3	85	89
Cox Bazar	31.0	25.6	78	81



Group art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a group art exhibition, organised by Ankan Art School, will be held with prime minister's advisor on Primary and Mass Education Division Prof Jahan Ara Begum as chief guest. Venue: National Museum. Time: 4.45pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily till August 24.

a documentary titled 'Bandarbaner Bom'. Venue: House-19, Road-7, Gulshan 1. Time: 4.00pm.

Drama

In aid of flood victims, the Theatre will give another performance of its play 'Madhavi'. Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium, New Bailey Road. Time: 7.00pm.

Recitation

The Swarbritta, a recitation forum, organises a session of recitation titled 'Chena Alo Ochena Andhokar', directed by Rabishankar Moitree. Venue: Natmondol of Dhaka University. Time: 7.00pm.

Musical programme

The Chalachitram, in collaboration with the Panchoshor, organises a musical programme titled 'Phire Chalo Apon Ghare' with a selection of songs from Bangla films. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm.

Condolence meeting

Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad will hold a condolence meeting in memory of Santosh Gupta, a veteran journalist and columnist. Venue: 25, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial meeting

A memorial meeting on former chief justice Moinur Reza Chowdhury will be held. Venue: Institution of Engineers' Auditorium, Ramna. Time: 4.00pm.

AGM

The annual general meeting of Ex-Rotaractors' Forum will be held. Venue: Grand Azad Hotel. Time: 6.30pm.

Blood donation

Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation programme. Venue: Sher-e-Bangla Ideal School, Kuril. Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Water colour exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a solo water colour exhibition titled 'Kachhe-Dure' by artist Saeeda Kamal will be held. Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House-21, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily till August 30.

Film show

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'The Bicycle Thief' directed by Vittorio Di Sica. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 5.00pm.

Muldhara film show

Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, will screen three films titled 'Baby Geniuses', 'Mujchhe Shaadi Karogi' and 'Abar Aronney'. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am, 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Documentary show

Spectra Convention Centre will screen



will be held at his home and other places to mark the day.

AAM Rahmatul Bari



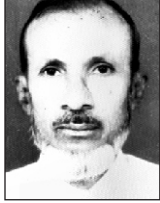
A doa mahfil will be held at Bayt-ur-Ridwan Orphanage and Babe Rahmat Women's Orphanage at Nasirabad in Chittagong.

A Hakim Khan



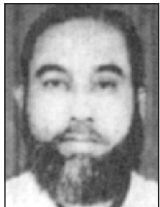
Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held to mark the day.

Chehlum

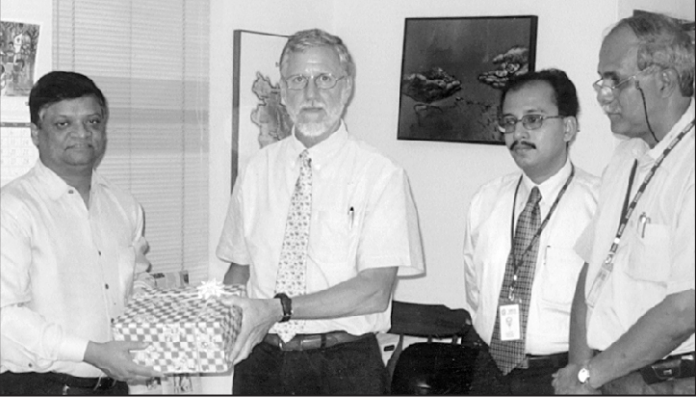


On the occasion, qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his house after Asr prayers. A discussion and doa mahfil will also be held on the school premises tomorrow.

Anisur Rahman



Chehlum of Anisur Rahman, an officer of Krishi Bank, will be held today, says a press release. A milad mahfil will be held at his home at Gandaria after Juma prayers. A former teacher of Louhajang Pilot High School, he died on July 2 at the age of 65. He is survived by one son and one daughter.



GrameenPhone Ltd. donated medicines worth Tk 3 lakh to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) that is facing a surge in the number of patients, with the floodwaters receding. Photo shows Khalid Hasan, director, Corporate Affairs of GrameenPhone, handing over medicines to Dr Charles P Larson, acting executive director of ICDDR,B.