

Sports  
organiser Tarek  
dead

Kazi Anwarul Haq Tarek, a renowned sports organiser and director of Abahani Limited, died of a cardiac arrest at his Dhanmondi house yesterday morning at the age of 53, says a press release.

A close associate of Sheikh Kamal, founder of the Abahani, he played a significant role in forming the club.

Tarek, also a freedom fighter and industrialist, is survived by his wife, three daughters and three brothers.

He was buried at the Banani graveyard after namaz-e-janaza on the club premises and at Takwa Mosque in Dhanmondi.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina visited his house and consoled the bereaved family members.

His death is an irreparable loss to the country's sports arena, said Hasina in a condolence message.

The board of directors of Abahani also expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family.

Dr Asaduzzaman Ripon  
BSS, Dhaka

Dr Asaduzzaman Ripon of Rajshahi Medical College died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday at the age of 29.

Tabenda Akhter

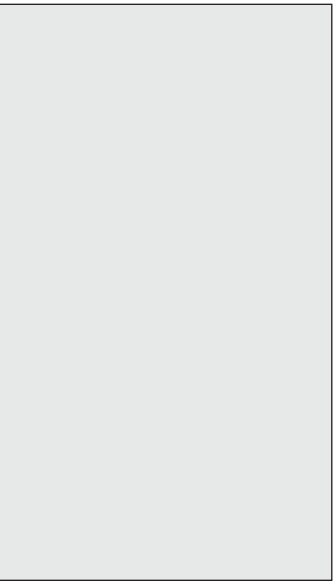
Tabenda Akhter, a noted educationist, died yesterday morning at the age of 84, says a press release.

A former headmistress of the then Central Government Girls' School, Motijheel, she also taught at Khastagir School and Mymensingh Women Teachers' Training College.

She is survived by one son and four daughters.

Amena Akter Khatun  
BSS, Dhaka

Amena Akter Khatun, mother of Dr Zahirul Islam Shakil, joint secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), died at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital yesterday at the age of 60.



GRENADE ATTACK

Farce on in name of  
probe: Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said a "farce" is being staged in the name of investigation into the August 21 grenade attack on her rally that left 21 people dead.

She said that the BNP-Jamaat alliance government does not really want inquiry into the incident, but she wants proper probe into it instead of "comic drama".

Hasina's comment came when leaders of Private Clinics Association led by Dr Moniruzzaman and Dr Jahangir

Alam meet her at her Dhanmondi residence.

The AL president said the government panicked the whole nation trying to cling to power forever with muscle power.

Hasina called upon the people of all walks of life irrespective of party affiliation and belief to unite against the "misrule of the BNP-Jamaat government".

Meanwhile, family members of woman Awami League worker of city's Ward -15 Hasina Momtaj, who was killed in the August 21 grenade carnage, met Hasina at her residence. She consoled the bereaved family members.



Jean-Jacques  
Annaud

Retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with Alliance Francaise, will screen five films made by renowned French filmmaker Jean-Jacques Annaud. On the first day two films titled 'Mettisse' (1994) by Mathieu Kassowitz and 'Seven Years in Tibet' (1997) by Jean-Jacques Annaud will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 6.40pm.

Iranian film show

Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies, in collaboration with Rainbow Film Society, will screen three films made by renowned Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi. The films are 'Baduk', 'Baran' and 'The Father'. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm, 5.30pm and 7.15pm.

Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'For Your Eyes Only 007' (1981). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Musical evening

Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, organises a

musical evening. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

Workshop

The inaugural session of an international workshop on seismic analysis in South Asia region will be held with the state minister for energy and mineral resources as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9.00am.

Roundtable

Transparency International Bangladesh will host a roundtable to release a report on the performance of Speedy Trial Court. Venue: CIRDAP Auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.00am.

Workshop on  
livestock

Integrated Action Research and Development, in association with Bangladesh Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge, organises a workshop on livestock resources. Venue: Karitas Bangladesh Auditorium, Shantibagh.

Human chain

Bangladesh Awami Sangskritik Forum will form a human chain to protest the August 21 grenade attack on Awami League rally and demand the resignation of the government. Venue: Muktangon.

Bomb scare at  
Khulna school

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Panic gripped South Herald School, an English medium institution, at Sonadanga yesterday after a bomb-like device was found on the windowsill at the office of its principal yesterday.

A security guard of the school first spotted the object wrapped in red and black adhesive tapes at around 12.00 noon.

However, it was proved a hoax bomb after police tried to defuse it.

Some screws and ash were found inside the object when policemen dismantled it, said OC of Sonadanga thana.

But the police came about one and a half hours after the office secretary Manjurul Islam informed them.

DC (South) Akbar Ali of Khulna Metropolitan Police said the object was kept in the school only to create panic.

RAPE OF GARMENT  
WORKER

Memo submitted  
to Babar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two organisations yesterday demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to those who raped a garment worker at Savar recently.

Rahela Akhtar was allegedly raped by Liton and Delwar on the Jahangirnagar University campus on August 29.

National Garment Workers Federation submitted a memorandum to State Minister for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar demanding arrest and trial of the rapists.

Earlier, it held a rally at Muktangon in the city protesting the heinous act.

Samajtantrik Mohila Forum also formed a human chain at Muktangon demanding the arrest and punishment to the rapists.

Weavers' ultimatum to govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Sanjukta Tanti Samity, a joint platform of weavers' associations, yesterday placed a 17-point demand, including rehabilitation of the flood-affected weavers, revitalisation of handloom industry and an end to criminal activities.

The Samity leaders threatened to launch a tough movement if the government does not meet the demands by September 30.

The demands were placed at a rally, attended by hundreds of weavers from 15 districts, at Muktangan in the city. They also submitted a memorandum to the textile ministry to press home their demand.

The Samity leaders also demanded distribution of VGF (vulnerable group feeding) cards among five

lakh flood-hit weavers.

The leaders announced a series of action programmes, including rallies and demonstrations from October 1 to 14 across the country.

They will observe a token hunger strike at Muktangan on November 23.

Samity President Sheikh Mohammad Zehad Ali and General Secretary Shamsul Alam Zulfiker spoke.

