

'Govt's inaction encourages killings'

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Inaction of the government has encouraged the killings of pro-liberation forces including legislators, teachers and journalists, said the speakers at a memorial discus-

sion yesterday.

The discussion was organised to mark the 6th death anniversary of Kazi Aref Ahmed, a freedom fighter and former president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, at the National Press Club in the city.

Kazi Aref and four other leaders were shot dead at an anti-terrorism rally at Kalidaspur school ground at Doulatpur in Kushtia in February 1999.

The speakers demanded immediate trial of the killers who are at large even six years after the gruesome murder.

They urged all people irrespective of their party affiliations to be united to resist the fundamentalist and communal forces.

"Different militant groups are now operative in the country with strong network to capture power through an Islamist revolution," said Mujahidul Islam Selim, general secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh.

Advocate Rahmat Ali MP of Awami League, Kazi Masud, brother of Kazi Aref, Fazlur Rahman Babu, MA Jalil and Mohammad Hossain Tuku also took part in the discussion presided over by Mokhlesur Rahman Golap.

Obituary



BR Nizam, a retired deputy secretary, died on February 18 at the age of 93, says a press release.

His qukhwani will be held at Nizam Shankar Plaza, 72 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Begum Dulesta Khatun



Begum Dulesta Khatun, wife of late Captain Dr Habibur Rahman, died at the Holy Family Hospital on Friday at the age of 81.

She is survived by five sons, one daughter and a number of grandchildren. Md Sharful Alam, director general of the Local Government Division, is one of her sons.

Her qukhwani will be held at her home at Siddeshwari after Asr prayers on Monday.

Alhaj Abul Hasnat

BSS, Dhaka

Alhaj Abul Hasnat, a cloth trader of Islampur and president of Gandaria Jame Mosque, died at Birdem Cardiac Centre yesterday at the age of 70.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

His qukhwani will be held at Gandaria Jame Mosque after Asr prayers and at his Mohammadpur residence after Maghrib prayers on Monday.

Death anniversary



Today is the 18th death anniversary of AKM Shamsuzzoha, a former lawmaker, language movement veteran and organiser of the liberation war, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at his home at North Chasara in Narayanganj at 5.00pm.

Allahma Ataur Rahman



The 17th death anniversary of Allahma Ataur Rahman Chowdhury, founder-chairman of the Allahma Gold Cup Foundation, will be observed today, says a press release.

Milad mahfil will be held at his home in Golapganj, Sylhet and in Dhaka.

Kazi Akram Hossain



Today is the fifth death anniversary of freedom fighter Kazi Akram Hossain, former president of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and a leader of Khetmajur Samity, says a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held at his wife's residence at Batul Aman Housing Society, Road # 4, House # 348, Adabar after Maghrib prayers.

