



Different organisations pay their last respects to music legend and Language Movement veteran Abdul Latif at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

## PSC report submitted to President

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Public Service Commission members yesterday told the President that preliminary findings showed that the allegation of recent leakage of BCS exam questions is "unfounded".

"Besides, newspaper reports insinuating that the questions were printed in the BG press were also not true," President Iajuddin Ahmed was told by the PSC chairman and members.

Such allegations were also made last year and full-scale inquiries proved those baseless, they said.

The PSC Chairman Professor Dr

Jinnatunnisa Tahmida Begum submitted annual report of the commission (2004) to the President at Bangabhaban.

While submitting the report, the commission members also apprised the President of the activities of the commission and the examinations it conducted last year.

Dr Jinnatunnisa said," As a constitutional body the PSC is arranging examinations and publishing results promptly with transparency and credibility as far as possible."

The President thanked them for submitting the report in time and holding examinations and publishing results regularly.

## Tributes paid to Abdul Latif

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rich tributes were paid yesterday to Abdul Latif, noted folk singer, lyricist and language veteran, who died of old age complications in the city on February 26.

A large number of admirers and disciples with flowers gathered on the premises of Central Shaheed Minar to pay their last respect to music maestro.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman, Awami League leaders Abdul Jalil, Obaidul Quader and Asaduzzaman Nur, Communist Party leaders Manjurul Ahsan Khan and Mujahidul Islam Selim were among others who paid last respect.

Sannilata Sangskritik Jote organised the programme.

Qulkhwan of Abdul Latif will be held at the Shyamoli Party Palace in the city after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwan.

## CityCell awards winners of "Heart 2 Heart" SMS competition

CityCell organised an SMS competition for its subscribers from February 7 to 14 to celebrate the Valentine's Day, says a press release.

The "Heart 2 Heart" competition enthralled subscribers to send SMS to 1122, replying to the questions with the feelings about their Valentines.

CityCell awarded top 55 point gainers with exclusive prizes. The topmost SMS sender was awarded with a return couple ticket to Bangkok and full waiver of all SMS charges incurred during the campaign.

Shariful Azad won the first prize by sending the highest number of answers. The 2nd prize winner has been awarded with a CityCell Mobile Phone with Local, NWD and ISD connectivity.

Other prizes included Couple Dinner coupon of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Hallmark Gift Voucher, 51 Dating Coupons at Cafe Mango for 51 winners.

M Farhad Alam, Vice President – Product and Business Development, handed over the awards among the winners of "Heart 2 Heart" competition at a function at the Pacific Centre in the city recently.

Taslim Ahmed, AVP Marketing Communications, Ahmed Arman Siddiqui, AVP Product Development, Pacific Bangladesh Telecom Ltd were present at the function.

## LAUNCH DISASTERS 'Take action against culprits'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Save Environment Movement yesterday demanded punishment to the persons and organisations responsible for all launch disasters.

It also called for formulating a national policy to ensure safety of the passengers of water transports.

The environmental activists formed a human chain and staged a demonstration at Shahbagh in the city to press for their demand.

At a rally, the speakers called for forming a citizens' investigation committee to identify the persons and organisations responsible.

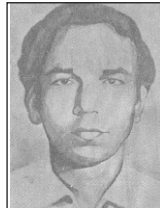
They also demanded that the probe reports on all launch disasters be made public and compensation be paid to the families of those killed in the launch accidents.

They identified faulty design of launches, unskilled driver and overloading as major causes of such accidents.

Presided over by Convenor of the

Save Environment Movement Abu Naser Khan, the rally was also addressed by Golam Kibria, Bino Mondol, Robin Biswas, Alamgir Kabir and Shahin Aziz.

## Shaheed Tajul's anniversary of death today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 21st death anniversary of Shaheed Tajul Islam, a central leader of Bangladesh, will be observed today, says a press release.

Different political organisations have taken elaborate programmes to mark the day.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will place wreaths at the sculpture of Shaheed Tajul Islam at its office at 10.00am.

The CPB will also hold a discussion at its office at 11.00am. Leaders of different political parties will address the discussion.

President of Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra (BTUK) Mohammed Nurul Islam and General Secretary Wajedul Islam Khan said Tajul Islam sacrificed his life for establishing the rights of the workers.

They also said due to wrong policy of the government, country's mills and factories are being laid off and thousands of workers are losing their jobs.

The BTUK will also hold a discussion in the city at 4.00pm to mark the Shaheed Tajul Day. Leaders from different trade unions will take part in the discussion.

Tajul Islam, a worker of Adamjee Jute Mill was gunned down by criminals while leading a procession during a strike called by Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad in 1984 during the anti-autocracy movement.

Tajul Islam joined the Adamjee Jute Mills as a worker after completion of his education at Dhaka University to organise labour movement.

## ICIMOD to develop eco-tourism in CHT

BSS, Dhaka

Kathmandu-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) will take up a programme to develop eco-tourism in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

ICIMOD Director General J Gabriel Campbell said this when he called on Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs Mani Swapan Dewan at his office yesterday.

## Correction

Jatiya Chhatra Dhara is a student wing of the Jatiya Oikya Mancha led by Dr Kamal Hossain. But in a photo caption published on Page 10 yesterday, the organisation was inadvertently mentioned as the student wing of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh.

## Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Golam Morshed, a ward commissioner of Dhaka City Corporation, died at Bamrungrad Hospital in Bangkok early yesterday at the age of 52.

Morshed, who served 28 years as DCC commissioner from Ward No 63 in Lalbagh thana, was joint secretary of the city BNP and convenor of the Lalbagh thana unit.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia expressed profound sorrow at the death of Golam Morshed.

In a condolence message, she recalled the contribution of Morshed to politics and social services for a long time.

She prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed her sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

## Dr Samanta Bhadra



Today is the fifth death anniversary of Dr Samanta Bhadra Bhikkhu (Mutsuddi), a Buddhist leader, says a press release.

Dr Mutsuddi, a member of former East Pakistan Medical Service, was a founder member of Bangladesh Buddhists Association and president of Bangladesh Bouddha Krishti Prachar Sangha, Chittagong zone.

DHAKA TODAY

### Drama festival

The inaugural ceremony of a weeklong Street Drama Festival, organised by Bangladesh Pathanatok Parishad, will be held. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm.

### IT festival

A three-day IT Festival, organised by computer science and engineering department of Dhaka University, will be inaugurated with Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: Teachers Students Centre. Time: 10.00am.

### Muldhara discussion

Weekly discussion meeting of Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, will be held. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

### Launching ceremony

The launch of Pan Macmillan Book Month will be held. Venue: Etcetera Store, Gulshan. Time: 6.00pm. The fair will continue till March 31.

### Rotary meeting

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of

### Discussion

The first round of discussions under the theme 'Promotion of better understanding and collaboration amongst the parliamentary committees and ministries of the government' will be held with Speaker Mohammad Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 10.30am.

### TIB report

Transparency International Bangladesh will release its report on Parliament Watch. Venue: VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil speaks at a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Awami Jubo League organised the meeting protesting police action on its procession on Saturday.

## AUGUST 21 GRENADE ATTACK Moudud for publishing judicial inquiry report

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The government is considering publishing the Joyrul Abedin Judicial Inquiry Commission Report on the August 21 grenade attack on the Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city that left 22 people, including Ivy Rahman, killed and over 200 others injured.

"My personal opinion in this regard is to publish the judicial inquiry report on the August 21 grenade attack and I have conveyed my opinion to the government," said Law Minister Moudud Ahmed at the monthly press briefing yesterday.

Moudud said the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) Inquiry Committee also could not identify the perpetrators or the masterminds of the grenade attacks.

The SCBA committee should have extended assistance to the judicial inquiry commission formed by the government, he added.

Moudud said the government has achieved tremendous success in its legal reform programmes.

"Some 5,911 cases have been disposed of under the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) of the Civil Procedure of Code (CPC). The government is also considering launching the ADR to dispose of cases under the Criminal Procedure of Code (CrPC)," he added.

The minister said the government has realised Tk 1760.38 crore out of the total Tk 8818.40 crore from the loan defaulters by disposing of 18,207 cases under the Orthorin Ain (finance debt act) in last

22 months.

Law Secretary Alauddin Sarder, Additional Secretary Habibul Awal and senior officials were present.

## Police officer Mofazzel on 3-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Former Additional Police Super Mofazzel Hossain has been taken on a three-day remand yesterday in the Jugantor Journalist Dip Azad bomb attack case.

The Metropolitan Magistrate Atiqul Haque granted three days' remand for police officer Mofazzel.

Earlier, Magistrate Atiqul Haque rejected the bail petition of Mofazzel.

Mofazzel was brought to court from Khulna district jail in a prison van at 11:50am amid tight security. He was sent back to jail at 12:15pm.

Mofazzel was allowed to address journalists for five minutes.

He is being interrogated at the Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) headquarters in presence of outlaw Hasan. Because, Hasan named the additional police super as mastermind of bomb attack on Dip Azad.

## US puts world in danger: UK MP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Visiting British opposition lawmaker George Galloway yesterday said the United States is placing the whole world in danger.

He said the US government is intensifying the process of exploitation and keeping Syria, Iran and Korea under a continuous threat.

The British MP was speaking at a discussion titled 'Crisis in current politics', organised by the Centre for Democratic Practice (CPD), at a city hotel.

"Almost two hundred people die every day in Iraq due to resistance by the Iraqi people. Some 1,500 US soldiers have already died while another fifteen thousand were injured," he added.

Galloway said the United Kingdom is playing its role as if it is the 51st state of the United States thanks to the policy of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

He also mentioned Bangladesh as a fragile country as it is economically poor and environmentally vulnerable.

The discussion was also participated by Awami League lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta, President of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Mujahidul Islam Selim, Workers' Party leader Haidar Akbar Khan Rono, International Secretary of UK BNP Shamsul Alam Chowdhury and Convenor of Protecting Oil and Gas in Bangladesh Movement.

Citing the example of Afghanistan, the CPB leader said imperialism and fundamentalism are helping each other to create further threat to civilisation.

The speakers said the political parties in Bangladesh do not represent people's interest at all.

They said Bangladesh should not be a moderate Muslim country as it was supposed to be a secular country.



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## Bonsai exhibition begins in city

SURANJITH DEBNATH

It was an exhibition of Bonsai where fantasy and reality were integrated into a single form.

Flower lovers were simply charmed seeing the trees in tiny pots when they visited the exhibition that began in the city yesterday.

Hundreds of Bonsai works on Banyan, Krishnachura, Tamarind, Shawra, Hijol, Tamal, Kamini, Chandana, Boichi, Pakur, Togor and Gandharaj were on display at the exhibition.

Their different shapes and sizes were the re-appearance of a natural scenery in a pot.

The Embassy of Japan and Bangladesh Bonsai Society have jointly organised the two-day exhibition at the national music and dance

centre of Shilpakala Academy.

Some 80 bonsai practitioners are taking part in the exhibition showing their artistic works.

Susumu Nakamura, one of the most distinguished Bonshai Masters in Japan, inaugurated the exhibition.

"Bonsai means a tree in a tiny pot and the word bonsai comes from Japanese language where Bon means shallow pot and Sai means tree," Susumu Nakamura told The Daily Star.

He said Bangladesh is a good place for Bonsai as varieties of trees are available here.

"Bonsai are being made around 60 styles including formal upright, informal upright, slanting, cascade, and semi-cascade form," said Dr AK Shafique Ahmed Khan, president of

the society.

He said bonsai practitioners selected such trees for bonsai which have strong trunk, branch, small leaf and root.

"Every branch and twig of the tree must be shaped or eliminated until the chosen image is achieved and patience is needed for this tusk," said Borhan Hossain Kakul, training director of BBS who have displayed his four best works.

"Around 40 species of trees in our country can be turned into bonsai," said Masudur Rahman, general secretary of the society.

A total of 150 bonsai works are being displayed at the exhibition where best four will be given prizes, sources said.

The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 6.00pm today.