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Garments Sramik Federation held a gayebana janaza at Baitul Mukarram in the city yesterday for the victims of Savar factory collapse.

ADDITIONAL COURSE FEE Doctors threaten to step up movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Post Graduation Doctors' Association (PGDA) on Sunday demanded that the decision to withdraw the increased tuition fee for post graduation courses be implemented immediately.

Otherwise, it would intensify their movement to realise the demand, said association President Quazi Shahidul Alam and Secretary General Rakibul Islam Litu in a statement.

Expressing grave concern, the association leaders said the students would have to pay ten times more than the normal fee if the decision is not made effective soon.

On April 9, the government withdrew the increased fees in face of protest and agitation by the doctors under the banner of the PGDA.

The leaders also demanded that

the government refund the additional fees taken from the doctors.

They also urged the government to launch a scholarship programme for the post-graduate students.

Management Net reunion Apr 29

A reunion of Management Net, organisation of the ex-students of 10 batches of Department of Management (83-92) of Dhaka University, will be held on April 29 at Business Studies Bhaban, says a press release.

A members' directory will be published on the occasion.

Former students of 10 batches of the department have been requested to contact Management Net Office (262/F, Elephant Road in the city, Tel: 8617595).

SAVAR FACTORY COLLAPSE

Garment workers to lay siege to home ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Garment Sramik Federation and Bangladesh Garment and Industrial Workers Federation will lay a siege to the home ministry on April 28 demanding immediate arrest of the owners of Spectrum garment factory at Savar.

This was announced by the leaders of the two federations after a Gaybana Janaza at the north gate of the Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday for the salvation of the departed souls of those killed in the collapse of the factory building.

"Some other like-minded organisations too have expressed their solidarity with the siege programme," said General Secretary of Jatiya Garment Sramik Federation Amirul

Haque Amin.

Conducted by former MP Advocate ANM Yusuf, the janaza was attended by Shafiqur Rahman Majumdar and Abdul Kader Hawladar of Sramik Karmochari Oikya Parishad, and Kazi Mohammad Ali and BM Abdul Hossain of Garment Sramik Oikya Parishad.

KIBRIA MURDER

Quaiyum shifted to Moulvibazar jail on security reason

BDNEWS, Habiganj

AKM Abdul Quaiyum, the suspected mastermind of the killing of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria, was shifted to the Moulvibazar jail from Habiganj Jail on security ground, sources said.

Another accused Zainal Abedin Momin was shifted to the Sylhet jail for the same reason.

Other accused Ayaat Ali, Shahed Ali, Zoinal Abedin Jalal, Selim Ahmed, Zamir Ali and Tajul Islam are in the Habiganj jail.

They will also be shifted to different jails soon.

Meanwhile, the authorities sent a letter to the home ministry to make Momin as an approver.

Momin, who believed to have hurled grenades at the rally, was charge-sheeted in two cases - one for killing Kibria along with his four associates and another for explosion charges.

Unocal donates books to DU Geology Dept

Unocal Bangladesh donated books worth 2,000 US dollar to the Geology Department of Dhaka University on April 21, says a press release.

Director Exploration John T Coleman, Chief Exploration Geologist Dr AHM Shamsuddin and External Affairs Manager Naser Ahmed handed over the books to Department Chairman Professor Dr Hossain Monsur at the department.

Professor Dr Bedrul Imam, Professor Dr Syed Humayun Akther, Assistant Professor Dr M Azizul Huq, Assistant Professor Dr Khaled Hasan, and Assistant Professor Dr ASM Maqsood Kamal were present on the occasion.



Communications Minister Nazmul Huda speaks at the inaugural ceremony of "Badiul Alam-Jebunnessa Begum Trust" as the chief guest at the Chittagong District Council auditorium recently.

Criminal dies in 'crossfire'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A listed criminal was killed in 'crossfire' between police and his accomplices in Sihala village in Daulatpur upazila in the early hours yesterday.

Police said they arrested Touhidul Islam alias Tohir, 40, chief of notorious Tohir Bahini, from Telagandia in Daulatpur at around 8:00pm Sunday.

Tohir during interrogation at Daulatpur Police Station confessed to hiding his firearms in different areas in the district.

Following his statement, the police took him to Telagandia to seize his hidden firearms at around 3:30am yesterday, the law enforcers said.

The police came under fire in Sihala and retaliated, they added. They said Tohir made an attempt to escape and was killed in crossfire.

Tohir, son of Mozammel Haq alias Bhujju of Telagandia, was accused of nine criminal offences including two murders. The recent death has brought to 61 the number of people killed in 'crossfire' in Kushtia since June last year.

Badiul Alam Jebunnessa Trust formed

Communication Minister Nazmul Huda inaugurated the "Badiul Alam-Jebunnessa Begum Trust" as the chief guest at a simple ceremony at the Chittagong District Council auditorium recently, says a press release.

The Trust was formed for social welfare in the name of late Advocate Badiul Alam, an organiser of the War of Liberation and a lawyer and his wife.

Bangladesh Bar Council member Advocate Shamsuddin Ahmed Mirza presided. Former DACSU VP Badrul Alam, former president of Chittagong Bar Advocate Kabir Chowdhury, IUC Student Affairs Director AZM Obadullah, Public Prosecutor Advocate Kafiluddin Chowdhury, human rights activist Advocate Zia Habib and Advocate Sharifuddin also spoke.

Former commerce minister Amir Khashru Mahmood Chowdhury MP, Dr Moinul Islam Mahmood and city BNP General Secretary Dastagir Chowdhury were present.