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Family members of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam offer prayers after placing wreaths at the grave of the poet in the city yesterday on the occasion of his 29th death anniversary.

## Nazrul's death anniversary observed

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The 29th anniversary of death of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, popularly known as "rebel poet", was observed in the country with due respect yesterday.

The day's programmes began with placing wreaths by the relatives of the poet at the mazar in the morning. They also offered prayers at the mazar.

Later, various socio-cultural organisations, political parties and student bodies placed wreath at the mazar.

Ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), main opposition Awami League, Dhaka University (DU) authorities, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta), Workers Party, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Pragolish Chhatra Jote, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Nazrul Academy, Nazrul Institute, Bangla Academy, Kabi Nazrul University, Shishu Academy, Bishwa Kabita Kantha Parishad, Shilpakala Academy, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Zia Sahitya Sangskritik Sangstha, different DU halls and many other organisations and individuals placed wreaths at the grave of the poet.

AL presidium members Abdur Razzaq, Tofail Ahmed, Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, General Secretary Abdul Jalil and other leaders placed wreaths on behalf of the party.

Minister for Fisheries and Live Stock Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for Labour and Employment Amanulla Aman placed wreaths on behalf of the ruling BNP.

On this day in 1976, Nazrul died in Dhaka after his prolonged illness. He was born at Churulia of Bardawan district in West Bengal India, on May 24, 1899.

For his patriotic poems and songs, Nazrul became a source of inspiration to the common people and the freedom fighters during movements against the then British era and later during the War of Liberation of Bangladesh.

The daylong programmes include placing wreaths at his mazar on the Dhaka University campus, milad mahfil and discussion meetings on his life and works.

Nazrul Academy arranged a discussion and cultural programme at Nazrul Bhaban in the city in the afternoon. Academy president Dr Ashraf Siddiqui presided over the function while noted writers, researchers and poets took part in the discussion and artistes rendered Nazrul songs.

## Abducted trader's body recovered from Turag

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Savar police yesterday recovered the body of an abducted vegetable trader from the river Turag near Mirpur in the city.

The victim identified as Mohammad Mozaffar Hossain, 32, was a vegetable trader of Karwan Bazar in the city.

Mozaffar was abducted from his residence at Badda in the city on Wednesday by three of his villagers, victim's brother told the journalists at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue.

He said the three forced his brother to go with them to Tongi. Since then, he was missing.

An unanimous caller phoned Amir Hossain, a friend of Mozaffar, and said that his friend's body has been kept under the hyacinth near a palm tree on the bank of the river Turag at Nababer Bagh in Mirpur.

Later, police recovered the body at about 2:00pm. The throat of the body was found tied with plastic rope.

The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.



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Vehicles get stuck in a long tailback from Mahakhali to Banani in the city yesterday, causing suffering to the commuters.

## Second edition of Index of Bangladesh Laws launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second edition of the Index of Bangladesh Laws, a guide to the existing laws, was launched in the city yesterday.

The book will come in handy as an instant guide to relevant laws as the laws in Bangladesh are neither codified up-to-date nor arranged in orderly manner, said its author advocate MR Hasan, a Supreme Court lawyer.

The book contains names and titles of laws and ordinances in alphabetical order, including amendments, enacted from 1838 to December 2004 with reference to their sources, he said.

The index aims to overcome a situation where ignorance of law cannot be pleaded as defence, by describing what the law is and where it is available to address a particular subject, Hasan said.

The index will be useful for lawyers, judges and the litigant public, said senior advocate Dr M Zahir while unveiling the cover of the book on the Supreme Court premises.

Making an index of laws is a difficult job, but once done, it will be helpful for all concerned, said eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain.

It is an up-to-date book on index of laws and extremely useful for the law practitioners, said Barrister Rakanuddin Mahmud, vice-chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council.

The first edition of the book was published in 1991 and its copy is also preserved at the Law Library of Congress, USA.

The book, with a forward by former chief justice and currently chairman of Bangladesh Law Commission Mustafa Kamal, is priced at Tk 200.

President of the Supreme Court Bar Association Mahbubey Alam was also present at the launching ceremony.

## '25 pc female cancer patients suffer from cervical cancer'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One in every four female cancer patients in the country has cervical cancer, according to a hospital-based survey.

Also, over 90 percent of the sufferers do not have any idea about their illness until they are seriously effected.

Prof Khoorshed Jahan Moula, a cancer expert, disclosed the facts while speaking at the launching ceremony of a week-long cervical (uterus) cancer screening programme yesterday, organised by the Bangladesh Cancer Foundation Hospital (BCFH) in the city.

The disease is almost curable if detected in the early stage, but most patients come to hospital when the disease reaches advanced stages, she said. "In view of this, I suggest that every

woman after their first childbirth should undergo 'Pap Smear' test (a pathological examination) to know the status of their illness of the uterus."

Prof Jahan also suggested that married women should undergo Pap Smear test once every three years until the age of 65.

She pointed out that the disease of cervix cancer usually develops between the age of 35 and 65 years.

Prof AZM Zahid Hussain, secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), called for raising awareness to prevent the disease.

He also suggested undertaking training programmes for the physicians on various diseases, including uterus cancer, in all 67 branches of the BMA across the country.

Interested women can register

for cervix cancer screening programme that began yesterday with a reduced fee of Tk 300 per person.

The screening programme includes physical examination by a gynaecologist and a Pap Smear test to detect uterus cancer. The physician will also give advice on the basis of the test report.

A total of 63 patients registered for the screening test yesterday at the 50-bed hospital at Lalmatia.

Prof AMM Shariful Alam, director of National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital, Prof Ahmed Syeed, treasurer of BCF, Dr Md Habibullah Talukder, secretary general of BCF, Dr Golam Mostafa, a leading histopathologist, Mosarrat Jahan Talukder, director of BCF, also spoke on the occasion.

CU ARTS FACULTY BLDG

## 7-day agitation programme begins

CU CORRESPONDENT

The teachers, students and employees of Chittagong University Mass Communication and Journalism Department began a seven-day agitation programme yesterday demanding immediate renovation of the dilapidated arts faculty building.

The department's academic committee announced the programmes at a meeting on Wednesday.

On the first day of the programme yesterday, the teachers, students and staffs wore black badges. They will submit memorandums to the faculty dean and Vice Chancellor on August 30 and September 4 in this regard.



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Piles of garbage remain scattered on the lakeside at Uttara Sector-5 in the city, emitting a stench and posing health hazards, but the authorities remain indifferent.

## Preserve JS complex as per '73 master plan

Architect Mubasshar appeals to PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Institute of Architects Bangladesh President Mubasshar Hussain has appealed to the prime minister to take steps to preserve the parliament complex as per the 1973 master plan designed by world famous architect Louis I Kahn.

Mubasshar, also vice president of the Commonwealth Association of Architects, in a written appeal said the famous parliament complex has been recognised as an icon of the world. It is also considered throughout the world as one of the greatest architectural works of modern times, he added.

"To build anything in violation of the 1973 master plan under the pretext that it is incomplete would be like using a brush on top of Zainal Abedin's paintings or to add jewelry to Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, for the sake of their beautification," he said.

The High Court has recognised the parliament complex as one of the best architectural works of the modern times. It is unacceptable that new structures should be built there.

"We are appealing to the prime minister to direct the relevant authorities to refrain from appealing against the High Court verdict, which earlier declared the construction of two houses of Speakers illegal," he said.