

## IT expert falls to death from six-storey bldg

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Zahid Parvez Babu, an IT expert and businessman, died after he fell from a sunshade of a six-storey building in Rampura Mahanagar Residential Project area in the city on Tuesday evening.

Babu, 32, was fixing cables of his Information Technology establishment at the top of the building close to his house, but he slipped and fell to the ground at around 4:15 pm, his family members said.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead. The right part of his body sustained the impact.

Son of businessman Haji Shafiuddin Ahmed, Babu left behind his mother, a sister, his wife Nishat and son Ahfar, and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers.

His body was brought back to his Rampura home at D-60, Road 3, Mahanagar Residential Project at 1:30am yesterday and then taken to his Faridpur village home in the morning for burial. He was buried in the family graveyard after Zohr prayers.

Babu completed his honours and master's in management under Dhaka University and obtained diploma in computer science. He started a small IT venture three years ago while looking after his father's business.

A talented amateur musician of the early nineties, Babu was involved with a band called 'Icarus' as its keyboard player, and contributed to an album with the band in 1994.



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Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, president of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, speaks at the inaugural ceremony of the countrywide mobile library expansion programme in the city yesterday. On the right are new mobile libraries. Manusher Jonno Foundation and Norwegian Embassy have provided technical and financial assistance for the expansion programme.

## Mobile library in 42 more dists from tomorrow

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With a view to spreading library facilities at the grassroots level across the country, Bishwa Sahitya Kendra expands its mobile library programme to 42 more districts.

With the start of the programme tomorrow, around 40000 people of 120 upazilas will be brought under the mobile library programme that will provide books to readers at their doorstep.

The programme will be operated with the technical and financial assistance of Manusher Jonno Foundation and Norwegian Embassy.

This was stated at a press conference organised by Bishwa Sahitya Kendra on the eve of its countrywide mobile library expansion programme at the seminar room of Public Library in the city yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, president of the Kendra, said although book reading is essential for enlightenment, enough opportunity does not exist in small towns and villages for reading books in library.

Expressing concern over the negligible number of library in the country and their dilapidated condition, he said it is also difficult for readers to go to library due to communication and financial problems.

Prof Sayeed hoped to provide books to everyone through mobile library programme by 2009.

He also called for forming cultural society in each area for mental recreation and enlightenment.

The new districts include Faridpur, Rajbari, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Tangail, Narayanganj, Narshingdi, Munshiganj, Gazipur, Noakhali, Feni, Comilla, Chandpur, Kushtia, Natore, Pabna, Chuadanga, Lalmonirhat, Jhenidah, Kurigram, Magura, Naogan, Nilphamari and Sylhet.

The mobile library has already reached around 27000 readers of four metropolitan cities Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi.

Variety of literary genres including world famous novels, anthology of short stories, comedies, travel stories, biographies, poetry and translated literature will be available in the mobile library.

Appreciating the initiative, Shaheen Anam, executive director of

Manusher Jonno Foundation, hoped that the programme would help enrich the outlook of both male and female readers thanks to reading books together in mobile library.

Hans Peter Melby, counsellor of Norwegian Embassy, also spoke on the occasion.

## Concerts for expatriate Bangladeshis

Pakhi Showbiz and Orbit Multimedia will jointly organise concerts for expatriate Bangladeshis in the USA and the UK from December 26, says a press release.

The concerts will be held in New York, Michigan, Dallas and London.

Fifty expatriate artistes, including singers, actors and models, will take part in the concerts, which will be aired on satellite channels later.

## Tax offices open Sept 29, 30

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All circles and offices concerned of Income Tax return recipient will remain open on September 29 and 30, despite public holiday, for convenience of taxpayers.

On Friday (September 29) the offices will remain open from 9:00am to 12:00 noon and on Saturday (September 30) from 9:00am to 3:30pm, said a PID handout.