

## Attack on Khulna AL leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Awami League leader Imtiaz Ahmed Bulu was attacked by a group of drug peddlers on Sunday night at Iqbalnagar Mosque Lane in the city.

He is undergoing treatment in Khulna Medical College Hospital with his hands and legs fractured.

According to sources, Bulu was attacked, as he protested sale of hashish and phensyndil in that area.

A group of drug peddlers led by police informer Russel attacked AL leader after storming into his house at 10:00pm on Sunday. The attackers fired two shots from revolver while going away from the place.

Local people alleged that sale of drugs was rampant at Iqbalnagar area for long in connivance with a section of policemen serving in the Detective Branch of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP).

President of Khulna city AL Talukder Abdul Khaleque, General Secretary Mizanur Rahman, and President of Khulna district AL Shaikh Harun-ar-Rashid demanded arrest of the attackers and action against alleged policemen.

## Reception to language veteran Matin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Language veteran Abdul Matin was accorded a warm reception by the National Credit and Commerce (NCC) Bank yesterday to mark the historic February 21.

NCC Bank Chairman Mahbubul Alam Tara handed over a crest and a cheque for Tk 1 lakh to Abdul Matin at a function at Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum.

The bank also distributed books worth Tk 5 lakh to different educational institutions of the country.

Thanking the organisers for the reception, Abdul Matin said, "We should keep up the dignity and significance of Bangla language for which we struggled in 1952."

It is yet to make literate all people of the country and praiseworthy the prevalence of Bangla in all spheres of life, he added.

Terming Abdul Matin a leader, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, president of Biswa Sahitya Kendra, said everyone cannot be a leader and the nation owes much to the great hero.

He regretted that, "We are not working hard to promote the language for which once the people sacrificed their lives."

Editor of Jugantor Golam Sarwar said Abdul Matin possesses a sharp political thinking which can lead us.

Gulbadan Nessa, wife of Abdul Matin, and NCC Bank Managing Director Mohammad Nurul Amin were present on the occasion.

## Death anniversary



Today is the seventh death anniversary of Kazi Akram Hossain, a freedom fighter and former president of Bangladesh, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and memorial meeting will be held at his wife's Adabar residence after Magrib prayers today.

Family members of Akram requested his relatives, friends and admirers to attend the programme to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

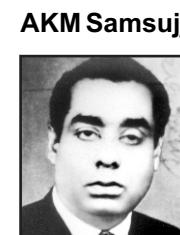
## Ataur Rahman Allama



Today is the 19th death anniversary of Chowdhury Ataur Rahman Allama, former chairman of Mustafa Alia Islam Goldcup Foundation and freedom fighter, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence in Dhaka and village home at Deulgram Allama Nagar in Beanibazar under Golapganj.

## AKM Samsujjoha



Today is the 20th death anniversary of AKM Samsujjoha, one of the founders of the liberation war, former member of the parliament and one of the founding members of Awami League, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at a mosque adjacent to his residence at Narayanganj after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the programme to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

## SEPARATION OF JUDICIARY SC delivers orders tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The Supreme Court delivers tomorrow its orders whether the present government made and mended the judiciary-separation rules right in compliance with the SC directives.

And, therewith, the apex court will dispose of the contempt-of-court cases against the bureaucrats in the dock for "distorting" the SC directives regarding separation of the judiciary from the executive and "impeding" the process of separation.

The quartet rules relating to independent judicial service along with its regulating mechanism and the amended CrPC ordinance to separate magistracy from the executive control are now under last-minute scrutiny by the full hierarchy of the SC.

Facing two contempt-of-court charges are 13 government officials, including four top secretar-

ies, for the foot dragging on the judiciary-separation implementation process.

Seven years ago, the SC had delivered its judgment on the much-talked-about Masder Hossain case on separation of the judiciary from the executive. It gave a 12-point directive to the government for implementation of the judgment.

Since then, all the successive political governments have secured extension of time repeatedly on the plea of their preparation for implementing the highest court edicts.

But immediate after taking office the present caretaker government headed by Fakhruddin Ahmed issued four rules relating to judicial service along with its regulating mechanism and promulgated an amended CrPC to separate magistracy from the executive control. All these have been submitted before the SC.



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NCC Bank Chairman Mahbubul Alam Tara and Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed hand over a crest to language veteran Abdul Matin at a reception accorded to him at National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday.

## Restriction on RU Ekushey programmes

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) authorities yesterday imposed restriction on holding all sorts of cultural programmes, processions and rallies by student and cultural organisations to observe Amar Ekushey and the International Mother Language Day.

They asked all the organisations to observe Ekushey February under the banner of the university where all can perform.

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## Kartik Pramanik wins Channel i Krishi Padak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Channel i Krishi Padak 2007 was announced yesterday.

Kartik Pramanik, a farmer of Tarapur village under Shibganj upazila of Chapainababganj district, has been declared winner of the award for his contribution to tree plantation in his area, says a press release.

Mir Fazlur Rahman is the father-in-law of Morshed Ali Khan, Special Correspondent of The Daily Star.

Kartik, 65, a marginal farmer but barber in profession, started planting trees on vacant places in his area when he was 10 years old.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at the Azad Mosque in Gulshan after Zohr prayers yesterday. He will be laid to rest in his family graveyard at Panispara in Jessor.

He left behind his wife, one son and two daughters to mourn his death.

His continuous effort has turned

## US-funded school opens in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Patricia Butenis yesterday opened Memorial Christian School and Flood Shelter at Malumghat in Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar district.

Funded and designed by US Army Pacific and the 412th Engineering Command from the United States of America, the school cum cyclone shelter was constructed by Impulse Engineering and Construction, a local firm, at a cost of three lakh US dollars or Tk 2.1 crore on around 2-acre land, Prasad Yadav said.

The project, first of its kind by the US Army in Bangladesh, was part of the US effort under its 'humanitarian aid programme' to increase disaster preparedness for people living in flood-prone areas, they said.

Referring to the US financial support and Bangladesh's labour and materials, Butenis said the school building using the resources of both Bangladesh and USA has now become an enduring symbol of the partnership of the two countries.

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