

Form committees at dist, UZ levels to check corruption

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Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Lt Gen (retd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday called on the civil society members to form committees at district and upazila levels with neutral persons to make the ongoing drive against corruption a success.

He also urged all to make all-out efforts to root out corruption from society.

"There is no scope to surrender; we have to win the war against corruption," the ACC chief said at a view exchange meeting at the auditorium of Mymensingh Medical College (MMC).

As part of his mission outside the capital, Lt Gen (retd) Hasan Mashhud visited Mymensingh and Tangail yesterday.

Like other organisations, the ACC will conduct a survey to assess its performance, he told the meeting in Mymensingh.

"Our aim is to stamp out corruption. Spontaneous participation of common people in the drive is crucial to its success," he said.

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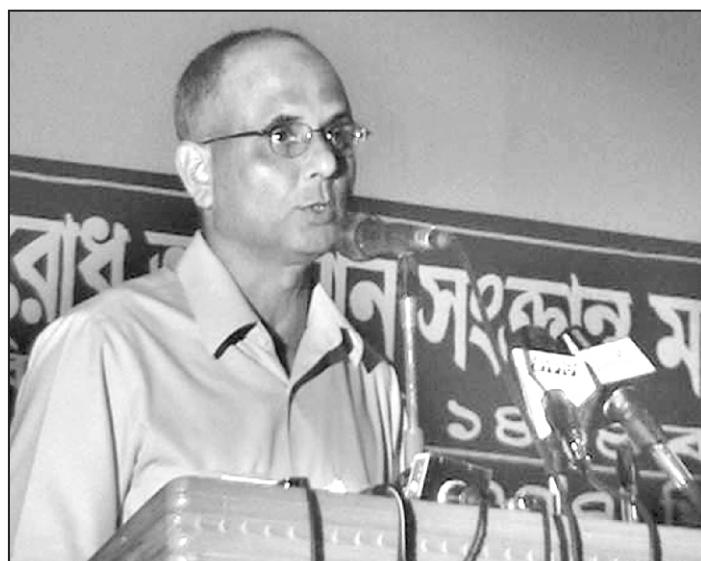


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ACC Chairman Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury speaks at a view exchange meeting at Shilpkala Academy auditorium in Tangail yesterday.

by holding seminar and meeting. To eliminate it, we have to take a vow that each and every one of us will keep off corruption and build a strong resistance against corrupt people," Gen Mashhud said.

Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Md Shamsul Haque, ACC Chairman Hasan

Mashhud Chowdhury also exchanged views with civil society members, public representatives, journalists, lawyers and businessmen at Shilpkala Academy auditorium, urging all to wage an all-out movement against corruption across the country.

"The problem has already been identified and we have started action against corrupt people. So, everybody should be aware of it and build resistance against corruption," he said.

"The drive against corruption is a continuous process. The crackdown will continue until all the corrupt people are brought to book," he added.

The ACC chief called upon all to be vocal against corruption from their respective positions.

Tangail Deputy Commissioner Md Akhtar Ali Sarkar, Superintendent of Police Sheikh Md Maruf Hassan, Tangail Chamber of Commerce President Abul Kashem, Government Prosecutor Khan M o h a m m a d K h a l e d , Shamsuzzaman Khan, Alamgir Khan, Khandakar Ashrafuzzaman, Enamul Karim, Hosne-ara Baby and Sabuj Talukder attended the meeting.

Police Superintendent Md Rafiqul Islam, Advocate Anisur Rahman, Prof Mokarram Hossain, Prof Afzalur Rahman Bhuiyan, Prof Dr Sayedur Rahman and Shamsul Alam Ponir attended the meeting.

Our correspondent in Tangail adds: ACC Chairman Hasan



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Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed speaks at a meeting with the secretaries of different ministries at the Secretariat in the city yesterday.

Road accidents kill 9, injure 23

STAR REPORT

At least nine people were killed and 23 others injured in separate road accidents in Keraniganj, Nilphamari, Sathkira and Khulna yesterday.

Our staff correspondent adds: Three unidentified three people were killed and five others injured when a passenger bus and a human hauler collided head-on on the Dhaka-Mawa highway in Keraniganj yesterday.

The dead were a boy aged about 15, a girl aged about 13 and a man aged about 45. The injured were identified as Mainul, 40, Asad, 35, Mitu, 15, Opu, 10 and Avhi, 10.

The victims were passengers of the human hauler.

Local sources said, the accident occurred at around 6:00pm at the Ring Road area when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus and a Mawa-bound yellow hauler collided head-on.

Locals rushed the victims to the Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctors declared three dead.

UNB from Nilphamari adds: Three people were killed and 15 others injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch in Syedpur upazila

in the early hours of yesterday. The dead could not be identified immediately.

Police and witnesses said the Dhaka-bound bus fell into the ditch near WAPDA intersection on Nilphamari-Rangpur highway at about 12:30am.

The injured were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Our correspondent from Sathkira reports: Two people, including an old day labourer, were killed yesterday in separate road accidents in the district.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Selim, 28, son of Abdul Rashid of village Puratan Sathkira in the town and Abdul Gafur, 65, son of Fazey Uddin of village Kashempur in Shyamnagar upazila.

Quoting local people police said Selim was seriously injured when his motorcycle hit a roadside tree near Bangler intersection in the town. The accident occurred when he was going to Kaliganj riding a motorcycle with high speed.

He was rushed to Sathkira Hospital. He was shifted to Khulna Hospital as his condition deteriorated where he succumbed to his injuries in the afternoon, Sadar Police Station officer-in-charge

(OC) Safiqur Rahman said.

A motorcycle knocked day labourer Abdul Gafur in the morning while he was going to work in a nearby cropland near Soalia bridge under Bhurulia union in Shyamnagar upazila, leaving him seriously injured.

He succumbed to his injuries on the way to Shyamnagar hospital, Shyamnagar Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Nawsher Ali said.

Our staff Correspondent from Khulna says: One person was killed and three others were injured in a road accident on Khulan-Jessore highway under Khanjanah Ali Police Station in the city early hours of yesterday.

The dead was identified as Amjad Uddin, 43, a businessman of Jhenaidah district. The injured were rushed to the Khulna Medical College Hospital.

The accident occurred when a onion-laden truck bound for Khulna Bazar from Jhenaidah turned upside down and fell into a ditch near Afil Jute Mills at Atra, leaving Amjaduddin dead on the spot.

Police seized the truck while its driver managed to escape.

Body of Amjaduddin was sent to his village home at Shailkupa upazila after autopsy.

Obituary

Ahaj Matiur Rahman Khan, a social worker of Bakaoedi in Kapashia, passed away on Saturday due to old age complications in the city at the age of 85, says a press release.

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

His first namaze-e-janaza was held at the Boro Masjid at Nikunjo-02 at Khilkhet in Dhaka on Sunday after Fajr prayers.

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Bakaoedi after namaze-e-janaza on Kapashia-Bakaoedi High School ground after Zohr prayers.

His qulhwani will be held at his residence at House No #2, Road No #20, Nikunjo # 02 after Asr prayers tomorrow.

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

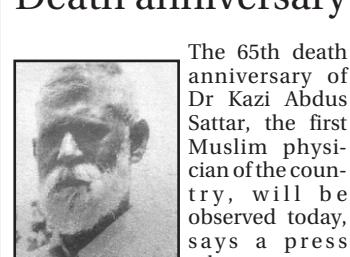
Setara Begum

Setara Begum, wife of late Anwarul Haq Khan, the first Information Secretary of Bangladesh and language movement veteran, passed away due to cancer at Jaslok Hospital in Mumbai on May 20 at the age of 60, says a press release.

Her namaz-e-janaza will take place at Banani Jame Masjid after Zohr prayers today and she will be buried at Banani graveyard.

She left behind her two sons to mourn her death.

Death anniversary



The 65th death anniversary of Dr Kazi Abdus Sattar, the first Muslim physician of the country, will be observed today, says a press release.

Born at Gopalpur village in Kalkata, Madaripur, in 1875, Dr Sattar was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi. He played a significant role in anti-British movement.

Dr Kazi Abdus Sattar Memorial Parishad has drawn up various programmes to mark his death anniversary. Doa and milad mahfil will also be held at his village home.

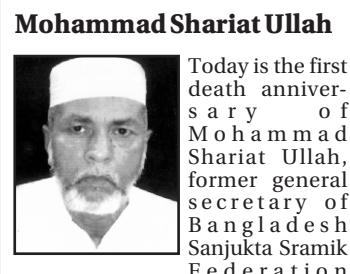
Golam Rasul Mallik

Today is the first death anniversary of Golam Rasul Mallik, founder editor of Eastern News Agency (ENA) and founder of Eastern Commercial Service (ECS), says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at ECS Bhaban at 8/4 A Topkhana Road in the city after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the milad.

Mohammad Shariat Ullah



Today is the first death anniversary of Mohammad Shariat Ullah, former general secretary of Bangladesh Sanjukta Bramik Federation (BSSF), says a press release.

On this occasion, BSSF will hold a milad mahfil at its head office at 2/2, Purana Paltan in the city at 4:00pm today.

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The pair eclipsed the previous ninth-wicket partnership record of 74 made by Khaled Mashud and Tapash Baisya in the drawn Test match in West Indies in 2004.

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The aggressive Shahadat bowled with a lot of heart to reduce India to 6-2 but the right-arm quick had Rajin Saleh to thank for the wicket of Indian

captain Rahul Dravid (2), who played a perfect flick only to fall victim to a stunning catch at square leg.

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