



Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abu Nasr Mainuddin, son of late AKM Hafizuddin and late Zahida Hafizuddin, passed away in Dhaka on July 9, says a press release.

His quikhani will be held at Azad Mosque in Gulshan on Saturday, July 12, after Asr prayers.

Muhammad Idris
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Veteran journalist, writer and social activist Muhammad Idris passed away at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in the port city yesterday at the age of 58.

He has been suffering from cancer and diabetes for the past few years.

He left behind his wife, three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives, fellow colleagues and admirers to mourn his death.

Idris started his career in journalism as assistant editor of the local Bengali daily Purbokone in 1986 and joined the Suprabhat Bangladesh as joint editor in 2005.

He was president of Chittagong Press Club (CPC) and Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ).

Muhammad Idris was involved in different social organisations and also played active role in the campaign of several social and environmental movements especially safe drinking.

Husna Banu
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Husna Banu, a Birangana (heroic woman), passed away at Sirajganj on Wednesday, says a press release.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President Nasiruddin Yusuf and General Secretary Golam Kaddus expressed their shock and bereavement.

They also demanded that the Biranganas who sacrificed their honour during the Liberation War in 1971 be buried with state honour after their death.

Chehlum
METRO DESK

Chehlum of Rashida Sadeq, a senior teacher of Kakoli High School, will be held at her residence at Shyamoli in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and doa mahfil will be held.

Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Blanket factory inside Dhaka jail to be closed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The jail authorities have decided to shut down the 50-year-old blanket factory inside the Dhaka Central Jail and use the factory building for accommodation of prisoners instead.

The authorities took the decision after they won a legal battle yesterday over the lease on the factory on 3.5 acres of land.

According to sources, the jail authorities had been running the factory before leasing it. An entrepreneur took a 25-year lease on the factory in 1983 against a payment of Tk50,000 per year.

Seven years later, the factory authorities extended the lease for another 27 years.

The lessee had been carrying out production using the same machinery the jail authorities used. They only hired workers from outside.

In February 2007, the jail directorate cancelled the lease and asked the lessee to vacate it within three months.

But the lessee filed a writ petition in May 2007 challenging the cancellation notice. The High Court yesterday gave the verdict, which went in favour of the jail authorities.

The jail authorities took control of the factory following the HC verdict.

Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Zakir Hassan told The Daily Star, "We would arrange accommodation for over 800 prisoners in one part of the building while a garment training centre and a workshop would be set up in the other part to rehabilitate the prisoners."

He said the factory workers and staffers were causing security hazards and engaged in drug peddling inside the jail.

Delwar urges docs to help restore democracy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandoker Delwar Hossain yesterday called on the doctors to come forward to restore democracy and fundamental rights when the country is going through a critical period.

Healthcare is one of the fundamental rights, but the health sector is collapsing due to absence of a democratically elected government, he said at a view exchange meeting with the leaders of Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (DAB) at his Nam flat in the city.

The BNP secretary general urged the professionals to contribute to the movement for the release of national leaders, including party chairperson Khaleda Zia.

The Dab leaders also demanded proper treatment and the release of Khaleda Zia and her sons Tarique Rahman and Arafat Rahman Koko.

BNP leaders Rizvi Ahmed, Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sohel and Principal Sohrab Uddin were present at the meeting.



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed visits a stall at an exhibition of solar system at Hotel Sheraton in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

SQ Chowdhury demands steps to control price hike of essentials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detained BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury yesterday demanded steps to control the price hike of essentials to save the people from starvation.

"I don't demand the release of Khaleda Zia, Sheikh Hasina or even myself. I want the people to be freed from the grasp of spiralling prices of essentials," he told reporters while coming out of the courtroom after his trial in a corruption case at a special court.

"I am doing fine in the jail and also ready to serve 100 more years, but I want the prices of essentials to come down as the people are starving due to skyrocketing prices," he said.

Blaming the BNP-led four-party alliance government for the present crisis, SQ Chowdhury said making a matriculated person the state minister for home has led to the current situation.

The special court yesterday recorded statements of prosecution witnesses in the case against SQ Chowdhury and fixed July 14 as the next date for hearing on it.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case against him for amassing Tk 9.45 crore through illegal means.

Bus driver found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a bus driver from the city's Sayedabad Bus Terminal in the early hours of yesterday.

He was identified as Mohammad Sohel, 23, a driver of a bus that ply Dhaka-Gazipur route.

Jatrabari police said they recovered the body at about 2:00am.

Quoting local people, police said he was hit by a speeding truck while fleeing after snatching a bag from a woman.

However, Sohel's father Kamal Uddin alleged his son was beaten to death by some other drivers following an earlier feud.

Appeal for help

METRO DESK

Afiz Uddin, a freedom fighter of Nilphamari district, is suffering from kidney disease, says a press release.

His both kidneys have been damaged. He needs kidney replacement which involves an amount of Tk 8 to 9 lakh.

It is quite impossible to manage such a big amount of money for Afiz, a poor rickshaw-puller.

He is now staying at the house of his son at Mirpur in the capital.

His family members have appealed to well-to-do people of the society for financial assistance.

Contributions can be sent to Md Saiful, Account No 34123836, Agrani Bank Limited, Senpara Branch, Mirpur-10, Dhaka.

Saswota Sotto
RU CORRESPONDENT

Saswota Sotto, a first-year student of mass communication and journalism department of Rajshahi University (RU), has been suffering from ankylosing spondylitis since 1998.

He is the only son of his parents and he has a younger sister who is a college student.

His father is a retired school-teacher.

Saswota needs Tk 25 lakh for his treatment in India.

Teachers, students and officials of RU and his parents have appealed to philanthropic people and organisations to extend help for the treatment of Saswota.

Contributions can be sent to Saswota Chikitsa Sohayota, Account No 34260498, Agrani Bank, RU Branch, or Saswota Chikitsa Sohayota, Account No 135-101-33705, Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd, Dhaka.



Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed speaks at the inaugural ceremony of 'Project Light House' at Char Najir in Galachipa, Patuakhali, yesterday. On his left is Md Mizanur Rahman of Unilever Bangladesh and on his right is Jessore Cantonment GOC Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy rainfalls are also likely at places during the period. Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 34.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and lowest 24.1 degrees Celsius at Sandwip.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:49pm today and rises at 5:19am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.2	25.5	97	76
Chittagong	30.6	25.7	79	83
Rajshahi	32.8	26.2	89	73
Khulna	32.3	26.5	83	80
Barisal	32.0	26.4	80	80
Sylhet	30.1	25.5	88	94
Cox's Bazar	30.6	25.6	76	85

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Recognise Indo-Soviet help in liberation war

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Distortion of the history of the liberation war must be stopped and its true history should be upheld to the new generation to build the country on the basis of the spirit of the liberation war, said the speakers at a meeting yesterday.

The memorial meeting on Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, the chief of the joint forces during the liberation war, was organised by Bangladesh-Bharat Maitree Samity (BBMS), an association for friendship between Bangladesh and India, at the National Press Club in the city.

The speakers said the sacrifices of the Indian and Soviet soldiers during the war of independence should be recognised and a monument should be built to commemorate their contributions.

Speaking as chief guest Awami League (AL) Presidium Member Abdur Razzak said distortion of history must be stopped immediately and the people of the country should be united once again like '71 to fight the conspiracies against the country.

"The war criminals have got so much power that they now dare to tarnish the sanctity of the liberation war. They must be tried right now," said Razzak.

He said thanks to the support of the Indian and Soviet soldiers, the independence of the country could be achieved quickly, and the strategies of Field Marshal Manekshaw made the war easy to win.

BBMS President and former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University AK Azad Chowdhury said, "Liberation war is not a stationary thing, it's a process and the country would forge another war to build the country based on the dreams of the liberation war."

Prof Abul Barkat of Dhaka University said distortion of history started after the brutal murder of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"Those who were freedom fighters by chance had killed Bangabandhu and started distorting the history of the country to make Bangladesh a communal country like Pakistan," he said.

"The liberation war was a people's war and India and Soviet Union have helped us a lot in the war," he added.

Moderated by BBMS General Secretary Ismat Kadir Gama, the meeting was also addressed by First Secretary for Information and Culture of the Indian High Commission Dipak Mittal, BBMS Adviser Mozaffar Hossain Poltu, and HT Imam, secretary to the expatriate government formed during the liberation war at Mujibnagar.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ICDDR,B invites applications from suitable candidates for the following positions with the Bio-Medical Engineering Unit under the Laboratory Sciences Division. The appointment will be made on a fixed-term basis for 2 years, which may be renewable depending on performance and availability of funds.

Duty Station - Dhaka
Salary - Annual Salary - Tk.589,340/- inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances with other admissible benefits.

Benefits/facilities - 14.8% retirement fund contribution by the Centre, Children allowance @Tk.1,420/- per child per month, medical facilities for dependent spouse and children, free group life insurance, and subsidized transport, canteen and daycare facilities.

Position - Bio-Medical Engineer (Electrical & Electronics)

Job profile

- Set up and maintenance of BSL-2 and BSL-3 labs;
- Installation of analytical and biomedical equipment;
- Repair and maintenance of analytical and biomedical equipment;
- Calibration of analytical, and biomedical equipment; develop SOP related to electric safety.

Requirements

- B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering;
- 3 years practical experience on the relevant field;
- Adequate knowledge of the principles of the analytical and biomedical equipment especially those are computer controlled including electrical and electronics troubleshooting;
- Adequate knowledge of AC power distribution, load, wiring and safety;
- Excellent trouble shooting skill on analytical and biomedical equipment especially UV/VIS spectrophotometer, Hematology analyzer, Bio-Chemistry analyzer, Elisa reader, HPLC, Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, Ultra and High speed Centrifuge, Analytical Balance, PCR, Gel documentation and Biohazard cabinet etc.;
- Capability to work confidently and independently at component level ensuring safety including software problem;
- Problem solving ability for excellent trouble shooting of analytical and biomedical equipment ensuring safety;

- Capability and skills to undertake stress during emergency repair;
- Ability to work component level, repair power supply; ability to work under pressure.

Position - Bio-Medical Engineer (Mechanical)

Job profile

- Maintenance, supervision and troubleshooting of HVAC (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Systems) of BSL-2 Lab; Troubleshooting; includes Filter System Leakage Test, Airborne Particle Count, Room Pressurization test & Air Balancing, Temperature & Humidity, Air Flow test & renovation / hour rate, AHU;
- Set up and maintenance of BSL-2 and BSL-3 labs;
- Preparation activity planning and Develop SOP for HVAC system;
- Repairing, maintenance and calibration of analytical and biomedical equipment.

Requirements

- B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering;
- 3 years practical experiences with HVAC System;
- Excellent knowledge and practical experiences on HVAC system including Piping, Ducting & Machining work;
- Practical experience of IQ, OQ & PQ of HVAC Systems;
- Capable to work independently including excellent trouble shooting skill;
- Excellent trouble shooting skill on analytical and biomedical equipment;
- Ability to work at component level independently;
- Capability and skills to undertake stress during emergency repair;
- Ability to work under pressure.

Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit **online applications** using ICDDR,B website; however, candidates may also submit applications with bio-data detailing experience and other particulars along with a recent passport size photograph to **Senior Manager, Human Resources (Recruitment)**, Box No. A-129, C/o. The Daily Star, 19, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 by July 17, 2008. The internal candidates must mention their ID #s in the applications.

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