



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed gives away a prize to a film artist at the National Film Award giving ceremony at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

NAT'L FILM AWARDS 2002-'07

Project people's aspirations, highlight social problems

CA urges filmmakers

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday called on the country's filmmakers to project in their films the current issues of prevention of corruption, leadership of honest, devoted and patriotic persons and establishment of good governance and justice.

"Good film always can carry a message. It can strongly, and sometimes permanently, draw a line in the mind of moviegoers," the head of the caretaker government told the national film award-giving function.

The subjects of liberation war, transition to real democracy, religious values and tolerance should be presented in a much better way, he added.

The chief adviser was speaking at the presentation ceremony of National Film Awards 2002-2007 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city. The information ministry organised the event.

Addressing the function, Fakhruddin said the government is ready to take punitive action against unhealthy and vulgar films, and the action of a taskforce is continuing to this end.

The CA told the star-studded

awarding ceremony that it is one of the major media in building up a knowledge-based and progressive society for the practice of wisdom.

The chief adviser drew attention to the need for solving the problems, saying that the domestic films faced a tough challenge in the era of open-sky culture.

Fakhruddin emphasised short-term planning and put forward a 10-point suggestion to advance the country's film industry.

The suggestions include urgently setting up a full-fledged Film Institute having various facilities, including methodological study of film, training, library, research and exhibition for making artistic and representative films for creating decent viewers.

Film viewers will have to be motivated to be cinema hall-oriented amid an environment for watching movie with family members.

Also taking effective steps to stop film piracy and controlling indecent films and programmes on satellite channels, arranging international film festivals regularly, preparing films targeting Bangladeshi expatriates, hosting single-country film festivals regularly abroad, increased private patronage alongside government

in flourishing talents of meritorious, talented filmmakers and artists were also suggested.

The CA called on all involved in the film industry to reflect the hopes and aspirations of the common people, the truth and beauty of life, the ever-lasting excellence of Bangladesh at the bright celluloid screen.

Fakhruddin urged the mass media to be more vocal in carrying out the positive campaign for good movies and building a resistance against the bad ones.

A total of 89 awards in 27 categories were given in the National Film Award 2002-2007.

WINNERS
The films adjudged best include Hason Raja (2002), Joyjatra (2004), Hazar Bachhor Dhore (2005), Ghani (2006) and Daruchini Dip (2007).

The best actors and actresses are Kazi Maruf (2002, Itihas), Manna (2003, Bir Sainik) Poppy (2003 Karagar), Humayun Faridee (2004, Matripta), Api Karim (2004, Bachelor), Mahfuz Ahmed (2005, Lal Sabuj), Shabnur (2005, Dui Nayaner Alo), Arman Pavez Murad (2006, Ghani), Naznin Hasan Chumki (2006, Ghani) and Riaz Ahmed (2007, Daruchini Dip) and Zakia Bari Momo (2007, Daruchini Dip).

Workers Party blames Jamaat for creating chaotic atmosphere

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers' Party of Bangladesh (WPB) yesterday alleged that Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir are conspiring to create a chaotic atmosphere ahead of parliament election on December 18.

The WPB leaders said Jamaat is hatching a conspiracy through its week-long programme on the eve of the second death anniversary of their party member Rasel Ahmed Khan who was shot dead by Jamaat-Shibir cadres on October 28, 2006.

Almost two years have passed but no cadre of Jamaat-Shibir has been arrested although there were enough evidences, they added.

"A few days back, Jamaat conducted an anti-election campaign demanding the cancellation of Representation of People Order (RPO). Recently, Jamaat's associate Khatame Nabuwat damaged a sculpture at Zia International Airport intersection to divert the people's attention from the parliament election," said WPB President Rashed Khan Menon at a press conference at its office.

He said Jamaat is planning to implement another conspiracy through its October 22 to 28 programme on the eve of the second death anniversary of Rasel.

Menon urged the caretaker government to stop false propaganda centring the October 28 and maintain congenial electoral atmosphere.

In a keynote paper, WPB General Secretary Bimal Biswas presented five-point demand that included bringing of Jamaat-Shibir cadres to book through proper investigation, withdrawal of the state of emergency and stern action against those who damaged the sculpture.

WPB will hold meeting and rally to commemorate the second death anniversary of Rasel on October 28.

Bangladeshi killed in BSF firing

UNB, Comilla

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi citizen at Kathalia frontier village in Choudhagram yesterday morning.

Quoting local people, BDR said the BSF troops shot dead Ana Miah, 28, son of late Ali Azam, when he went to Kathalia border area at about 8:30am.

The BSF members later dragged the body into their territory, one of the witnesses said.

Receiving information, BDR Commander of Kotbari sector Col M Nakibur Rahman visited the spot.

Lions Service Week begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Lions Clubs International District 315 B3, Bangladesh will observe Lions Service Week across the country from today.

Since the first conference of Lions Club was held in Dallas in the USA on October 8, 1917, the month of October has been being observed as the Lions Service Month and one of the weeks of the month as Lions Service Week.

Lions Service Week programmes include setting up eye camps, dental camps, voluntary blood donation programme, distributing white canes among visually impaired people and health awareness programmes.

Advocate Md Harun-ur Rashid, chairman of District 315 B3, Bangladesh, Lions Clubs International, at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the city yesterday announced the programmes.



Participants observe one minute's silence to pay tribute to late Justice Naimuddin Ahmed at a memorial meeting at Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust organised the programme. From left are Dr Rafiqur Rahman, former chief justice ATM Afzal, Dr Kamal Hossain, Justice Md Badruzzaman and Justice Md Awlad Ali.

Judges should ensure constitutional rights of people

Speakers tell memorial meet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a memorial meeting yesterday said the judges should practise values in their act to ensure constitutional rights of people and uphold human dignity.

"It would be easier to bring about a change in the society that we are looking for if people uphold values and judges ensure people's right in accordance with the constitution," they added.

The meeting was organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) in remembrance of Justice Naimuddin

Ahmed, vice-chairman of Blast who died on July 30.

"The values practised by an honest and hard working man like Justice Naimuddin can make a society livable," said eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain, who is also chairman of the Blast.

He said, "Naimuddin could be a role model and the values he practised throughout his life must be followed if we want to achieve the change."

Nobody can stay beyond the reach of the law, and the duty of a judge is to uphold the constitution and not to bow down before any

power, he added.

Justice Badruzzaman said Naimuddin was a hard working man, and a symbol of dedication and honesty.

He struggled throughout his life to establish the rights of marginalised and underprivileged people, the speakers added.

Dr Naim Sultan, son of Naimuddin, former Ambassador and Director of Billia Waliur Rahman, former executive director of Blast Taslimur Rahman, former chief justice ATM Afzal, and present Executive Director of Blast Dr Rafiqur Rahman were present.



(Left) Notad artist Abdul Muktaadir inaugurates a two-day exhibition by drawing a sketch at Drik Gallery in the city yesterday. Reza Ali, chairman of Bitopi, was also present. (Right) Visitors at the gallery. Bitopi Advertising Ltd organised the exhibition on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

Milk powder not essential for normal growth of child

Say experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Powder milk is not essential for normal growth of a child if breast milk is available in the first six months of life, said the experts at an opinion exchange meeting in the city yesterday.

Kendria Khealghar Asar organised the meeting where the leading pediatricians and nutrition scientists exchanged their expertise with the journalists and the members of the Asar on the necessity of powder milk for a child and the harmful effects of melamine for human body.

"Children who drink artificial milk after six months, their probability of becoming a diabetic in later life is more than those who do not drink powder milk," said Prof Dr Abu Sayeed of Ibrahim Medical College and Hospital quoting different researches.

"As a mammal every mother is blessed with feeding capacity to her baby and the exception is very rare," said Dr Nazmunahar, pediatrician and director of clinical services at Birdem Hospital.

"A mother who cannot breast-

feed her baby actually does not try properly to milk the child, and if it is done properly the baby must get its mother's milk," she added.

"In any case if the baby does not get mother's milk or mother's milk creates any problem for the baby, then the parents could feed the baby cow's milk or any other food according to doctor's prescription," said Dr Nazmunahar.

After six months, beside mother's milk she can feed her baby the pest food - a mixture of rice, lentil, egg and vegetable - but no powder milk," she added.

Physical or mental growth is not hampered if the baby does not drink enough milk in its early age and drinking mother's milk till six months after birth is enough for a sound growth of child, said the experts.

They said the campaign for drinking milk in early age for intellectual growth is a totally wrong conception.

The protein eaters are more prone to heart attack, diabetes, obesity, gallbladder stone and cancer, they added.

About the harmful effect of

melamine on human body, the experts quoted a research where dogs and cats died soon after drinking melamine mixed milk.

They said the number of kidney patients in the country was 80 lakh 10 years ago but this number now is two crore, and half of them is children.

The toxic milk can become the cause of kidney failure and different skin disease including skin cancer, they added.

The experts urged the government to stop advertisement of powder milk to create a wrong impression about the need of drinking milk for the children.

They also demanded ban and withdrawal of all those melamine-contaminated milk powder from the market.

Mentioning a report of World Health Organisation the experts said no powder milk is germfree.

Prof Dr Rawshan Ara Begum of Holy Family Hospital and Medical College, Dr Akter Banu, researcher of nutrition science department at Dhaka University, and Dr Lelin Chowdhury, an expert on preventive medicine, also spoke on the occasion.

AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK CASE

Prosecution lawyers complete hearing on charge-framing

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution lawyers yesterday completed hearing on charge-framing against 22 accused, including detained former BNP lawmaker Abdus Salam Pintu and Harkatul Jihad (Huji) chief Mufti Abdur Hannan, in the grenade attack case on an Awami League (AL) rally in the city in 2004.

Defence lawyers for Mufti Hannan and 12 others, now in jail, also completed hearing on their discharge petitions. But Pintu's lawyers submitted a petition seeking adjournment of the charge hearing.

Judge Mohammad Masdar Hossain of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 heard the submissions of the prosecution and the defence on framing charges against the accused and discharging the accused.

The court then fixed October 27 for hearing from Pintu's lawyers on charge-framing.

The case was filed for launching grenade attack on an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004 that left 24 people dead and 200 others injured.

Making submissions, prosecution lawyer Syed Rezaur Rahman told the court that the charges brought against the accused were primarily proved.

Chandpur AL leader hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BB Das, joint general secretary of Chandpur Town Awami League and a veteran freedom fighter, was admitted to National Institute of Cardiovascular Disease in Dhaka recently following a cardiac arrest.

He urges all to pray for his early recovery.

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met office said, predicting that day temperature may remain nearly unchanged.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Bogra and the lowest of 20.5 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:25pm today and rises at 6:01am tomorrow.

The 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 | 33.7 | 25.0 | 63 | 58 |
| Chittagong | 30.0 | 23.3 | 92 | 82 |
| Rajshahi | 33.2 | 21.5 | 74 | 76 |
| Khulna | 32.8 | 24.0 | 68 | 79 |
| Barisal | 32.5 | 23.8 | 80 | 88 |
| Sylhet | 33.4 | 23.6 | 66 | 74 |
| Cox's Bazar | 31.5 | 25.6 | 77 | 87 |

DHAKA TODAY

Seminar

Sanskriti Bikash Kendra organises a seminar on globalisation, free market and contemporary literature as part of its founding anniversary programme. Venue: Sanskriti Bikash Kendra premises. Time: 9:30am.

Discussion

BADHAN organises a discussion marking its founding anniversary. Venue: TSC auditorium. Time: 5:00pm.

Human chain

Bangladesh Panbesh Andolon will form a human chain demanding ban on import and sale of melamine contaminated milk. Venue: TSC premises. Time: 10:00am.

Marathon

A mini marathon and prize giving ceremony will be held marking the 54th founding anniversary of the National Press Club. Venue: Marathon will start for Sheraton Hotel point. Time: 6:00am.

Bogra NGO sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

All activities of the non-government organisation (NGO) named Protikar were suspended yesterday on charge of misappropriating the money of destitute women and running the loan activities without the permission of Bangladesh Bank at Dhunat upazila in Bogra district.

A local administrative officer said the bank account of the organisation has been frozen, a microbus seized and money worth Tk3.65 lakh recovered.

Producing two Protikar officials Ratan Kumar Rabidas and his brother Jotish Kumar Das before a court, police prayed for a five-day remand for further investigation, he added.

Upazila social welfare officer has filed a case in this connection.

Meanwhile, a large number of victims of misappropriation continued to stay in front of the police station yesterday to get back their money.

Outlawed party leader killed in 'crossfire' in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A regional leader of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz was killed in 'crossfire' between his cohorts and police at Alampur village under Sadar upazila in the district yesterday.

The dead was identified as Abdul Mazid, 40, son of late Tofazzol Hossain, of the same village in the upazila.

With the latest killing, seven cadres of the outlawed party were killed in the district this month.

Police said they received an information that some cadres of the party were holding a meeting at Baliapara Bazar at Alampur.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Kushtia Sadar police cordoned off the area at around 3:30am and asked the outlaws to surrender.

Instead, the criminals opened

fire on the law enforcers that prompted them to retaliate against the attack.

Police said Mazid shot during the shootout and died on the spot, while his accomplices managed to flee the scene.

The law enforcers also seized a rifle and six bullets from the spot.

Mazid was accused in about dozens of cases, including six for murder, filed with Kushtia Sadar and Islamic University police stations, they added.

A top outlaw in the district, Mazid surrendered to the government when Awami League-led government declared amnesty in 1999.

But after releasing from the jail on bail in 2001, Mazid further returned to the outlawed activities.

Indefinite transport strike in Ctg

BSS, Ctg

Transport workers of three districts -- Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Bandarban covering 19 routes -- called an indefinite strike yesterday protesting attacks on the workers by some students of Cox's Bazar Government College.

Leaders of the transport workers announced that they would not run their vehicles on the routes if the administration does not take necessary steps to ensure their security.

Sources said some unruly college students forced a number of vehicles with their workers to enter the college grounds at around 10:30am and vandalised some vehicles.

The students also demanded compensation for a slain student of the college, who was killed in an accident on October 13 on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway.

Navy chief calls on president

UNB, Dhaka

Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Banghaban yesterday.

During the meeting, the navy chief apprised the president of his recent visits to China and South Korea.

He informed the president that he took part in some international naval exercises during his visit.

Nizam also apprised the president of ongoing development activities of Bangladesh Navy.

The president gave him a patient hearing and expressed his satisfaction over the active participation of members of Bangladesh Navy in various development activities of the country.

Secretary of the President's Office Md Sirajul Islam, Military Secretary to the President Maj Gen Mohammad Ruhul Amin and the President's Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader were also present during the meeting.



Language Movement veteran Jalil passes away

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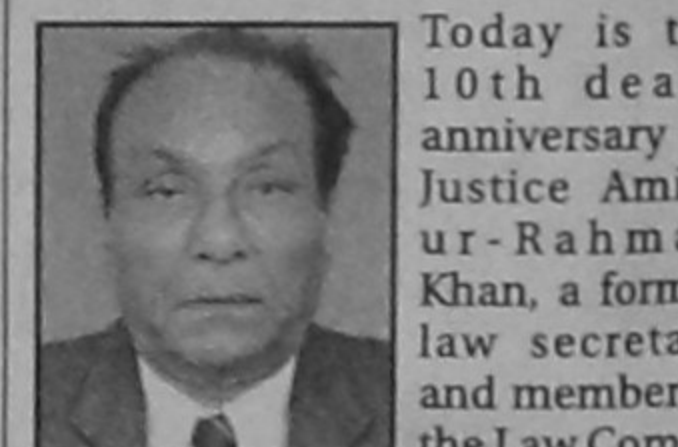
Language Movement veteran Abdul Jalil died of old age complications at Medi Aid Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 80.

Jalil, who was born at Harong village in Chandina upazila, was one of the organisers of the Language Movement while he was a student at Dhaka University.

He was buried at his family graveyard at his village home after namaz-e-janazas at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque, National Press Club and Harong Madrasa in Chandina upazila.

Death anniversary

METRO DESK



Today is the 10th death anniversary of Justice Aminur-Rahman Khan, a former law secretary and member of the Law Commission, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and Quarnkhani will be held at the Dhanmondi residence of his son Abu Reza Khan, a member of Board of Investment, after Asr prayers.

Braja Gopal Dutta

METRO DESK



Today is the 21st death anniversary of Braja Gopal Dutta, a renowned teacher of Feni Government Pilot High School and cultural personality, says a press release.

On the occasion, religious programmes will be held at his residence in Masterpara area of Feni town. Annual Shradha will also be held at his eldest son Anup Dutta's residence at Sadarghat in Chittagong at a later date.