

Govt to procure rice from farmers to protect them from loss: PM

UNB, Dhaka
The government will procure rice direct from the farmers to provide them price support and protect them from any possible loss for market slump after new harvests.

"When we assumed office, our first priority was to bring the prices of rice within the buying capacity of the commoners. We have reduced the price of rice. But, at the same time, we will take measures so that farmers do not suffer any loss following the reduction of the price of rice," she said.

advance her centre-left grand alliance government's responsive agricultural marketing policy.
"As for example, when the market price of wheat dropped to Tk 10, the government decided to buy wheat at Tk 14 from the farmers," she said about the timely market intervention to prevent price distortions.

has decided to give necessary subsidy on fertiliser, said Hasina, whose government took the remedial steps when there were allegations of market manipulation by business syndicates.

BCS POLICE SERVICE ASSOC MEETING

10 IGP posts, upgradation of ranks demanded

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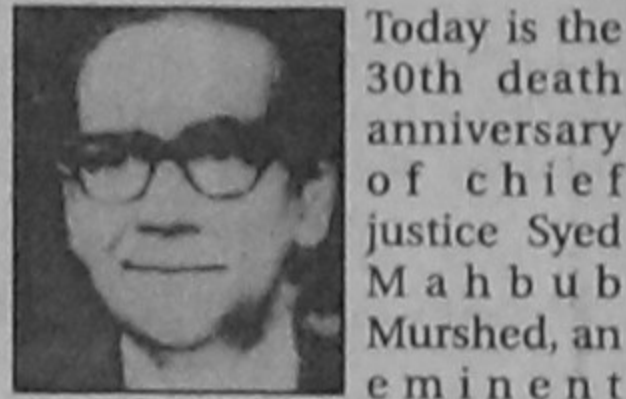
Senior police officials have demanded that at least 10 inspectors general of police (IGPs) be appointed, instead of the existing one IGP, and the post of a 'Police Chief' be introduced, who will be the chief of the police department, sources said.

Chowdhury attended the meeting as the chief guest while Home Minister Sahara Khatun as the special guest. IGP Nur Mohammad, Additional IGP (admin) NBK Tripura, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) Director General Hasan Mahmood Khan, Special Branch Chief Additional IGP Zaved Patwary and other senior officials were present.

Another police official said the government should upgrade more posts, as the entire police department has only a single post with the rank of secretary while it has a total of 1590 cadres.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 30th death anniversary of chief justice Syed Mahebub Murshed, an eminent jurist and a prominent constitutional lawyer of the sub-continent, says a press release.

'Govt should take Pakistan to Int'l Criminal Court for genocide'

DU CORRESPONDENT

The government should take Pakistan to the International Criminal Court for the genocide and war crimes in 1971 and realise compensation. Convener of the War Crimes Facts Finding Committee Dr MA Hasan said yesterday.

Ex-BNP MP, 18 others sued for war crimes

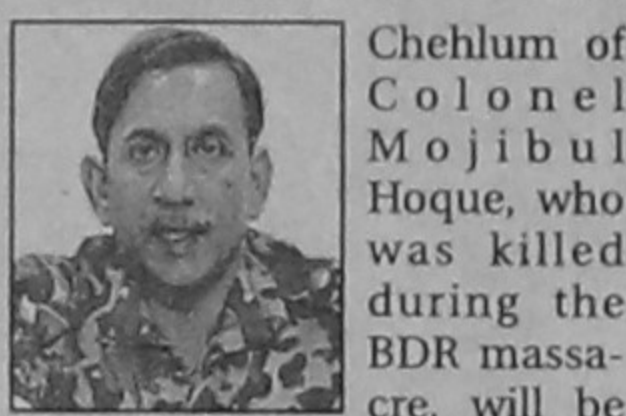
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A case was filed with a Mymensingh court against 19 people, including a former BNP lawmaker, yesterday for their alleged involvement in war crimes during the War of Liberation.

a freedom fighter, came to their house. MA Bari, one of the accused, then informed the local Razakar camp. Local collaborators rushed to their house immediately and took the two brothers to the camp and tortured them severely. In the evening of August 22, the anti-liberation forces took the two brothers to the bank of old Brahmaputra river and shot them dead.

Chehlum

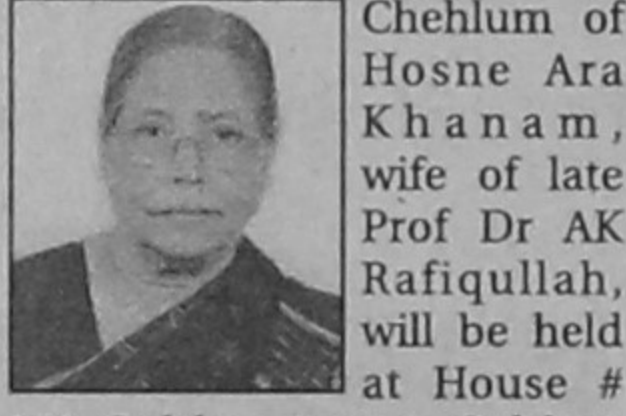
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Chehlum of Colonel Mojobul Hoque, who was killed during the BDR massacre, will be held at Old DOHS Community Centre at Banani in the city after Asr prayers today.

Hosne Ara Khanam

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Chehlum of Hosne Ara Khanam, wife of late Prof Dr AK Rafiqullah, will be held at House # 173, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan # 2, after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Zakir Hossain Akand (Badal), a freedom fighter, passed away due to a cardiac arrest while chanting slogan at a protest rally in New York on Sunday at the age of 55, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Max, Min, Humidity in percentage. Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:16pm today and rises at 5:47am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 35.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and Mongla and lowest 19.0 degrees Celsius at Sayedpur.

DHAKA TODAY

Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an exhibition of artworks titled 'Lyrics of line' by noted Indian artist Sanat Kar will be held. Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya. Time: 6:00pm.

Annual sports

The annual sports and prize giving ceremony of Kurmitola High School will be held. Venue: School premises. Time: 2:30pm.

Painting exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a photography and painting exhibition titled 'For the love of Egypt' by Aadil Hoque will be held. Venue: Drik Gallery. Time: 5:00pm.

Handicraft fair

The students of Kanan, the education centre of Autism Welfare Foundation, organise a two-day handicraft fair beginning today. Venue: House # 38/40, Road # 4, Pisciculture Housing Society, Mohammadpur. Time: 10:00am.

Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an exhibition of thematic wood engravings by Naresk Kumar Sutradhar, a village carpenter, will be held. Venue: Nollinkanta Bhattyashali Gallery, National Museum. Time: 4:30pm.



Prof Sultana S Zaman, founder president of Bangladesh Protibandhi Foundation (BPF), and other guests look at artworks by autistic and disadvantaged children at an exhibition on the foundation premises in the city yesterday. United Nations Information Centre and BPF jointly organised the event.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY OBSERVED

Call to turn autism into strength

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 2nd World Autism Awareness Day was observed in the country yesterday with a call for raising awareness about autism to turn this special ability into strength.

with the children. So, it is possible for them to identify autism at an early stage and now mothers are more aware, too.

Foundation organised a discussion and cultural programme at the Public Library auditorium. Autistic children of the foundation's school and their teachers performed at the programme.

Doctor held in connection with killing of BCL leader at DMC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members yesterday arrested a doctor from Comilla in connection with the killing of Abul Kalam Asad, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Dhaka Medical College unit, on Monday night.



Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Arif, a 15-year-old boy, has been suffering from Guillain-Barré syndrome, an acute illness which leads to muscle weakness, complete paralysis and breathing difficulty.

Out with the lonely warrior

FROM PAGE 1 2008, the ACC boss said that the commission dealt with over 1,100 cases since February 2007 after his takeover.

Power crisis must be resolved now

FROM PAGE 1 The alliance government did not install a single power plant in its tenure.