METROPOLITAN

Dr Nawajesh laid to rest

DU CORRESPONDENT

Internationally renowned agriculture scientist and photographer Dr Nawajesh Ahmed was laid to rest with state honour at his family graveyard at Paril Nawadha village in Manikganj yesterday afternoon.

Earlier, people from all walks of life paid their last respects to Dr Nawajesh in the morning when his coffin was kept at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city.

Dr Nawajesh, 80, died of a cardiac arrest while returning home after attending the award ceremony of 'Celebrating Life', a programme jointly organised by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on Tuesday night.

His body was brought to the Shaheed Minar at 11:00am. Leaders of different sociopolitical organisations, teachers, students, journalists and cultural activists placed wreaths

and bouquets on his coffin. Lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor, Awami League presidium member Obaidul Kader, CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam, and cultural personalities Aly Zaker, Ramendu Majumdar, M Hamid and Hasan Imam paid their last respects to Dr Nawajesh at the

Shaheed Minar. Photographers paid tributes to him by keeping their cameras beside his coffin.

At around 12:15pm, his body was taken to his village home where thousands of people paid their last respects to him.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Paril playground after Asr prayers, our Manikganj correspondent reports.

Local lawmaker SM Abdul Mannan, Singair Upazila Parishad Chairman Mushfigur Rahman Khan Hannan and freedom fighter Tobarak Hossain Ludu attended the janaza.

Qulkhwani of Dr Nawazesh will be held at House # 166 at Green Road in the city tomorrow. Relatives and wellwishers are requested to attend the qulkhwani.

Meanwhile, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal and Revolutionary Workers' Party of Bangladesh, in separate messages, expressed deep shock at the death of Dr Nawajesh.



People from all walks of life pay their last respects to Dr Nawajesh Ahmed at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

BNP condemns | CITY GOVT SCHOOLS torture' on

Salam Pintu

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BNP Secretary General

Khandaker Delwar Hossain

yesterday condemned the

'torture' on party leader Abdus

Salam Pintu in the name of

remand.

Sale of admission forms from Dec 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

capital is scheduled to begin on December 5.

"The government is torturing Abdus Salam Pintu on his remands with an ill motive to implicate BNP's top leaders in the August 21 bomb explosion case," he said in a statement issued yesterday signed by party's office secretary Ruhul Education (DSHE). Kabir Rizvi.

He said despite having court order Pintu is being they added. deprived from proper treat-

ment though he is seriously sick due to immense torture. Delwar demanded the government stop torture on Pintu and release him uncondiat Tk 100.

tionally without further delay. In another statement on Tuesday, Delwar condemned the incident of vandalism and looting by 'Awami terrofists' in BNP office at Ramna in the city.

Sale of admission forms for 24 government schools in the

The admission forms will be sold till December 17 while the authorities expect to hold the exams from December 24, said sources at the Directorate of Secondary and Higher

The final decision will be taken after the Eid-ul-Azha,

Admission forms can be collected from respective schools on the working days from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The price of a form has been fixed

Students who want to get admitted in class one will have to take a 50-mark written test on Bangla, English and and Motifheel Ideal School Mathematics while those who

two to class nine will have to take a 100-mark written test on the same subjects, said the sources.

Like previous years the schools have been divided into three groups -- A, B and C -- based on the geographic location of the school.

Guardians apprehend a tough battle for admission this Meanwhile, admission forms of some private schools

in the city have already been

distributed. The admission test for Bangla medium students at Vigarunnisa Noon School will be held on December 19 while the test for English medium

will be held on December 26. The admission tests of Rajuk Uttara Model School will begin on December 18 want to get admitted in class and December 22 respectively.

Mob beats two snatchers, sets fire to motorbike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mob beat up two alleged snatchers mercilessly and set fire to their motorbike at Dainik Bangla intersection at Motijheel in the city yesterday.

The injured identified as Mohammad Mohsin and Altaf Hossian were sent to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH).

Officer in-charge (OC) of Motijheel Police Station Tofazzel Hossain said the snatchers riding a motorbike intercepted a rickshaw at around 7:30am at Dainik Bangla intersection and tried to mug valuables from the passengers while they were going to their village home to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha.

Locals chased and caught the snatchers as the rickshaw

passengers raised an alarm. Local people said a gang of snatchers riding a private car took away valuables from rickshaw passengers and pedestrians at around 7:00am.

NATIONAL DISABLED DEV FOUNDATION

Take services to upazila level: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed the authorities concerned to take services of the ment's various measures for National Disabled development of the physically Development Foundation up and mentally challenged to upazila level for the best care people, she said the disabled and development of millions of people debilitated by disabilities across the country.

She gave the order while given their congenial atmopresiding over the maiden sphere and logistic supports. meeting of the patrons of the disabled.

of updating the present rules government. and regulations of the streamlining its activities.

amend the existing rules and regulations of the foundation to bring more discipline and remained suspended during the meeting.

dynamism in its activities in greater interest of the country's

disabled people," she said. Mentioning her governpeople also can make huge contributions to various development sectors if they are

foundation at the Prime meeting, Prime Minister's of social welfare. Minister's Office yesterday Press Secretary Abul Kalam

Disabled Foundation for although her previous govern-"If necessary, we have to National Disabled Sarkar and Prime Minister's operations of the foundation

the tenure of the past BNP-Jamaat alliance government.

Citing government's "Patho Shishu Prokalpa (Street Urchin Project)" in Tungipara, Gopalganj, she said her government has a plan to replicate the scheme across the country for the welfare of street children.

The prime minister also asked the authorities concerned to protect the govern-Briefing newsmen after the ment lands under the ministry

Patrons of the foundation that discussed comprehensive Azad said that the PM referred and Finance Minister AMA measures for the welfare of the to the success of Bangladesh's Muhith, Home Minister disabled persons at the Advocate Sahara Khatun, The prime minister in the Special Olympic during the Information and Cultural meeting also felt the necessity tenure of past Awami League Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad, Social Welfare Minister Sheikh Hasina noted that Enamul Huq Mostafa Shaheed, State Minister for ment (1996-2001) formed the Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Development Foundation, Advisers HT Imam and Prof Dr Syed Modasser Ali attended



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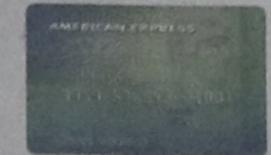


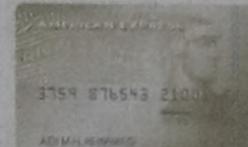


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