# Development crucial for ethnic people to build inclusive society

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Development activities must reach ethnic minority communities for building an inclusive society and ensuring true democracy in the country, speakers at a seminar said yesterday.

"If Bangladesh is to realise its full potential, its all citizens must have equal rights and be able to contribute to its development. It is our obligation to ensure that we reach those who are marginalised and excluded. We must aim to build an inclusive society," said Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and chairperson of Brac.

"The small ethnic groups together constitute less than two percent of the

total population of Bangladesh. For true democracy and inclusive development, this numerical insignificance should not in any way be marginalised."

The seminar titled 'Access and equity: Issues and challenges for rural development,' organised by Brac in association with Australian High Commission, was held at Brac Centre in the city.

Chakma Raja Debashish Roy said, "Indigenous people are disadvantaged and excluded from development activities and policy making. The government at the seminar. and NGOs must work together to ensure rights of the indigenous people."

Mick Gooda, a descendent of aboriginal Gangulu people of Central Queensland and social justice commissioner of Torres Strait Islanders, presented a keynote paper at the seminar.

Mike is now in Dhaka since March 27

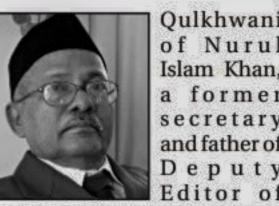
access to services', 'Managing the environment and natural resources for the benefit of indigenous communities', 'Economic development of indigenous communities' and 'Maintaining indigenous culture and tradition, including bilingual education' were also presented



Mick Gooda, aboriginal and social justice commissioner of Torres Strait Islanders, speaks at a seminar organised by Brac in association with Australian High Commission at Brac Centre in the city yesterday. On his right are Australian High Commissioner Dr Justin Lee, Brac Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promod Mankin.

### Qulkhwani

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Qulkhwani of Nurul Islam Khan, a former secretary and father of Deputy

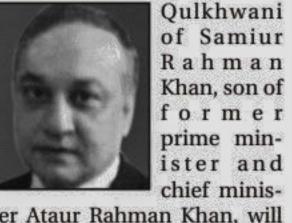
The Daily Star Sharier Khan, will be held at his residence at House # 14, Road # 2, Block # D, Section # 2, Mirpur in the city after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and wellwishers of Nurul Islam Khan are requested to attend the ceremony and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul. He passed away due to old-

age complications at a city hospital on Monday at the age

### Samiur Rahman Khan

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Khan, son of former prime minister and chief minister Ataur Rahman Khan, will be held at his residence at 500/A, Road 7, Dhanmondi in

the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release. Samiur Rahman passed away on Monday at the age of

Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the qulkhwani.

Syeda Rokeya Begum

#### METRO DESK

Qulkhwani of Syeda Rokeya Begum, daughter of Hazrat Shah Sufi Syed Dayemullah (RA), the 6th Sajjadanishin Pir of Azimpur Chotto Dayera Sharif, will be held on Dayera Sharif premises after Maghrib prayers today, says a press

release. She passed away on March 23 at the age of 53.

For more than a decade she had been the Mutawalli or chief administrator of the Sufi Nuruwllah (RA) Waqf state of

behind her mother, two daughters and four sons. Relatives, admirers and the followers of Chotto Dayera Sharif are requested to attend the Qulkhwani and pray for eternal peace of the departed

the Dayera Sharif. She left

## Visually impaired man serves legal notice on govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

three human rights organisations yesterday served a legal notice on the government, seeking reply within seven days as to why the man would not be issued an admit card to sit for the BCS examinations.

The three organisations --Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), Services Trust and Action on and the aggrieved person issued the legal notice to the secretaries of establishment ministry, law and parliamentary affairs ministry and social welfare ministry, PSC chairman, secretary and examination controller, says an ASK

The notice mentioned that visually impaired Swapan Chowkidar passed LLB and

ODAY

The winners of HSBC - Kali O

Kalam Literary Award will be

handed over the awards. Venue:

National Museum auditorium

Banglalion WiMAX organises a

seminar titled 'WiMAX for Digital

Bangladesh' on the sidelines of the

BCS Digital Expo 2010. Venue:

Save Environment Movement

organises a roundtable on the

workers of the ship breaking yards.

Venue: National Press Club. Time:

A discussion will be held to mark

the 32nd death anniversary of

Principal Ibrahim Kha. Venue:

Bangladesh Agricultural Research

Council (BARC) auditorium. Time:

Hotel Sheraton. Time: 3:00pm.

Roundtable

10:30am.

4:30pm.

Discussion

Award giving

ceremony

Time: 6:30pm.

Seminar

## **BCS EXAMS**

A visually impaired man and enrolled in Bangladesh Bar

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Disability and Development press release

The notice said if steps are not taken within the period, legal action will be taken against the notice receivers.

#### terrorist attacks in Russia UNB, Dhaka

LLM from Dhaka University in

2008 and 2009 and then got

Council as a lawyer after pass-

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for the 28th BCS (Bangladesh

Civil Service) examinations,

but he was not issued with the

admit card. He then wrote

repeatedly to the prime minis-

ter to bring the issue to her

notice, but failed to get any

Commission issued a circular

for the 30th BCS examinations

where some criteria for physi-

cal fitness are set which will be

an obstruction in getting a job

for a physically impaired

the set of criteria is totally

inconsistent with the articles

40, 27, 15 and 20 of the consti-

tution and through this

Bangladesh Disability Welfare

The legal notice also said

Recently Public Service

response from her.

person, said ASK.

Act was not followed.

UNB, Dhaka

6:00pm today.

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5:49am tomorrow.

Sylhet.

Dhaka

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

It also said Swapan applied

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has condemned the terrorist attacks on the metro system in Moscow and expressed her deep shock at the loss of lives in the attacks.

PM condemns

Two explosions in the Moscow's jampacked subway system during the rush hour of passengers killed more than 40 people on Monday.

"I learnt with deep shock the news of the terrorist attack in the metro system of Moscow and the unfortunate loss of so many innocent lives," said Hasina in a message to Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin yesterday.

She said Bangladesh always denounces terrorism in all its manifestations.

"We extend our deep condolences and sympathy to the people of the Russian Federation for this loss and stand in support and solidarity with the people and government of the Russian Federation," said the message.

WEATHER

Thundershowers likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty

or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places

over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours as of

regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Khulna, Satkhira, Jessore and

country, Met Office said in a forecast, adding that day tem-

perature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in

Celsius

Max

36.1

30.2

40.7

34.3

27.4

32.0

Mild to moderate heat wave, which is sweeping over the

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the

The sun sets in the capital at 6:14pm today and rises at

Yesterday's highest temperature of 40.7 degree Celsius

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity

Min

27.5

23.6

26.0

27.2

27.3

17.5

27.2

**Humidity** in

percentage

Evening

33

Morning

76

76

82

was recorded in Rajshahi and the lowest of 17.5 degrees in

#### on a five-day visit to the country. Four other papers titled 'Indigenous

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promod Mankin and Australian High Commissioner Dr Justin Lee were present at the opening ceremony of the programme.

#### Death anniversary METRO DESK



Today is the 24th death anniversary of Justice Muhammad

chairman of Bangladesh chapter of International Law Association and Amnesty International, says a press release. Justice Hussain was also a

former general secretary of **Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts** and the then Pakistan Arts Council.

His publications include a book titled 'Banglar Katha'. He was awarded 'Swadhinata Padak' (posthumous) in 1998 in recognition of his contribution.

#### Matin Uddin Ahmed METRO DESK



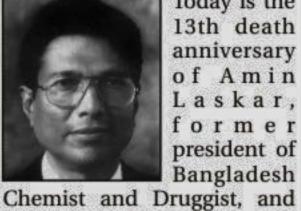
Today is the first death anniversary of Alhaj Anmed Barabhuiya, independent director of

Dhaka Bank and founder managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at his residence at Banani after Juma prayers.

#### Amin Laskar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



13th death anniversary of Amin Laskar forme president of Bangladesh

Today is the

founder of Saarc Chamber of Commerce, says a press release. On the occasion, a doa and

milad mahfil will be held at Baridhara DOHS Mosque after Maghrib prayers.

#### Sabrina Arjumand Tina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the eighth death anniversary of Sabrina Arjumand Tina, a third year student of Dhaka

City Dental College, says press release.

She was the daughter of Md Tahir, former additional divisional commissioner of Dhaka, and Monoara Tahir.

#### Selima Jalal

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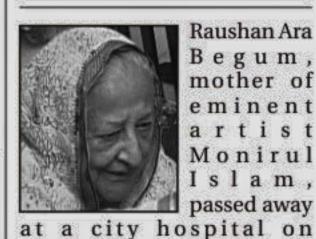
Today is the third death anniversary of Selima Jala (Lovelu), a socia worker and

wife of late freedom fighter and diplomat Sheikh Ahmed Jalal, says a press release.

Her family members requested all to pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

#### Obituary

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Raushan Ara Begum, mother of eminent artist Monirul Islam, passed away

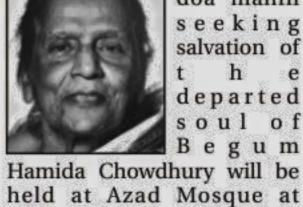
says a press release. She left behind her six sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Wednesday at the age of 96,

She was buried beside the grave of her husband Yusuf Ali Patwari at her family graveyard in Chandpur town after Zohr prayers yesterday.

#### Doa mahfil

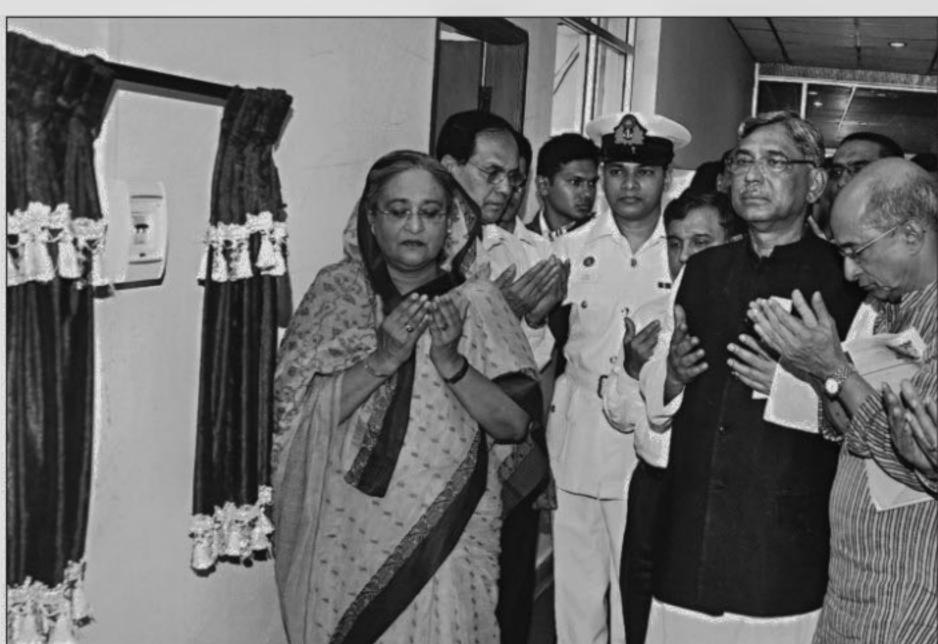
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A milad and doa mahfil seeking salvation of departed soul of Begum

held at Azad Mosque at Gulshan in Dhaka and at Kadam Mubarak Mosque in Chittagong after Asr prayers today.

Hamida Chowdhury, wife of politician and social worker late LA Chowdhury, died at the Apollo Hospitals in Dhaka on February 23. She was 77.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offers munajat after inaugurating solar panel system at her office in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

# Political will a must to stop HR violations

Say speakers at book launch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a book launching ceremony yesterday stressed the need for developing a political will to stop human rights violation.

Only forming human rights commission and enacting laws will be not be enough to stop human rights violations, political will is necessary, said former vice chancellor of Dhaka University Emajuddin Ahmed at the programme at the National Press Club in the city.

that contains its Annual Human Rights Report-

Neeti Gobeshona Kendro published the book

The report addressed issues like political violence, killing without trial, BDR mutiny, agriculture and land rights and rights of labourers, workers and Dalits.

Saying that the practice of violating human rights has been continuing since independence, Emajuddin suggested the victims should raise their voice.

Veteran journalist Ataus Samad said those who work on human rights issues keep silent during some "especial time". Newsgathering and publishing have become

very tough, he said, adding that nowadays there is no certainty that a journalist will be able to return home safely after collecting information. National Press Club President Shawkat Mahmud said repression on journalists that

started after 9/11 has become severe now. Mahmudul Haque, member of the editorial board of the publication, presented a summary on the report while Prof Borhan Uddin Khan also addressed the programme.

## 'Women yet to get recognition for contribution to agri sector'

Speaking as the chief guest,

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Almost 80 percent women of the country are directly or indirectly involved in agricultural activities, but they do not get the recognition they deserve, speakers said at a seminar yesterday.

Bangladesh Women Scientist Association (BWSA) organised the seminar on 'Women in Agriculture: Position, Relativity and Experience' at the Nabab Nawab Ali Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University.

Addressing the seminar, **BWSA President Prof Shahida** Rafique said women should be seen as development associates and their contribution to the economy should be recog-

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique urged women scientists to conduct researches that would be helpful for the marginalised. "Development must be

brought to the agriculture sector to ensure the overall socio-economic development. Women have contributed a lot to agriculture over the decades. Their contribution should be Speaking as the Guest of

recognised," he said. Honour, Prof Afrozi Yunus of Jahangirnagar University said women should be given equal rights in the inherited properties and they should be given priority while providing agri-

Ten renowned women in the field of science were honoured at the seminar for their contribution.

They are Dr Malika Al Razi, (posthumous) founder of BWSA, Begum Rizia Haque, (posthumous) for domestic agriculture management, Prof Mahfuza Khanam, first female vice president of Dhaka University Central Students' Union, acclaimed physicist Prof Kamrunnessa Begum, Lailun Nahar, architect of the Nagar Bhaban, Prof ZN Tahmida Begum, first female chairman of Public Service Commission, eminent chemist Dr Rawshan Jahan Mannan, noted zoologist Prof Shamim Ara Ahmed, veterinary scientist Momena Begum and renowned physicist Dr Dilara Siddique.

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