

COASTAL, RIVERINE AREAS

## Complete dev projects within dry season: PM

UNB, Barguna

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed the ministries and all departments concerned to complete all development projects in the coastal and riverine areas within the dry season.

"You will have to complete all paper works during the days of the rainy season so that you can best utilise the time of dry season to implement the development projects," Hasina said.

She was addressing a meeting of government officials of districts of the Barisal division at the Barguna Circuit House yesterday with Barisal Divisional Commissioner Nurannabi Chowdhury in the chair.

On her arrival at the circuit house, she was given a guard of honour by the Barguna police. The PM also unveiled a book

named 'Barguna Zilar Itihas Grantha' published by Barguna District Welfare Trust and District Administration.

Hasina told the officials that if they leave the development works to be completed during rainy season, there is a possibility of huge loss of public money.

"Always keep in mind that your salaries, allowances come from people's taxes. So everyone in the government services must give their highest effort to ensure best use of people's money," she said.

Once the much-expected Padma Bridge is constructed, the government will take a big step towards the Barisal region's development.

Hasina said without development of Barisal region, the much dreamt-of balanced development for the whole country cannot be achieved.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over a certificate to a participant of the government's National Services Programme on the Barguna Circuit House premises yesterday.

## Girl commits suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolgirl allegedly committed suicide at her house at Mohakhali in the city yesterday.

The body of Sumaiya Islam Jui, 18, who appeared in O level exams from Oxford

International School at Dhanmondi, was found hanging from the ceiling fan with a scarf.

She committed suicide after a quarrel with her mother at around 11:00am, her relatives said.

They said her father Zahidul Islam, a businessman, died five years ago, leaving behind huge property. After his death, her mother Rehana Parveen married again, over which she Jui had frequent quarrels with her mother.

## Water transport strike from midnight today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Nouran Samik Federation is going to start water transport strike from midnight today to press home their 22-point demands, including formation of new pay scale.

The announcement of strike came after a tripartite meeting between the water vessel owners, workers and the government representatives failed to resolve the issue.

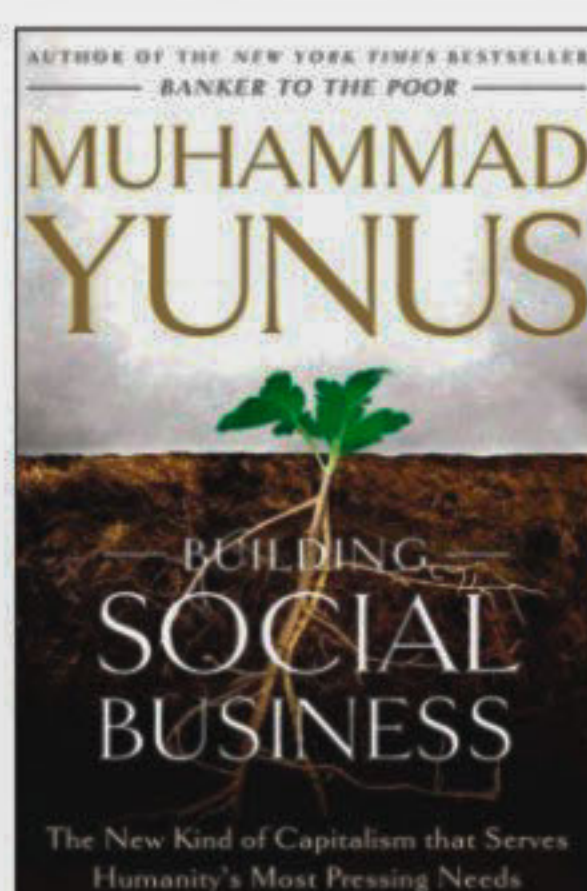
Labour secretary chaired the meeting held at the Shram Bhaban.

## Talk on 'Food as medicine'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Association of Former UN Staff of Bangladesh (AFUNSOB) is organising a presentation on 'Food as medicine' by Mohsin A Khan at Thaichi Restaurant near the Bijoy Sarani-Tejgon link road roundabout in the city tomorrow, says a press release.

In his presentation, Mohsin will share his knowledge and expertise in the Ayurvedic healthcare system.



## Yunus's new book

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus's latest book, Building Social Business: The New Kind of Capitalism that Serves Humanity's Most Pressing Needs, will come out worldwide on Tuesday.

Public Affairs Books, based in New York, will release the book in English (price: \$25.95; pages: 272).

## India to train more BSTI staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India will provide training to more officials of Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institution (BSTI) with a view to improving their skills, Indian High Commissioner Rajeet Mitter said yesterday.

He said this when he called on Industries Minister Dilip Barua at the latter's office, a press release said.

The high commissioner said several BSTI officials have already received training under the hospitality of the Indian government in New Delhi and initiatives will be taken soon to bring more officials under the programme.

Rajeet Mitter said the draft international standards ISO 26000, which provides guidelines on social responsibility is not suitable for developing countries as it may have adverse effect on their industries and exports.

He called for Bangladesh's support in international forums to defend the interest of developing countries regarding the new standards guidelines.

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## HC asks Mockbul to surrender in tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday asked former Awami League lawmaker Mockbul Hossain to surrender before the tribunal within seven days in a corruption case in which he was earlier sentenced to 13 years in prison.

The HC bench of Justice Md Shamsul Huda and Justice Abu Bakar Siddiquee handed down the order following a petition recently filed by Mockbul

against the lower court verdict.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case against him for concealing wealth information and amassing wealth beyond known sources of income.

Mockbul's lawyer advocate Abdul Matin Khasru said, as per the HC order, his client will surrender to the Special Court-9 that will send him to jail.

Khasru said his client will file a petition with the HC seeking bail in this case.

## Ahsanullah Master's death anniversary today

BSS, Gazipur

Today is the 6th death anniversary of former Awami League lawmaker Ahsanullah Master.

An elaborate programme has been chalked out to observe the day in Dhaka and Gazipur. The programme includes placing wreaths at his grave at his village Haidarabad in the district.

The other programmes are milad mahfil, distribution of foods, discussion and publication of souvenir.

On the occasion, AL, Sramik League, Jubo League, Krishak League and Chhatra League have undertaken separate programmes.

## Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

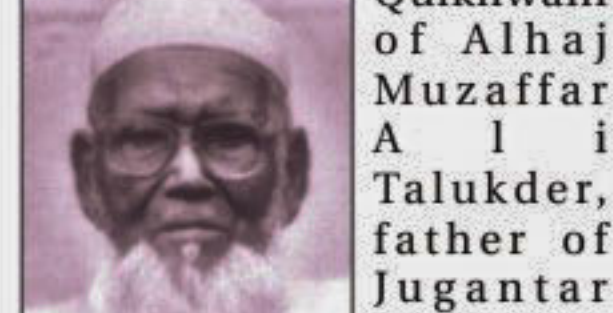
Qulkhwani of National Professor Dr M Innas Ali will be held at Atomic Energy Commission (adjacent to Bangla Academy) after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release.

He died on May 3 at the age of 94.

Relatives, fellow colleagues, students and well-wishers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.

Alhaj Muzaffar Ali Talukder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Qulkhwani of Alhaj Muzaffar Ali Talukder, father of Jugantar chief reporter Rafiqul Islam Ratan, will be held at his residence at Nagarbari village under Narandia union of Kalihati in Tangail today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Juma prayers.

Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for salvation of his departed soul.

## AKM Siddiqur Rahman

METRO DESK

Qulkhwani of AKM Siddiqur Rahman, a retired superintendent engineer of Public Health Engineering Department, will be held at his son's residence, Rose Garden, at Adabor-Shyamoli in the city after Juma prayers today, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held on the occasion.

## Makbul Hasan Moni

METRO DESK

Today is the 29th death anniversary of Makbul Hasan Moni, a sports organiser and Dhaka University Blue in football and cricket, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his Bakshi Bazar residence in the city at 5:15pm, said a press release.

Members of the family, Makbul Hasan Trust, friends and admirers will visit his grave at Azimpur and offer fateha during the day.

He died on this day in 1981 at the age of 39.

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