

**Azam Khan improving**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pop guru and freedom fighter Azam Khan is slowly improving after his operation at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore, said a press release. He is resting well and can now walk.

The pop guru has been suffering from cancer of oral cavity. Doctors suggested taking him to Singapore for better treatment in order to stop the spread of the tumour inside his mouth.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and several media agencies provided financial assistance for his treatment.

**'Intensive courses to help students face challenges in other countries'**

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Prof Amena Mohsin, former chairperson of Dhaka University's International Relations Department, yesterday said intensive courses and seminars are needed to help Bangladeshi students face academic challenges in other countries.

She said viewed from a global perspective, local universities, especially public



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AIBS President Shelley Feldman speaks as the chief guest at the inaugural of AIBS at the organisation's new office in the city yesterday. Prof Amena Mohsin, left, is also seen.

institutions, are lagging exchanging ideas between behind. Bangladesh and the United States, she added.

The American Institute of Bangladesh Study (AIBS) seeks to solve the issue by working as a medium of

the city. Amena, a resident scholar at the AIBS, said the organisation can prepare Bangladeshi students and scholars for academic challenges in the United States.

AIBS President Shelley Feldman was present as the chief guest in the programme.

Feldman, who is a professor at the Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, said the organisation seeks to promote educational exchange between US and Bangladesh.

A host of ambassadors, renowned scholars, educationists and noted personalities were present at the programme.

The AIBS is a consortium of US universities and colleges involved in research on Bangladesh since 1989. It seeks to promote exchange of knowledge between the two countries through exchanging students and scholars.



**We Deeply Mourn**



Two honorable Directors of BASIC Bank Limited Mrs. Razia Begum, Secretary-in-Charge of the Ministry of Women & Children Affairs and Mr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman, Chairman of BSCIC have died following a tragic road accident at Manikganj on 31 July 2010 on their way to attend the Inauguration Ceremony of BASIC Bank Tungipara Branch (Inna Lillahi ...Razeun).

The honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, declaring the opening of the Branch through tele-conference with Mr. Sheikh Abdul Hye Bacchu, due to inclement weather, expressed her deep condolence at the tragic death of Mrs Razia Begum and Mr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman and conveyed her profound sympathy to the members of their bereaved families.

The Chairman, all Members of the Board of Directors, officials and employees of BASIC Bank are deeply shocked at their tragic death.

We express our deepest sympathy to the members of their bereaved families and pray to Almighty Allah for salvation of their departed souls.



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