

Obituary

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Prof. Moslehuddin Ahmad Chaudhury, former vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh passed away at a local hospital on Saturday due to old age complications, says a press release.

Prof. Moslehuddin, a member of the UK based Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, left behind his wife, a daughter, two sons, a host of relatives, friends and well wishers to mourn his death. He was born in an illustrious family in Rankeli, Golapganj, Sylhet in 1924. His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Banani Jaame Masjid in the city after Zohr prayers today.

Prof. Abu Yasin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Prof. Abu Yasin, a retired professor of Thakurgaon Government College and president of Thakurgaon Diabetic Association, passed away at a local hospital in Dhaka on Saturday due to liver complications at the age of 65. He left behind his wife and two daughters.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Thakurgaon Ansar Camp Ground yesterday morning.

Prof. Yasin, founder president of Thakurgaon district BNP, was buried at his family graveyard at Radhanagar village under Atwary upazila in Panchagarh district after Asr prayers after second janaza.

Kiron Prava Datta

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kiron Prava Datta, mother of Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Dr Pran Gopal Datta died here yesterday. She was 87.

She had been suffering from old age complications and died at the city's Green Life Medical Hospital at 11:50am.

Kiron Prava left behind her four sons and three daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

Her cremation was held at her village home Mohichail in Chandina upazila of Comilla.

Leaders of Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad, Mahanagar Sharbojonin Puja Committee, Bangladesh Hindu, Buddhist, Christian Oikya Parishad and Bangladesh Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad and physicians, officers, nurses and employees of BSMMU expressed deep shock at the death of Kiron Prava. They also expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 7th death anniversary of Ameena Mashur Rahman (Shanti Bhabhi), former

woman affairs secretary of Bhashani NAP and wife of former minister Mashur Rahman (Jadu Mia).

On the occasion, qurankhani and milad mahfil will be held at her village home in Sunderkhata of Nilphamari. Foods will also be distributed among orphans at Dhaka, said a press release.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Social worker Ameena Mashur Rahman died at the National Heart Foundation Hospital in the city this day in 2003.

ROK VICE MINISTER SHIN ARRIVES ON AUG 22

Trade, power, ICT to top agenda

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of South Korea Shin Kak-soo will pay a two-day official visit to Bangladesh on August 22-23.

During his visit, Shin will discuss about trade, investment and cooperation in power, information and communications technology (ICT), and science and technology sectors.

Official sources said Shin mainly intends to follow-up on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Republic of Korea on May 16-18.

During his visit, Shin is expected to call on Hasina, and will hold bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni and Foreign Secretary Mohamed Mijarul Quayas.

Bangladesh and Korea enjoy excellent bilateral relations, and South Korea has been supporting Bangladesh in its socio-economic development since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1973.

As the largest investor in EPZ, South Korea has so far invested more than US \$1 billion in Bangladesh that has created jobs for over 1.55 lakh people.

Korean companies are expected to invest \$1 billion more that will create jobs

for 3.5 lakh people in the Korean Export Processing Zones (KEPZ) in Chittagong.

Korean government has assured to increase its official development assistance to Bangladesh by three times by 2015 from the current \$1 billion.

As of March this year, 13 soft loan projects worth \$410 million were provided to Bangladesh while \$36 million of grant assistance was extended from 1991 to 2009 through KOICA, a Korean aid agency.

The bilateral trade shows an increasing trend, with the highest amount recorded at \$1.26 billion in 2008. The trade figure, however, climbed down to \$1.18 billion in 2009 with Korean export amounting to \$1.06 billion and import to \$1.22 billion.

Shin was appointed first vice minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade in November 2009. Earlier, he was appointed as the second vice minister in July 2008.

During his long diplomatic career, Vice Minister Shin was ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the State of Israel, ambassador, and deputy permanent representative, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. He discharged his diplomatic assignments in different capacities in Sri Lanka, United States and Japan.



A smiling Khaleda Zia, chairperson of BNP, cuts a cake celebrating her 66th birthday amidst party leaders, including Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, at her Gulshan office in the city early hours of yesterday.

Khaleda celebrates 66th birthday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia celebrated her 66th birthday by cutting cakes and exchanging greetings with her party colleagues at her Gulshan office in the early hours of yesterday.

A smiling Khaleda, surrounded by a group of enthusiastic leaders, including Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, cut four cakes around 12:30am on the occasion of her birthday.

Party's Dhaka city unit, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal and Jatiyatabadi Swechchasebok Dal presented these cakes, including a 66-pound cake, to celebrate her birthday.

Leaders of the party and its front and associate bodies clapped during cutting the cakes by the chairperson and greeted her by presenting flowers.

Meanwhile, BNP celebrated its chairperson's birthday by cutting a cake at the party's central office in Nayapalton at 12:01am. Party leaders and workers held a special prayer seeking a long life of the chairperson.

Party Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, among others, was present at the party office.

Talking to reporters, Delwar said Khaleda's birthday should not be considered from a political point of view. "Only Allah controls death and birth and that is why the chairperson's birthday should not be considered politically," he said while drawing attention to the celebration of birthday while nation observes the National Mourning Day.

Earlier, the ruling party leaders urged Khaleda, also leader of the opposition, not to observe birthday on August 15, as it is the National Mourning Day.

Khaleda has started to observe her birthday on August 15 during BNP regime from 1991-96.

According to Khaleda's marriage certificate, her birthday is September 5, 1945 and in her first passport it is Aug 19, 1946. She put Aug 9, 1944 as her birthday for registration in the matriculation examinations.

Call to execute death sentences against fugitive killers of Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political, socio-cultural and educational institutions yesterday held programmes in the capital to observe the National Mourning Day.

A unanimous demand -- execution of death sentences against the absconding killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman -- was raised from several discussions and meetings.

Government and non-

governmental organisations hoisted the national flag at half-mast at their offices on the occasion.

Dr Mizanur Rahman, chairman of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), told a discussion that Bangladesh found a place on the world map under the bold leadership of Bangabandhu. The NHRC organised the discussion at its office.

Noman Ur Rashid, director general of Directorate of Secondary

and Higher Secondary Education, at another discussion, emphasised the need for trying war criminals to build a secular and democratic Bangladesh.

The Jagannath University authority held a doa mahfil at its central mosque and kept the national flag at half-mast on the campus.

Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University (BSMRAU) also organised several programmes including holding a

rally and placing wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu.

Speakers at a meeting organised by BRAC University authorities discussed the life and contribution of Bangabandhu.

Special prayers were offered at Dhakeshwari National Temple marking the occasion.

A documentary on the country's independence and sovereignty was screened at the headquarters of Bangladesh Ansar and VDP.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik

Parishad, Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnessa Mujib Parishad, Bangladesh Awami Hawkers League, Zaker Party, Amra Muktijoddhar Santan, Bangabandhu Lalitakala Academy, Sonar Bangla Jubo Parishad, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Dhaka Public College, Ashulia Buds International School, and Bangabandhu Gobeshona Parishad also held similar programmes on the occasion.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives a cheque for Tk 50 lakh from Prof. Abu Nasser Muhammad Abdus Zaher, chairman of the Board of Directors of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited, at her office in the city recently while Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith looks on. The money will be used for construction of the Liberation War Museum.

WEATHER TODAY

Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka divisions in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital at 6:31pm today and rises at 5:34am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 34.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 25.0 degrees Celsius at Chittagong and Sitakundu.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.5	26.0	78	75
Chittagong	30.5	25.0	91	83
Rajshahi	34.2	27.0	92	95
Khulna	32.5	27.5	87	77
Barisal	31.5	25.5	80	78
Sylhet	32.4	26.0	89	85
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.7	76	92

Bangabandhu first dreamt of freedom

Says Dilip

BSS, Dhaka

Industries Minister Dilip Barua said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman first envisaged country's independence and the leader shaped his dreams through a lifelong struggle.

"The statehood of Bangladesh would never come true if Sheikh Mujib was not born", he said at a discussion organised by Bangabandhu Krishi Parishad (BKP) marking the National Mourning Day at Krishibid Institution premises at Farmgate yesterday.

Dilip Barua, general secretary of Samyabadi Dal, a coalition partner of the Awami League led present government, said Bangabandhu spearheaded all national movements towards freedom of the nation and mobilised people for War of Liberation.

"I have heard proclamation of independence from none except Bangabandhu before March 25, 1971," he said.

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DHAKA TODAY

Human chain

The Editor dot Net will form a human chain. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11:00am.

Mehedi utshab

Dhakabashi will arrange a mehedi utshab. Venue: Dhaka University. Time: 3:00pm.

Show room inauguration

Onyamela will inaugurate a show room. Venue: Level-4, Bashundhara Shopping Centre, Time: 12:00pm.

Drama exhibition

Nattayabed will arrange a drama exhibition. Venue: Shilpakala academy. Time: 7:00pm.