



## 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH CHINA Dhaka iterates support to 'One China' policy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said Bangladesh and China are supporting each other in the international arena and cooperating for socio-economic development.

Reiterating Bangladesh's support to "One China" policy, she said the two countries are enjoying excellent relations.

The FM was addressing the celebration programme of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and China.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chinese Embassy in Dhaka jointly organised the programme at the Sonargaon Hotel yesterday evening.

She said China has been deeply engaged in Bangladesh's development endeavours and continues strong support in various sectors, especially economic development.

Bangladesh and China established diplomatic relations on October 4, 1975.

During Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit in March this year, the two countries decided to establish and develop a closer comprehensive partnership from strategic perspectives, based on principles of longstanding friendship, equality and mutual benefit.

The FM in her speech recalled continued Chinese assistance in Bangladesh's infrastructure development and hoped that China will further increase its support in socio economic development of Bangladesh.

She mentioned that Chinese cooperation in the field of agriculture, education, health, tourism, civil aviation and many more areas are remarkable.

Dipu Moni said both the countries have been supporting each other in various global issues and hoped that they would work together and strengthen the relationship in the days to come.

Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Zhang Xianyi said China has always been supportive of Bangladesh's development and the bilateral relations have been cemented over the years.

He lauded Bangladesh's supportive role towards China in various international issues, especially "One China" policy.

The envoy assured that China would continue its assistance and cooperation for the overall socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

He announced that a series of delegations would visit Bangladesh, including a hospital ship of the army in November.

Former and serving diplomats, civil and defence officials, academics of the city attended the programme with several former Bangladesh ambassadors in China present.

Former foreign secretary Farooq Sobhan, President of Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies Muniruzzaman and Secretary General of Bangladesh-China Friendship Association Anwarul Amin, among others, addressed the function.

## Obama okays law to award Congress gold medal to Yunus

AP, Washington

President Barack Obama signed off on legislation Tuesday to award Congress' gold medal to Muhammad Yunus, Bangladeshi economist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Yunus is credited with developing the microcredit concept that has improved the lives of poor people around the world.

The legislation said Yunus merits the medal because his system of lending can help bring about "a historical breakthrough in the fight against poverty."

The Congressional Gold Medal dates from before the United States.

The Continental Congress awarded the first one to George Washington, the first US president, three months before the members proclaimed independence from Britain.

The presentation ceremony for Yunus has not yet been scheduled.

## Koko's parole verdict on October 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday fixed October 11 for delivering the judgment on the writ petition filed by Arafat Rahman Koko challenging the legality of government decision to cancel his parole.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday fixed November 7 for hearing of a tax evasion case against Koko.

An HC bench of Justice MA Wahab Miah and Justice Quazi Reza-ul Hoque yesterday wrapped up hearing on the writ petition of Koko and fixed the date for judgment.

Earlier on August 26, the HC issued a rule upon the government to explain why its decision to cancel the parole of Koko should not be declared illegal.

The court also stayed the government decision of cancelling the parole of Koko.

The ministry of home on August 19 cancelled the parole of Koko, now in Bangkok for treatment, and asked him to surrender before the court.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) on March 1 this year filed the case against Koko on charge of dodging income tax on his income of Tk 52.39 lakh between 2002-2003 and 2006-2007 fiscal years.

The lower court on March 1 issued arrest warrant against Koko and directed police to submit report on execution of arrest warrant.

## CU admission test begins today

A CORRESPONDENT, CU

Around 31 candidates will vie for each seat in the admission tests for honours courses under 2010-2011 sessions that begins today at Chittagong University (CU).

A total of 11,560 forms were sold against 3,660 seats of eight units this year, said sources.

On the first day, the tests for A unit of the Faculty of Science and F unit of the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences will be held at 10:30am and 2:30pm respectively.

A total of 22 candidates will contest for each seat of A unit while 24 for each seat of F unit, said the sources.

The university authorities took necessary steps to hold the examinations peacefully, said CU Assistant Proctor Mohammad Akter Hossain.

On the other hand, CU authorities suspended all classes from October 7 to 18 on the occasion of the admission tests and Durga Puja, the largest religious festival of Hindu community.

## KOTALIPARA BOMB RECOVERY Next hearing Oct 11

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday recorded statement of Mohammad Zakir Hossain, the 41st prosecution witness in the Kotalipara-76 kg bomb recovery case.

The 76kg bomb was recovered at the Sheikh Lutful Rahman Ideal College under Kotalipara upazila in Gopalganj district on July 21 in 2000 which was planted aiming to assassinate the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who was to address a rally there the next day.

Judge Kaniz Akhter Nasrina Khanam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 recorded statement of Zakir, a shopkeeper who had run his business adjacent to the area where the bomb was planted. Later, he was cross-examined by defence lawyers of the accused.

The court fixed October 11 for the next hearing of the case. The court also summoned other witnesses.

Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan and seven others,

now in jail, were brought before the tribunal yesterday amid tight security.

Accused Anisul Islam, now on bail, was also present in the court yesterday. Sixteen other Huji leaders and activists have been absconding since the case was filed.

Sub-Inspector Nur Hossain of Kotalipara police filed a case under the Explosive Substances Act following the incident of July 21, 2000.

Criminal Investigation Department submitted the charge sheet against Mufti Hannan and 24 others on April 8 in 2001, showing 83 people as prosecution witnesses.

Gopalganj District and Sessions Judge's Court framed charges against Hannan and 24 others on July 2, the same year.

Later, the court recorded statements of 40 prosecution witnesses, including complainant of the case. Then the case was shifted to the Speedy Trial Tribunal from Gopalganj District and Sessions Judge's Court for its quick disposal.

## Verdict on Khaleda's cant house on Oct 13

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday fixed October 13 to deliver judgment on the writ petition filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia challenging the government notice asking her to vacate the cantonment residence.

After holding hearing for 22 working days, an HC bench of Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana and Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif set the date for delivering verdict.

On May 24 last year, the government issued a final notice asking Khaleda Zia to hand over her cantonment house to the Military Estate Officer by June 30 of that year.

Following a writ petition filed by Khaleda Zia, the HC on May 27 last year stayed the operation of the notice for three months. The court also issued a rule upon the government to explain why this notice should not be declared illegal.

Later, the stay order was extended several times.

The HC bench headed by Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana started final hearing on the writ petition on June 6 this year.

Earlier, on May 23, the then chief justice Mohammad Fazlul Karim sent the writ petition to this bench for its hearing as Khaleda expressed no trust in another bench of Justice Md Imman Ali and Justice Obaidul Hasan.

Advocate TH Khan appeared for the petitioner, while the Attorney General Mahbubey Alam argued for the state.

## Atiqullah acquitted of graft charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday acquitted Atiqullah Khan Masud, editor of the daily Janakantha, of a corruption charge in which he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment during the last military backed caretaker government.

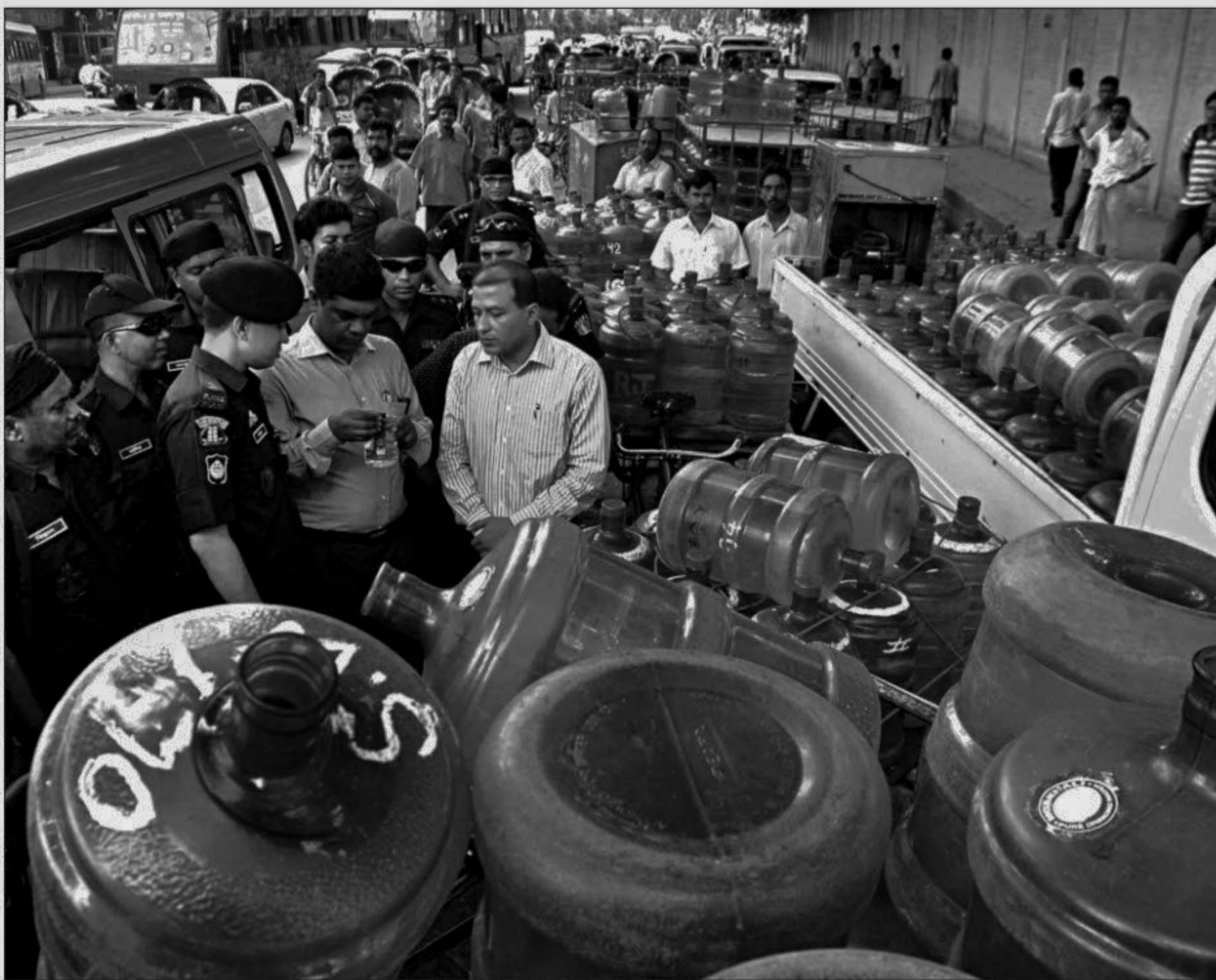
The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Motijheel Police Station on September 30, 2007, against him on charge of constructing a 15-storey building in the capital's Segunbagicha on the basis of an unauthorised building design.

A special court on March 20, 2008, convicted and sentenced Atiqullah to seven years' imprisonment in the case.

An HC bench comprised of Justice Shamsul Huda and Justice Abu Bakar Siddique passed the verdict after granting an appeal filed by Atiqullah Khan challenging the special judge's judgement.

Earlier, the Janakantha editor got released from jail on bail granted by this court.

Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam appeared for Atiqullah, while advocate AKM Ali argued for ACC and Assistant Attorney General Bashir Ullah stood for the state.



A Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) mobile court seizes sub-standard drinking water and penalises the bottling factories in Motijheel and other areas in the city yesterday.

## SC ORDER ON EIGHTH AMENDMENT BNP changes stance

Says Suranjit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led government reinstated two articles in the constitution in 1991 following cancellation of the eighth amendment by the Supreme Court.

But the party is now opposing such action after scrapping of the Fifth Amendment by the apex court.

Suranjit Sengupta, co-chair of the parliamentary special committee for constitutional amendment, said this at a press briefing yesterday.

Suranjit showed the preface tagged with the constitution printed in 1991.

He also showed copies of the constitution reprinted in 1994 and 1996 during the then BNP regime with the reinstated articles.

The parliament passed the constitution's eighth amendment, changing the articles 100 and 107 for setting up High Court Division's permanent bench, each at Barisal, Chittagong, Comilla, Jessore, Rangpur and Sylhet.

The apex court in 1989 declared the amendment act illegal and void, as it destroyed the basic features of the constitution.

Following the partial cancellation of the eighth amendment act, the law ministry on October 10, 1991 reprinted the constitution dropping the changes brought to the two articles.

"The articles 100 and 107 (3) were kept unchanged, as the constitution's eighth amendment act 1988 was declared void and out of jurisdiction by the honourable court," wrote Md Sirajul Islam, the then acting additional secretary of the law ministry, in the preface of the printed constitution.

At that time, the parliament did nothing on reinstating of the two articles, said Suranjit at the briefing.

But since February this year when the Appellate Division upheld the High Court landmark verdict declaring the Fifth Amendment illegal and void, the BNP leaders started questioning the court's jurisdiction to declare void any constitutional amendment act passed by the parliament.

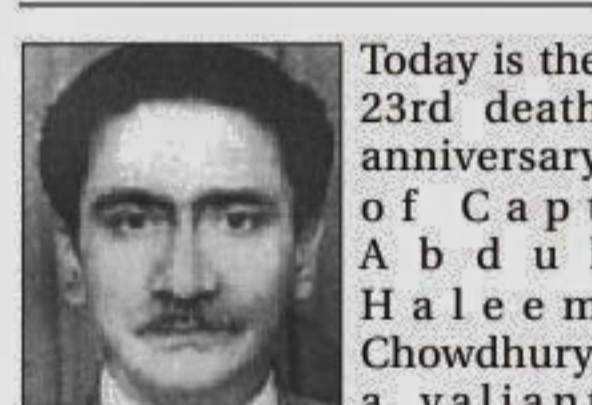
"It is the BNP that created the precedence in 1991, but they are now taking an opposite stance for political gain," said Suranjit, also ruling AL lawmaker.

Asked about reprinting the constitution with the articles following cancellation of the Fifth Amendment, he said the special committee at its next meeting on October 12 would decide on how those will be inserted in the constitution.

Suranjit said the day the judges signed the verdict on the Fifth Amendment case, it has been a part of the country's constitution.

## Death anniversary of Capt Haleem today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 23rd death anniversary of Capt A b d u l H a l e e m C h o w d h u r y, a valiant

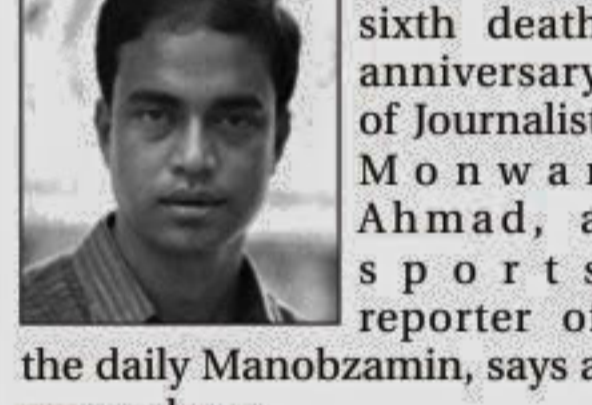
freedom fighter and former minister, says a press release.

On the occasion, a commemorative meeting and doa mahfil will be held at Capt Abdul Haleem Chowdhury auditorium in Manikganj around 3:00pm today.

Besides, wreaths will be placed at his graveyard.

## Monwar Ahmad

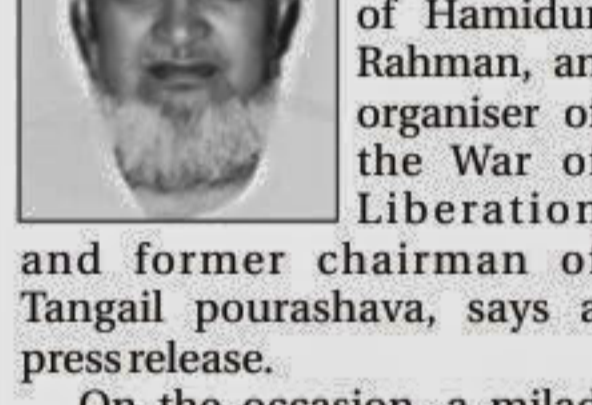
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the sixth death anniversary of Journalist M o n w a r A h m a d, a sports reporter of the daily Manobzamin, says a press release.

## Hamidur Rahman

METRO DESK



Today is the sixth death anniversary of Hamidur Rahman, an organiser of the War of Liberation and former chairman of Tangail pourashava, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at his Tangail residence after Asr prayers today.

## Qulkhwani

METRO DESK



Qulkhwani of Raihan Ara Begum Renu, wife of former MLA late advocate F a i z u r Rahman Khan, will be held at 57, Satish Sarkar Road at Gandaria in the city after Asr prayers tomorrow (Friday), says a press release.

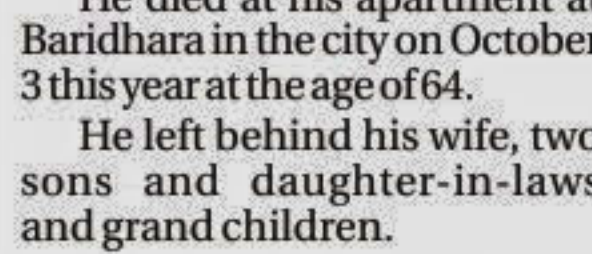
Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

She died after prolonged illness on October 3 this year at the age of 75.

She left behind her three sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

## Doa mahfil

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A doa mahfil of MA Hadi, a prominent businessman, will be held after Asr prayers at Baridhara Mosque tomorrow (Friday), says a press release.

All are requested to attend the programme and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

He died at his apartment at Baridhara in the city on October 3 this year at the age of 64.

He left behind his wife, two sons and daughter-in-laws and grand children.

### DHAKA TODAY

<p><b>Workshop</b> Bangladesh Power Development Board will organise a workshop. Venue: Bidyut Bhaban, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Time: 9:00am.</p>	<p><b>Book fair</b> Shuddhaswar will arrange a book fair. Venue: Public Library premises, Time: 11:00am.</p>
<p><b>Seminar</b> North South University will arrange a seminar. Venue: NSU campus, Bashundhara, Time: 11:00am.</p>	<p><b>Certificate giving ceremony</b> Ain O Salish Kendra (Ask) will arrange a certificate giving ceremony. Venue: 4, Sobahanbagh, Time: 3:00pm.</p>
<p><b>Art competition</b> Jatiya Pratibandhi Forum and Bangladesh Shishu Academy will jointly organise an art competition. Venue: Shishu Academy premises, Time: 11:00am.</p>	<p><b>Meeting</b> Kapaeeng Foundation and Manusher Jonno Foundation will jointly organise a meeting. Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Time: 10:00am.</p>

## WEATHER

### Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over southern part of the country, Met Office said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital at 5:40pm today and rises at 5:53am tomorrow.**

Country's highest temperature 32.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 23.2 degrees Celsius at Chittagong and Tangail.

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	29.5	25.4	71	86
Chittagong	25.0	23.2	95	98
Rajshahi	32.2	24.7	90	91
Khulna	27.1	25.4	92	96
Barisal	27.0	25.2	96	97
Sylhet	29.2	23.9	83	89
Cox's Bazar	25.1	24.0	96	99