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'Kalim Sharafi's death irreparable loss'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and different socio-cultural and political organisations yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of renowned Rabindra Sangeet exponent and legend-ary artiste Kalim Sharafi.

Kalim Sharafi who had been suffering from old age complications died yesterday.

BSS adds: President Zillur Rahman in a message expressed deep shock at the death of Kalim Sharafi.

The president said Kalim Sharafi was a luminous star of the music arena. "His contribution to practice and flourishing of music would be ever remembered," he added.

He prayed for peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

In another message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the death of Kalim Sharafi, also a freedom fighter, is an irreparable loss to the music and cultural arenas of the Bangalee nation "The nation will ever

remember his positive contribution in building a noncommunal and progressive society as well as national struggle," she added. Sheikh Hasina prayed for

eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family. Our correspondent adds:

Speaker Abdul Hamid said Kalim throughout his life worked for flourishing Bangla culture and his departure will create a vacuum in the country's cultural sector.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique said Kalim Sharafi played a significant contribution in flourishing the country's cultural and different democratic movements. Communist Party of

Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary Anisur Rahman Mallik termed Kalim "a frontline soldier" of different non-communal democratic The nation will severely feel

his vacuity in this time, when the social, political and cultural movements are being strengthened day by day in demand of the trial of war criminals, they added.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad, Information Secretary Hedayetullah Al Mamun, leaders of the Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri, Bangladesh Jubo Moitri, Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad, Ain o Sahlish Kendra, WBB Trust and Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance in separate messages condoled the death of Kalim Sharafi.

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Syed Nazrul

The government has named

Bhairab Bridge on the river

Meghna under the Roads and

Highways Department as Syed

Syed Nazrul Islam was

acting president of

Bangladesh government in

exile during the War of

Nazrul Islam Bridge.

Liberation in 1971.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Goni, former chairman

of Sanmania union parishad

in Gazipur, passed away at a

city hospital yesterday due to

old age complications. He was

held at Aral High School

ground before burial at his

family graveyard in Sanmania. Abdul Goni left behind his

wife, eight sons, nine daugh-

ters, and a host of relatives to

ODAY

Shiree and Urban Partnership for

Poverty Reduction will organise a

fair on eradication of extreme poverty. Time: 2:30pm, Venue:

Bangladesh Jubo Moitree will form

a human chain demanding

constitutional recognition of the

indigenous people. Time: 4:00pm,

Venue: Bangladesh Bank premise.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union will

form a human chain protesting

stalking and harassment of

women. Time: 4:30pm, Venue:

Gono Forum will hold a discussion

on Jail Killing Day. Time: 4:00pm,

Venue: Eden Complex, 2/1-A

Chairman Bari Field, Banani

Human Chain

Human Chain

National Press Club.

Discussion

Arambagh.

His Namaz-e-Janaza was

95, says a press release.

mourn his death.

Fair

BSS, Dhaka





LAST RESPECT TO KALIM SHARAFI

People from all walks of life place wreaths at the coffin of Tagore exponent Kalim Sharafi at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to pay their last tributes. A guard of honour is also given to the freedom fighter. Wreaths are placed at the coffin of the renowned singer on behalf of President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to pay homage.

PHOTO: STAR



DCC polls chapter 'closed' now

Says EC commissioner

UNB, Dhaka

The Election Commission (EC) continues to backtrack on holding the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) elections.

"I do not want to make any comment about the DCC elections. This chapter is closed now. The government may have a political plan about the DCC elections," Election Commissioner M Shakwat Hossain told journalists at his office yesterday.

Referring to the recent comment of LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam on union parishad, municipal and DCC elections, Shakwat said the EC is always ready to arrange all local government elections, as well as the DCC elections.

He said as per the election rules, the local government elections are being held within 180 days of the conclusion of their five-year term.

"But, the five-year period has already expired, after negotiat-ing with the local government ministry the EC has to move

after next March-April due to ghastly weather.

"We have been working to arrange dialogues with the political

2 factories fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environment (DoE) yesterday fined two factories Tk 17.31 lakh for polluting environment in Syampur of the city. A team of DoE led by

Director (Enforcement) Munir Chowdhury fined Torab Uddin Steel Mills Ltd in Shyampur Tk 8.5 lakh for releasing toxic fumes containing carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. These fumes are causing serious health hazards for the locals, said DoE sources.

tory owner to install fume extraction unit for regulating the release of toxic fumes by November 30. In a separate drive, the

the Buriganga River. factory operations until its

treatment plant (ETP).

DoE sources.

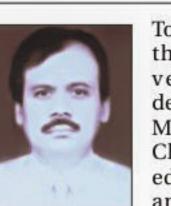
Education Commission Report. Mesbah Uddin Sabu STAFF CORRESPONDENT cubic metres of waste into



freedom fighter and

Muktijoddha Sangsad. On the occasion, feeding

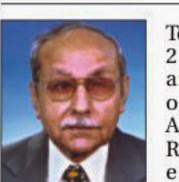
for destitute will be held at his North Mugda residence following a milad mahfil after Asr prayers, says a press release.



Motilal Chowdhury, educationist and former

vice-principal of Bangabasi College, says a press release.

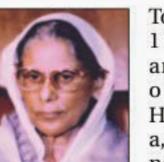
On the occasion, a Syastria programme will be held at Sri Sri Loknath Brahmachari



2nd death anniversary of Alhaj Afzalur Rahman, eminent business

All have been requested to pray for the salvation of the

personality, says a press release.



press release.

Habibunnes a, mother of noted Gono Sangeet artiste Fakir Alamgir, says a

On the occasion, Qurankhani, milad and doa mahfil will be held at Matir Masjid mosque in Khilgaon Chowdhurypara after Asr prayers. Another milad and doa mahfil will also be held at

human chain at Aparajeyo Bangla. Meanwhile, leaders of Samajtantrik Chhatra Proctor Prof AKM Saiful Islam Khan, Front demonstrated yesterday on Dhaka Director of Darul Ehsan College Prof Farid University campus with the same demands and Uddin Khan, Principal of Muslim Mission announced to hold protest programme in the College collage Abdullah Al Mamun and hundreds of students attended the peace protest. all the education institutions, thanas, and Afzalur Rahman The DU proctor urged people for a united districts across the country. METRO DESK Today is the

Bhairab Bridge 'Punish stalkers, fight them off'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human rights and NGO workers demanded exemplary punishment of all stalkers, especially the killers of Chanpa Rani Bhowmik and Mizanur Rashid. Eight NGOs and human rights organisa-

tions yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the stalkers involved in the recent incidents of stalking in a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity. Leaders of eight NGOs and human rights

organisations yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the stalkers involved in the recent incidents of stalking in a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Expressing their deep concern over the alarming rise of stalking incidents in the country, they also placed a seven-point demand emphasizing on necessary amendments in the existing laws to protect women from stalking.

Ten men and two women got killed by stalkers while 77 men and 166 women were assaulted since January this year, they said in a

written statement.

besides a father of a woman victim in this period, they claimed on newspaper reports.

Earlier, the organisations - - Ain-o-Salish Kendra (ASK), Brac, Blast, Karmajibi Nari, Mahila Parishad, Nijera Kari, Nagorik Udyog and Steps - - sent a 12-member team to Chanpa Rani's residence in Faridpur and a 10member team to Mizanur Rahman's house in Natore on November 1 to investigate into the incidents.

After investigating Faridpur and Natore incidents, they alleged that some quarters are trying to divert the killing incidents to accidents there.

They also demanded security for the victims' families referring to the stalkers' previous criminal records.

Hamida Hossain, chairperson of ASK, expected a more concerted effort especially from the lawmakers and lawyers communities to stop the dangerous trend.

She, however, observed a strong consensus in the mass as well as in the administration

against stalkers during the investigation tour. ASK Director Nina Goshwami read out the Moreover, 26 women committed suicide statement that also demanded state allocation

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for education expenses for Chanpa Rani's three daughters, awareness programmes in educational institutions, correction of young stalkers through institutional initiatives.

Khushi Kabir of Nijera Kari, Rokeya Rafique of Karmajibi Nari, Maksuda Laili of Mahila Parishad, Muhsin Ali of Blast, Shipa Hafiza of Brac, Ranjan Karmakar of Steps were also present in the conference. Speakers at a human chain on Dhaka

University campus yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the stalkers and killers in the country.

For security of girls and women, they also urged the government to set an example by ensuring punishment of the killers.

Demanding the government's stern actions to uproot stalking, Faridpur Muslim Mission Students Association of Dhaka formed a

protest to eliminate the social malady. Different organisations yesterday demanded impartial investigation into the

suicide of teenage girl Rupali Rani and exemplary punishment to the stalker Sushil Shil, who kidnapped her and kept her confined in a room of his residence in Sirajganj. In a statement, Bangladesh Mohila Parishad

President Ayesha Khanam and Maleka Banu demanded necessary measures to ensure security for the victim's family members. They also demanded formulation of sepa-

rate law to stop staking and called upon all to launch social movement against stalking. Another statement of Samajtantrik Mohila

Forum said the organisation staged a demonstration rally demanding punishment of the stalkers who were responsible for taking lives of numerous girls.

WEATHER A Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours till 6:00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky

elsewhere over the country, Met Office said. Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over

the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:18pm today and rises at 6:06am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 32.3 degrees Celsius was

recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 18.7 degrees Celsius at Dinajpur. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded

in some major cities and towns yesterday were: Temperature in **Humidity** in Celsius percentage Evening

City/Town Morning Max Min 27.5 21.5 Dhaka 67 30.7 22.0 82 Chittagong Rajshahi 92 26.4 19.4 Rangpur 28.1 19.5 88 21.4 Khulna 27.5 78



PHOTO: STAR

Samajtantrik Mahila Forum stages a demonstration in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday protesting stalking.

towards holding these elections," he said. Shakwat said it will be very difficult to arrange these elections Replying to a question, he said the EC will hold dialogues with the political parties within this year.

parties. A little work remains to arrange the dialogues," he said.

The Department of Kudrat-I-Khuda's

The team asked the fac-

team fined Tajmahal Dyeing Tk 9.31 lakh for discharging untreated liquid waste into It also shut down the

owners set up an effluent The dyeing mill has so far released almost 2,00,000

the river since 1990, said



anniversary of

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 33rd death anniver-

sary of Dr Kudrat-I-Khuda, a

scientist and educationalist in

the Indian sub-continent, says a

On the occasion,

Bangladesh Council of

Scientific and Industrial

Research (BCSIR) founded by

Dr Khuda will organise a com-

memorative meeting and doa

mahfil at its IFRD auditorium at

books of different disciplines

and published more than a

hundred papers in various

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the country's first education

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the well-known Kudrat-I-Khuda

He was also the chairman of

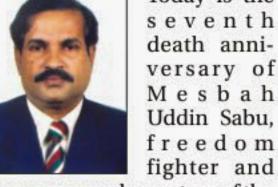
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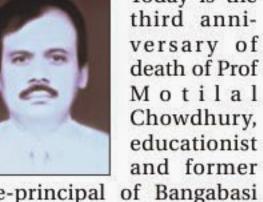
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former general secretary of the Central Command Council of

Prof Motilal Chowdhury

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Asram in Shamibagh in the city.

departed soul. Begum Habibunnesa STAFF CORRESPONDENT

> Today is the 11th death anniversary of Begum

her village Kalamridha in Faridpur.