



Kafiluddin Mahmud passes away

BSS, Dhaka

Former adviser of a caretaker government Kafiluddin Mahmud passed away at Square Hospital in the city yesterday afternoon at the age of 84.

Mahmud, also former finance secretary and former governor of Bangladesh Bank, is survived by three sons and two daughters, family sources said.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Dhanmondi Taqwa Mosque in the city after Esha prayers.

He will be buried at his family graveyard at South Dharampur in Feni today after the second janaza there.

Bangladesh to be middle-income country by '21, hopes AK Khandker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Planning Minister AK Khandker yesterday hoped to establish Bangladesh as a middle-income country by 2021 and eradicate illiteracy completely by 2030.

"Although we are far behind expected development after independence, we have lots of significant achievements. If such successes continue, we hope to establish Bangladesh as a middle-income country by 2021," he said.

Khandker was speaking as the chief guest at an inaugural ceremony of the grand reunion of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Alumni Association (Buetaa) at its playground.

Recalling memories of War of Liberation, Khandker highly appreciated the courage of Bangalees saying, "The mass people were fighting so bravely that the Pakistani forces would have surrendered to us even if the Indian forces did not extend their support."

Sector commander Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shafiqullah recalled



Planning Minister AK Khandker speaks at the inaugural ceremony of the grand reunion of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Alumni Association (Buetaa) at the Bueta playground yesterday.

those days and expressed dissatisfaction over manipulation of the independence declaration's history.

"Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman declared independence and the young generation should know the real history," he said.

Presiding over the function, Buetaa President Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury said such

programmes would help connect Bueta's incumbent and former students.

He also announced to provide all out support for the betterment and quality enhancement of Bueta.

Jatiya Samajtrantik Dal President Hasanul Haque Inu, also a former student of Bueta, urged engineers to work for betterment of the country.

State Minister for Information



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and Communication Technology Yeafesh Osman stressed the need for coordinated efforts of people from different levels to develop the country in the spirit of the War of Liberation.

Lt Col (ret'd) Abu Osman Chowdhury, regional commander of sector No 8 during War of Liberation, said fighting for the motherland was everyone's duty at that time, just the way working

for its betterment is now.

Addressing the function, Bueta Vice Chancellor Prof SM Nazrul Islam sought cooperation from Buetaa and the minister for modernisation of laboratories to conduct improved researches and education.

At the programme, five engineers were awarded for significant contribution to the War of Liberation.

Girl beaten dead for love affair

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth beat his teenage sister to death at Baro Kumira in Sitakunda yesterday, as she had love affair with a neighbouring boy.

Sources said Nur Nahar, 18, the deceased, was in love with Rubel, 22.

Her elder brother Jainal Abedin alias Kala Miah, 25, on Thursday morning started beating the two after they denied any relation. A day earlier, Kala found Nahar and Rubel in an intimate position in the evening.

Nahar died on the way to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) from Sitakunda Upazila Health Complex. With serious injury Rubel is under treatment at CMCH.

The deceased's father Nurul Absar filed a case with Sitakunda Police Station under section 302 accusing his son Jainal Abedin for killing Nahar.

Sub-inspector (SI) Sheikh Abdur Sabur said the body was sent to CMCH morgue for postmortem.

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