



Sultan Reza passes away

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Sultan Reza, a businessman and an ex-marketing director of National Cooperative Business Association in Washington, DC, died of heart attack in Indian city of Kochi on May 26. He was 72, says a press release yesterday.

Born in Calcutta on January 2, 1939, Sultan started his career in jute business in mid-sixties after completing his studies. He along with family lived in Washington for over three decades and returned to Dhaka with his wife in 2009 after retirement.

Sultan is survived by his siblings, wife, three daughters and grandchildren.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Baridhara Jame Masjid (Dutabash Road) after Asr prayers today and then be buried at Banani graveyard.



Holiday on Zia's death anniversary

Demand BNP lawmakers

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BNP lawmakers formed a human chain yesterday on Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises demanding declaration of May 30, death anniversary of president Ziaur Rahman, as a public holiday.

They also declined to participate in the next national polls if the government introduces e-voting system.

'Cut defence budget for education'

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Former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury yesterday suggested the government to cut budget for defence to invest on the country's education sector.

"More cantonments were built in the country in recent past than public universities. Expense in defence is increasing every year, which is a big failure for our country," she said.

She was speaking at a workshop titled "Financing in Education" organised by National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFT) at CIRDAP Auditorium in the city.

"Right to education should also be turned into a law otherwise it would not be possible to implement the education policy," she said.

"Investing in education means investing for a bright future," said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, speaking as the chief guest.

AL allies unhappy with pace of war crimes trial

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Leaders of two components of ruling Awami League (AL) led grand alliance government yesterday urged the government to minimise peoples' sufferings and complete trial of war criminals within its tenure.

Speaking at a discussion, general secretaries of Workers Party of Bangladesh (WPB) and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) said AL claimed, in its manifesto, it would try war criminals but progress in this regard is very slow.

The discussion "Role of citizens in trying war criminals and establishing a secular state" was held at Liberation War Museum in the city organised by Shamprodaikota O Jangibad Birodi Mancha.

"People are not satisfied with the current pace of the trial. The government has only two years of its term. Will it be able to finish the trial?" said WPB General Secretary Anisur Rahman Mallik.

JSD General Secretary Sharif Nurul Ambia and former army chief Lt Gen (retd) Harunor-Rashid also spoke.

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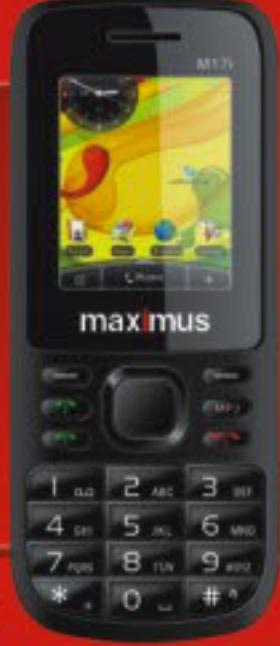
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