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Homage to artist Kibria

DU CORRESPONDENT

People from all walks of life thronged Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to catch a glimpse of and pay respect to eminent artist Prof Emeritus Mohammad Kibria. He passed away at LabAid Hospital due to old-age complications on Tuesday at the age of 82.

Relations, students, political leaders, cultural figures and academicians paid tribute with flowers when his coffin was brought in an ambulance around 10:00am.

Many fans burst into tears as they stood by the man who was one of the pioneers in modern art movement in Bangladesh.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Tamotsu Shinotsuka, comedian Tele Samad, former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury and Indian artist Nriten Shaha were present.

Prime minister's Assistant Personal Secretary Saifuzzaman Shekhar, on her behalf, placed wreath at the coffin.

The body was then taken to the Faculty of Fine Arts of Dhaka University (DU) where he served as a teacher for many years.

He was laid to rest at Mirpur Intellectuals Graveyard after namaz-e-janaza in front of DU Central Mosque after Juma prayers.

Hasina's jail release day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League (AL) will observe party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Jail Release Day today.

Members of AL Central Working Committee and party advisory councils along with associated and like-minded organisations would greet the premier at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the morning.

Hasina was released on this day in 2008 from a special makeshift jail on Jatiya Sangshad Bhaban premises after a year in solitary confinement. She was arrested during the last caretaker government on July 16, 2007.

45 hurt in UP poll violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Two separate incidents of violence over upazila parishad elections in Rajshahi left around 45 people injured yesterday.

Supporters of two chairmen candidates clashed over holding procession at Chaipara of Sreepur union leaving 15 people injured. Seven of the injured were admitted to local health complex.

Meanwhile, supporters of BNP-backed chairman candidate Nasir Uddin Babu clashed with police at Godagari in Deopara union after they barricaded Rajshahi-Chapainawabganj road at Rajabari point, leaving 30 people injured.

They alleged that Babu's polling agent was driven out from the recount at Nimtala voting centre, when the count came 1,170 from a previous 1,270.

At Dharampur vote centre, Babu's opponent Akhtaruzzaman of Awami League won by 17 votes in a similar recount, they alleged.

PM seeks US help to send Rohingyas

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina requested the US government to take initiative after discussion with the Myanmar government to bring back the Rohingya refugees staying in Bangladesh through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

The premier made call when the visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration Eric P Schwartz called on her at Gono Bhaban in the city on Thursday.

During the meeting, they discussed wide range of bilateral issues and matters concerning the Rohingya refugee problems in Bangladesh, said PM's Deputy Press Secretary Md Nazrul Islam after the meeting.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Adviser to

PRACTICING DEMOCRACY Student council elections today

BSS, Dhaka

After successful completion of piloting at 100 primary schools, elections of Student Council, a new concept of practicing democratic norms from childhood, will be held at 600 schools across the country today.

Student Council in the form of a shadow parliamentary system of governance was first launched in the country last year in 100 schools as pilot basis aiming at creating quality leadership, practicing democratic norms and values and exhibiting tolerance to others' opinions in the minds from early childhood.

"After witnessing huge enthusiasm about the Student Council among students, teachers and even the guardians at those 100 schools, we have decided to form councils at 600 primary schools this year," Deputy Director of Directorate of Primary Education M Fasiullah told the news agency yesterday.

Students of class three to five will elect council members for one year by casting their votes. After the election, one will be selected or elected as prime minister by voice vote from among the members of the council.

BJP sees ambitious budget

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the proposed budget ambitious, different political parties yesterday opined that it contained no reflection of people's development.

In two separate statements, Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh (RWPS) and Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) also claimed that the government did not take any steps to reduce price of essentials.

Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP), led by Prof Moazzam Ahmed, however termed the budget people-oriented.

The party mentioned that the budget's success would depend on curbing price hike and corruption by the government and implementation of Annual Development Plan.

FSCB formed to work for society

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different social organisations yesterday jointly launched a common platform styled "Foundation of Social Clubs in Bangladesh" (FSCB) to combat terrorism, drug abuse and other evils of society.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad inaugurated the foundation as the chief guest at Dhaka Club in the city.

He said such types of social platforms would help the government address challenges of fundamentalism, terrorism and other social problems and assured of the government's assistance.

The foundation Chairman Sadat Hossain Selim, also president of Dhaka Club Ltd, said the foundation would perform for the betterment and development of underprivileged people.

The programmes are likely to include providing scholarships to meritorious students, permanent rehabilitation of freedom fighters and promoting social values.

Other office bearers are Vice Chairmen SM Abu Tayyab, Nur Uddin Ahmed, Sharfuzzaman Topy; Treasurer Shajahan Majumder; and members Rubel Aziz, Selim Ghaffar, Shahidullah Azim, Maj Gen (ret'd) Jamil D Ahsan, Maj Gen (ret'd) Rejanur Rahman Khan, Rafiqul Anwar, Maj (ret'd) Badrul Ahsan, Shankar Kumar Roy, Showkat Hossain, Kazi Ashrafuddin, Arfanul Haque Rifat, SN Taher, Ayub Khan, Abdul Matin, Jubayer Hossain, Saiful Alam and AQ Ahsanullah.

Two killed in city road accidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female hawker and worker of a tailoring shop were killed in two road accidents in the city's Uttara yesterday.

Aleya Begum, 17, crushed under wheels of a local bus of Abdullapur-Gulistan route at Azampur around 10:15 am.

Aleya of Ashulia who used to sell chocolate in buses was trying to cross the road under Azampur foot over bridge, said police.

Police arrested driver of the bus Maznu Miah along with his bus.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, a vehicle in front of Shahjalal International Airport ran over a tailoring shop employee, Anisur Rahman, 30, of Shajahanpur at Motijheel early yesterday.



Taking a well-deserved nap after a day's work under the burning sun, this tired rickshaw-puller keeps his head on his means of livelihood to prevent it from being stolen while the rest of the body on the pavement in front of Dhakeswari Temple in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad inaugurates Foundation of Social Clubs in Bangladesh at Dhaka Club in the city yesterday.

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105 shops burnt to ashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A devastating fire gutted 105 shops in Gobindaganj Upazila market early yesterday damaging goods and properties worth over Tk 7 crore.

Gaibandha fire fighting sources said the fire originated from an electric shot circuit of a clothes shop at 5:00am and soon engulfed adjacent shops.

The blaze burnt to ashes the cash and goods of 105 shops and damaged partially of 41 other shops. The losses from the fire might be over Tk 10 crore, said Mohammed Hossain Faku, vice-chairman of the upazila.

Fire fighting units from Gaibandha, Bogra and Jaipurhat districts rushed in and brought the fire under control after fighting for two hours.

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